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Heaven Sent Nursery School

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are entering that time of year which is on almost everyone's list of favorite holidays. In the rush and bustle of Christmas preparations (those things that we all complain about having to do, but wouldn't dream of eliminating from our celebrations), let's take time to remember the deeper meaning of the season. Here at Heaven Sent we will be discussing in detail the story of the nativity with your children, even as we also talk about Santa and elves and presents and those things dear to little ones' hearts. We will be hoping to also make shepherds and angels and of course, Baby Jesus, dear to their hearts as well. I found that my children, even when they were very small, loved to play with our nativity sets. There are plenty of inexpensive ones available that your children would enjoy using. Take advantage of an Advent calendar which will help lead up to the joy of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All of the Heaven Sent staff wish you and your family a most blessed holiday season and a very happy new year! ~Jennifer Bujno

December Bible Verse: "You will name Him Jesus."

Luke 1:31





Upcoming Events

December 1-December Tuition Due

December 15-Family Christmas Chapel 4s

December 20-Intent to Return forms due

December 21/22-Class Christmas Celebrations; Wear red and green day

December 25-January 2-Winter Break-No School

January 2-Public Registration Opens

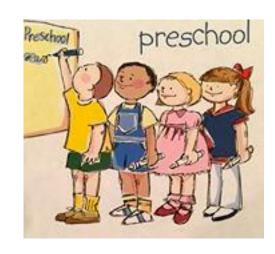
January 3-School Resumes



REGISTRATION NEWS

December is the month that we begin registration for next September's admissions. You have received an "intent to return" form earlier this month. If you intend for your child to be a part of our program next year, it is imperative that you fill out the form and return it by the December 20th deadline listed on the form. This will be your ONLY guarantee of a space in our classes next year. Your request will be honored on a first-come first-served basis. Open public enrollment will begin on January 2nd, and our classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note: if your child is currently enrolled in our program, there is NO registration fee for a second year, unless your child is age-eligible for kindergarten, but returning to Heaven Sent for one more year. (If you have a child who IS age-eligible for kindergarten, please see Mrs. Marsh for information about the



registration fee for those students.) We will also accept enrollment of siblings this month, which is due December 20th.

If you have a younger child whom you would like to enroll in Heaven Sent for our 2.5, 3 year old or 4 year old classes, please see Mrs. Marsh to fill out a sibling intent form. We will keep it on file until December of the year preceding his/her entry into our program. We currently have a file for siblings who will not be enrolling until September 2026, so it is never too early to sign up!

Do you love Heaven Sent Nursery School?

We will give a \$20 gift card to those who refer a new family that enrolls their child for the 2024/2025 school year. We are so grateful for our wonderful families who spread the news about our school!

Delayed Opening Schedules:

3Year Old Programs

M/W/F 10:30 - 12:30 T/TH 10:30 - 12:30

4Year old Programs

M/W/F 10:30 - 12:30 M/T/TH/F 10:30 - 12:30

2.5 Little Angels Program

10:30 - 12:30

Teaching our little Angels:

Teaching children to be patient is so very difficult. Little ones want what they want when they want it! That's why this month is a great teaching tool for parents! With Christmas only four weeks away, this is a great time to help your kids learn to wait for something. When they want a toy **NOW!!** it is a perfect opportunity to tell them to put it on their list for Santa, and perhaps he'll bring it. Learning to wait patiently is hard for us all, and as such it is something that must be learned. Why not try to use this month to teach it? Avoid those "extra" or unplanned purchases this month. It's a valuable lesson, one that our kids will be better for having learned.

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Christmas Celebration Information

Our Christmas celebrations will be great fun! After class time, we will enjoy a celebration snack and craft. We will then share holiday happenings for the rest of the morning, including, the most exciting: a visit by the Christmas elves for 4 year olds, and a visit from Rudolph for 3 year olds! The children won't see them, but they'll know they were here by the sound of bells and the sight of glitter from the elves, or Rudolph's footprints on the floor. Please don't "prepare" your children for this-we'd like it to be a BIG surprise! If you have older children who have experienced our "elf or Rudolph visit," please, please, enlist their help in NOT telling their younger sibling about this fun. It's much more amazing for our angels if they don't know what's going to happen!

Mrs. Bunk's Ducklings will have their celebration on the 22nd and her Chickadees will have their celebration on December 21st. Mrs. Taglienti's Tadpoles will have their celebration on December 22nd and her Little Angels will celebrate on December 21st. Mrs. Bujno's Bear Cubs will have their celebration on December 22nd.

As far as exchanging gifts or cards with friends, if your child has a special friend in class, we would ask that you have a private party or lunch after school one day, or figure out another way to handle gift giving to friends.

Please do not send gifts or cards or goodie bags for friends or <u>EVEN THE WHOLE CLASS into school.</u>

We will not be able to distribute them as we prefer to keep a fair atmosphere for everyone.

IF YOU NEED TO ADDRESS A CONCERN...

If you have a concern about our program here at Heaven Sent, it can always be addressed by contacting our Board of Trustees. Because they cannot be answered, we regret that unsigned or anonymous letters will not be considered. Letters can be sent to:

Heaven Sent Board of Trustees
c/o First Presbyterian Church
298 Main Street
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ARE YOUR CHILD'S TOYS SAFE?

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