

ST. EDMUND'S NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER – 2017



“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:

- Monday, Dec. 4 - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10
- Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10
- Thursday, Dec. 7 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-Shirt or sweatshirt
- Friday Dec. 8 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-Shirt or sweatshirt
- Wednesday, Dec. 6 - Christmas sing along & tree decorating - MWF classes @ 11:00
- Thursday, Dec. 7 - Christmas sing along & tree decorating - T/Th, 5 Day and Pre-K classes @ 11:00

- Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Puppet Show – Rudolph at 11:15 - T/Th and Pre-K classes
- Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Puppet Show – Rudolph at 11:15 - MWF and 5 Day classes
- Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 9:00 - 10:15 - Christmas Program for MWF children
10:30-11:45 - Christmas Program for 5 Day and Pre-K children
- Thursday, Dec. 21 - 9:00-10:15 - Christmas Program for T/Th children, dismissal
Immediately following the program
- Thursday, Dec. 21 - No School for 5 Day and Pre-K classes
- Friday, Dec. 22 - No School for Pre-K, 5 Day, and MWF classes
- Fri., Dec. 22 – Jan. 5 - School vacation
- Monday, Jan. 8 - School resumes
- Monday, Jan. 8 - Chapel for MWF and 5 Day Classes 10:10
- Tuesday, Jan. 9 - Chapel for T/Th and Pre-K Classes 10:10
- Thursday, Jan. 11 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-shirts or sweatshirts
- Friday, Jan. 12 - Spirit Day – Wear your SENS T-shirts or sweatshirts
- Monday, Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Thursday, Jan. 18 - Father's Morning - T/Th, 5 Day & Pre-K classes
- Friday, Jan. 19 - Father's Morning - MWF Classes

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

You should have all 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 Joy Majich at joy.majich@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!

- We will be offering fun holiday activities at every picnic from 12/11 – 12/15. Please be sure to join us!
- Monday, Dec. 18 - Our last picnic before Christmas break

Thank You:

- Thank you to **Kristin Fohrer DeArman and Jennifer Hall** for continuing to promote and organize our Scrip orders! Thank you to **all those families that have supported this fundraiser!**

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. Please, no cell phones including hands free in the carpool lines. Thank you
- 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:

- Hillside's Emancipated Minor Program: SENS is accepting Scrip cards to support those young people who now must make a home for themselves on their own. Should you want to donate, gift cards are due back December 15th. Thank you!

December

Joy and Celebration

December is a magical time of year for children and adults alike. It is a month filled with tradition, family, fun, joy, and celebration! It is an exciting time for the children to visit with Santa Claus, but it is also a wonderful time to help our children understand the concepts of sharing, benefits of giving, and the joy in celebrating. This holiday season, remember the true meaning of Christmas and share your joy with others!

A loving gift, a happy wish,
And a pleasant smile or two,
Will scatter hoy at Christmas time,
A joy that comes back to you

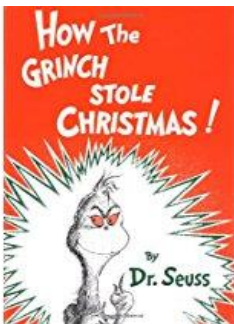
~ Christmas Joy, a poem

Let us keep Christmas beautiful
Without a thought of greed
That it might live forevermore
To fill out every need,
That it shall not be just a day.
But last a lifetime through,
The miracle of Christmastime
That brings God close to you.

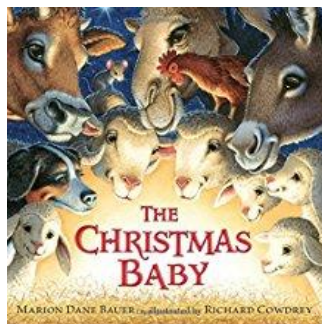
~ Ann Schultz

“When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things – not the great occasions – give off the greatest glow of happiness.” - Bob Hope

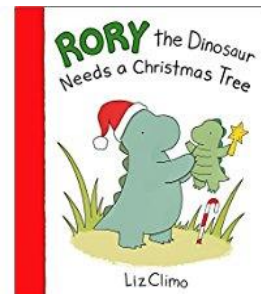
The books below are available on Amazon.com.



How the Grinch Stole Christmas!
by Dr. Seuss



The Christmas Baby
by Marion Dane Bauer and
Richard Cowdrey



Rory the Dinosaur
Needs a Christmas Tree
by Liz Climo