

Best Beginnings Preschool Family Newsletter December 2019

December is a month filled with many different holiday celebrations. The air is filled with music, light and the wonderful smells of special treats. Here at school there will be a variety of fun activities for the children to enjoy. It is a wonderful time to learn and share holiday traditions from around the world. Some of the holidays the children will be learning about are Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali and Las Posadas to name a few. If you have a special holiday you celebrate we invite you to share it with your child's class. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in sharing your special celebration. ~ *Kerry*

Holiday Sing-a-long

Father Jim (Rector of Holy Cross) will share the story of Christmas with the children December 11th & 12th. The children will sing a few carols and then Father Jim will share the Christmas story in his own special way. Parents are invited to join us for singing and then if time permits, stay and enjoy the Christmas story. This is a <u>very casual event</u> so please don't feel pressure if your schedule is busy.

12/11 - 9:00 Corrine, Lori, Francy 12/12 - 9:00 Corrine, Lori, Stephanie 12/12 - 12:15 Karen, Marjorie, Janelle

After School Playtime

A gentle reminder to be mindful of noise and play time in the Parish Hall after classes. We have classes that dismiss at 11:30, 1:00 and 3:15 which means there are students learning throughout the day.

There are church events and music practices that happen during the day as well.

We encourage students and parents to socialize after school but we ask that you be respectful of the school and church while in session. Our playground is open for students after school unless a class is playing. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Tuition Information

We will return to school on January 6th. Automatic withdrawal will be deducted on January 4th. All tuition is due the first class day back after break.

Important Dates

- December 23rd January 3rd Winter Break - No School
- January 6th First Day Back
- January 20th Martin Luther King Day No School
- February 17 21
 Mid-winter Break
 No School (please note
 that this follows the Northshore
 calendar and not the Lake Wash ington Calendar)

Alumni Registration Incoming 3's

This month we will take class requests from alumni with incoming 3 year old's (children not currently enrolled in our 3's or 4's) for Fall 2020.

If you have a child who will turn 3 by 8/31/20 and would like to be added to our class request list please stop by the office. Alumni forms for incoming 3's will be up on our website starting December 13th and available to pick up in our office on January 6th. These forms will be accepted anytime.

Current 3's Class Students

Registration for students currently enrolled in our 3's classes moving on to our PreK classes will begin on January 8th. Forms will go home in students bags on January 6th and 7th.

Alumni registration forms and the non-refundable \$80 registration fee are due by January 27th to be considered for placement. After January 27th registration opens up to new students.

Transitional Kindergarten Registration

Students who are currently enrolled in our PreK classes, do not make the district birthdate cut off, and will turn 5 by 12/31/20, will begin registration on January 8th.

Registration forms and the non-refundable \$80 registration fee must be submitted by January 27th to be considered for placement. After January 27th we open up registration to new students.

Kindergarten Information Night Coming in January

Is your child heading off to Kindergarten next year? Do you have concerns and questions about Kindergarten?

If this sounds like you, we invite you to attend Kindergarten Information Night. Libby Bruner, a local Kindergarten teacher will be at school to give you all the information you need regarding Kindergarten. Bring your questions and come hear all about Kindergarten.

The date is to be decided at this time. As soon as we have an exact date it will go up on the website.

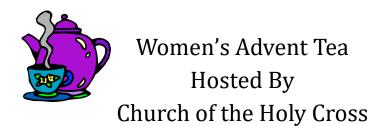




Giving Tree Church of the Holy Cross

Holy Cross invites Best Beginnings families to take part in the Giving Tree. A tree has been placed in the Parish Hall with wishes and/or needs from children.

To participate pick a card from the tree and pick up the Giving Tree Instruction sheet on the table to the left of the tree. Follow the instructions and return your gift to the tree on or before December 15th.



The Church of the Holy Cross is hosting their annual Women's Advent Tea, on December 7th from 10am-12pm in the Parish Hall.

This is a casual event where everyone brings cookies and savories, while enjoying tea, socializing, and a quiet message. There will be carols to sing and a small craft to make as well.

All Best Beginnings Moms are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP please contact, Susan Lindsey at <u>sudlindsey@gmail.com</u>.



Upcoming Chorale Concerts

There are a couple of concerts happening in the Sanctuary this month. All are welcome to attend.

Redmond Chorale will perform on December 7 at 7pm.

Cascadian Chorale will perform on December 14 at 7:30pm.