

STNS January 2021 Newsletter

2021

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! As we enter the year 2021, our thoughts and prayers are all on overcoming 2020 and a return to normalcy. One of the silver linings is how we have adapted to these changes and found the positives. Our children are thriving and we are so blessed that you have entrusted us with your children. Our families are an integral part of our school and what sustains us! As we enter the new year, this is a traditional time to bless your home and all those that dwell in it. I will be sending home a bottle of holy water that has been blessed by our Pastor, Father Santiago. We encourage you to begin this year by blessing all the common areas of your home with the holy water reciting the prayer below. Everyone that lives in your home should be present for the blessing. I encourage you to have your children sprinkle the holy water in each room while you recite the prayer. During these most difficult times in our world we must rely on our faith to sustain us and inspire us to move forward. I pray that this blessing will watch over all of you in the year 2021 and beyond!

*Blessings in 2021,
Miss Michele*

Home Blessing Prayer

Lord, our God, You whose home is in heaven, on earth and in that undiscovered beyond, bless our home. Surround this shelter with Your Holy Spirit. Encompass all its four sides with the power of Your protection.

Amen



Open Houses 2020/21

We are already planning for 2021/2022! Please share the information below with friends and family listed below! Our families are our greatest advertisers!

Virtual Open Houses via Facebook Live!

*Visit our website at www.sttheresenurseryschool.com for the link to our face book event!

*Private virtual tours available by appointment!



Current Student Registration for Fall 2021

Our current students who are returning to either threes or fours will receive their registration packets prior to the general public at the end of January. This allows our current students preference in class placement. Students who will be attending our fours program have the following options:

1. All day pre-k (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
2. Traditional half day (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
3. Five day a week program. (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
4. Early drop off 8:00 a.m. every day

Your child's teacher is the best person to advise you on the proper placement of your child. I will also have opportunities for our parents of threes to visit the two different four year old programs.

Classroom visits:

*Due to our limitation of visitors at this time, you are welcome to schedule a one on one virtual tour with Miss Michele and overview of the two programs. Please contact me if you are interested.

*Registration forms are entered for placement in the order that they are received. Please return your placement request as soon as possible.

Sibling Registration for the Fall of 2021

We are so blessed by the number of families that entrust us with all of their children! Siblings of our current and previous students receive their registration packets in January with our current students. This allows our current students and siblings to receive priority before open enrollment to the general public. Many of our siblings are more than ready to begin their journey at

STNS as they have been dropping off and picking up their siblings for quite some time!

Kindergarten Registration for our Four Year Old's for Fall 2021!

Our four year old's are going to be signing up for kindergarten very soon! All of the area towns and private schools will begin their registration process in January and February. I will be sending home a list of each of the area school districts and Catholic schools with contact information and dates and times of registration. If you are in need of a copy of your child's medical records, please feel free to see me for a copy. Also, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher regarding this decision, please feel free to set up a time to speak with them. Kindergarten is the next step on your child's learning journey and we are here to prepare not only them but you as you take this next step!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Our school will be closed on Monday, January 18th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I will be sending home a dove for your family to write a message of kindness and return to our school for display in one giant dove of peace!



I attended Boston University where Dr. King received his doctoral degree in ministry. In the front of our chapel stands a monument in honor of Dr. King that is comprised of a flock of doves representing the peaceful nature of his intent. The dove is also the symbol of our holy spirit. It is our intent that our children will fulfill and maintain Dr. King's message as well as the message of our savior that we all walk hand in hand together for peace. This is especially poignant during the times that our world is in today. Please share the simple message of peace with your child through your words and actions and Dr. King's dream as well as our savior will come to fruition!



Snowman Clothesline

Our January Service Project is donations of hats and mittens. These items will be donated to a family shelter in New Haven. This is another wonderful opportunity to make our children more cognizant of the world around them and how to help those in need! There are bags marked with this outside each classroom. Thank you in advance for your donations!



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

* Thank you to all of our families for thinking of us at Christmas! Your gifts and more importantly, your kind words are greatly appreciated!

Make Up Pajama Day Three Year Old's



Our three year old students missed their pajama day due to snow before our Christmas break! Our rescheduled day is Tuesday, January 26th! Please have your child wear pajamas on this day with sneakers or comfortable shoes! We will be having pancakes while wearing our pajamas as this is letter Pp week! In the event of snow on this day, we will wear our pajamas on Thursday, January 28th!