

ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2015



“It is a miracle if you can find true friends, and it is a miracle if you have enough food to eat, and it is a miracle if you get to spend your days and evenings doing whatever it is you like to do, and the holiday season- like all the other seasons – is a good time to tell stories of miracles, and to think about the miracles in your own life and to be grateful for them.” Lemony Snicket

The holidays are coming and your children are getting very excited. They love to sing Christmas songs and learn about the birth of Baby Jesus. The St. Edmund's Nursery School Board and Staff wish all of our families a wonderful, meaningful and memorable holiday season. We feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to teach and love your children and thank you all for your support as well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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CONCEPT: Giving, Loving, Sharing and Understanding the Beauty and Magic of Christmas
Christian Quality: Joy and Celebration
Bible Verse: “A Savior Has Been Born” - Luke 2:11

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| Wednesday, Nov. 30 | - Pre-K Conferences |
| Thursday, Dec. 1 | - 5 Day Conferences |
| Thursday, Dec. 1 | - <u>Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-Shirt or sweatshirt</u> |
| Friday, Dec. 2 | - Old 4's Conferences |
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| Monday, Dec. 5 | - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 6 | - Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10 |
| Wednesday, Dec. 7 | - Christmas sing along & tree decorating - MWF classes @ 11:00 |
| Thursday, Dec. 8 | - Christmas sing along & tree decorating - T/Th, 5 Day and Pre-K classes @ 11:00 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 13 | - Scrip orders DUE TODAY! We need your support to reach our 100% participation goal! Thank you! |
| Tuesday, Dec. 13 | - Puppet Show – Rudolph at 11:00 - T/Th and Pre-K classes |
| Wednesday, Dec. 14 | - Puppet Show – Rudolph at 11:00 - MWF and 5 Day classes |
| Wednesday, Dec. 21 | - 9:00 - 10:15 - Christmas Program for MWF children |
| | - 10:30-11:45 - Christmas Program for 5 Day and Pre-K children |
| Thursday, Dec. 22 | - 9:00-10:15 - Christmas Program for T/Th children |
| Thursday, Dec. 22 | - No School for 5 Day and Pre-K classes |
| Friday, Dec. 23 | - No School for Pre-K, 5 Day, and MWF classes |
| Fri., Dec. 23 – Jan. 6 | - School vacation |
| Monday, Jan. 9 | - School resumes |
| Monday, Jan. 9 | - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10 |
| Tuesday, Jan.10 | - Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10 |
| Thursday, Jan. 12 | - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-shirts or sweatshirts |
| Friday, Jan. 13 | - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-shirts or sweatshirts |
| Monday, Jan. 16 | - Martin Luther King Day – No School |
| Thursday, Jan. 19 | - Father's Morning - T/Th, 5 Day & Pre-K classes |
| Friday, Jan. 20 | - Father's Morning - MWF Classes |

The St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund News:

You received a letter in your child's cubby asking for your support of the St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund. This fund is vital to the school and our students and is our most significant fundraising event of the year. Our goal is simple: 100% participation from every family. Please make a tax-deductible donation to the St. Edmund's Nursery School Annual Fund. Thank you for your support. If you have questions, please contact Christina Comer at cow.comer@gmail.com.

Picnic News:

Bring your children to picnic even on those days they are not in school - a great opportunity to get some shopping done while your child has lots of fun at picnic!

- Monday, December 12 – Special Christmas Picnic – Mrs. Westphal and Mrs. Doering, children will make a Christmas hand print Santa plates, so please join us! Additional \$15 charge. This is optional.
- Monday, Dec. 19 - Our last picnic before Christmas break

Thank You:

- Thank you to **Karen Stoteraux, Mary Bruno and Kristin Fohrer** for continuing to promote and organize our Scrip orders! Thank you to **all those families that have supported this fundraiser** and have already met their \$300 purchase requirement.

Reminders:

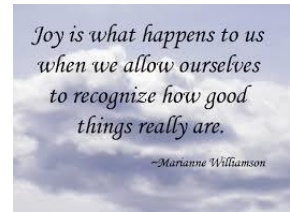
- **Safety First** – Please, if possible, do not park on San Gabriel Blvd. This street is so busy with speeding cars it makes it one of the more dangerous boulevards around our school. Thank you for observing our painted arrows in the parking lot directing traffic to the appropriate driveways when entering and exiting. Also, please be sure to walk your child to the wall and follow the yellow feet to the gate. This will ensure they are not in the way of traffic and kept safe at all times. Thank you. Please, no cell phones in the carpool lines.
- All parents are welcome to attend any Chapel with their child.
- Don't forget, a St. Edmund's Nursery School t-shirt or sweatshirt makes a great gift.
- Please be reminded that school begins at 8:45. We want to be sure that students arrive promptly so they do not miss any of the activities in the classroom. Thank you.
- **Please sign your children in and out each day!** We really need your help with this state mandated requirement.

SENS Outreach/Community Updates:

- Nurmey Christian Academy, Gotani, Kenya: SENS is again this year sponsoring another student giving this child the opportunity to attend school.
- Hillsides Emancipated Minor Program: SENS is accepting Scrip cards to support those young people who now must make a home for themselves on their own. Gift cards are due December 16th.
- Door of Hope: join the SENS Staff and other families sponsoring a family to make the holidays brighter.



December JOY



December is the month to celebrate the concept of JOY. With Christmas around the corner, minds are filled with sugarplums and gifts. It is easy to get caught up in the physical gifts under the tree, but we hope you will take some time to think about the concept of JOY within those gifts, time with family and everything that is amazing about the holiday season.


When we focus on “JOY” in the holiday season we can enjoy the gifts under the tree equally with the season and holiday itself. Now is a great time to talk with our children about the JOY they bring into our lives and how they can bring JOY to others. Children love to be helpful and participate. The more opportunities we give them to show JOY to others, the more they can appreciate everything they have in their own lives.

One way to create an ongoing conversation about JOY is to ask your children every day – “How did you bring JOY to someone else today?” and “What brought you JOY today?” As they begin to anticipate this question, they will look around for ways to give and receive JOY in their lives. And we hope that you will too!

We hope these quotes and books will be something you can share with your children to talk about having JOY and giving JOY.

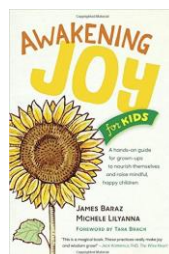
FIND JOY
IN THE
ORDINARY



JOY is not
in things,
it is...in us.


The books below are available on Amazon.com.

Awakening Joy for Kids
by James Baraz



Why did the Leaf Fall
by Anat Umansky and Yelena Al



We hope you started journaling last month and if you did, keep it up. Our daughter is “writing” songs and drawing pictures of her favorite foods. Sometimes she wants us to write the actual words under her “words” and other times she wants to keep her own words. (When she doesn’t let us write the words, it is harder to remember the song. . .)