



TINY TALES



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER, 2018

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK:

Dear Trinity Families,

To me, the Christmas season is all about traditions. At home, we decorate the Christmas tree right after Thanksgiving so we can enjoy it the entire month of December. We watch as many holiday specials as we can... even if it means a few late bedtimes! And we make sure to come to church here at Trinity for the 5 o'clock family service on Christmas Eve so the boys can participate in the nativity pageant. These traditions, along with so many other small moments, make our holiday a little more magical. I hope that your family also has some special traditions that you are enjoying this holiday season!

One long-standing and very special holiday tradition here at TCDS is our Christmas chapel service with the Christmas Tableau. This year, our Christmas Chapel services are on Wednesday, December 19th at 9:30 and 10:45. Ms. Nicole's 5-Day Pre-K will be performing the Christmas Tableau at both services. Please check the schedule for our other 3's and 4's classes in Ms. Sue's Music Notes to find out which service your child should attend. Our two-year-olds and their families are welcome to attend either service, however they will sit with their families in the audience rather than sitting with their class. Please drop your child off in their classroom at the assigned time and then find a seat in the church for the service. This service gets VERY crowded, so it's best to get here right at the drop-off time and find a seat! *Ms. Nicole's class, please be on the look-out for a special note regarding seating for chapel services.* Dismissal will immediately follow the service. There will be NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON EXTENDED DAY CARE on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19th. School will be closed following the chapel services and reopen after the holidays on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Another fun tradition we have here at Trinity is Santa's Workshop, which is an opportunity for your child(ren) to shop for their loved ones. This year's Santa's Workshop is just a week away! But first...the elves must package the goodies for our little shoppers. Please join us upstairs for Wrapping Night in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 12. Wrapping will begin at 6:30. Santa's Workshop will take place on Thursday and Friday, December 13th and 14th. A flyer and shopping list will go home this week. If you would like to sign up for Wrapping Night or to volunteer during Santa's Workshop, please see Friday Updates for a link to a SignUp Genius site.

Want to help others this holiday season? We are collecting "Angel Gifts" for local families in need at Warren Elementary in the lobby. Thanks to your generosity, all of our Angel Gifts have been claimed! **All gifts are due on December 12th.** Please also continue to bring in donations for Paul's Place! We will collect food in the lobby until December 5. Let's see if we can meet our goals! Mittens, hats, and scarves will be collected on the tree in the lobby until December 19th as well. These items will be taken down to Paul's Place in Baltimore City for use during the winter months.

Thank you for supporting Trinity this fall and purchasing personalized items from Silvergraphics. Cari Santiago saw to it that our sale was a success. All items have been delivered to your child's cubby. If you are missing anything, please contact Cari. You can still order items through the Silvergraphics online site; please see the flyer sent home last week for more details.

Mark your calendars for Conference Day on January 11, 2019. School will be **closed** for students on this day so teachers have an opportunity to sit with parents to discuss their child's progress. Each teacher will schedule conference times on their own, so please look for more information from your teacher soon. Extended Day will be open from 9-3 on Conference Day; you may choose to sign your child up just during your conference time or for blocks of time on this day. Due to MD State Childcare Regulations, we are only able to accommodate students who are currently enrolled at TCDS during Extended Day, so please make other arrangements for siblings. Look for sign-up sheets for Conference Day Extended Day after the holiday break.

If you know any families looking for a school family for next year, please let them know Trinity will host Open Houses on January 9 and January 10. These days will be a great opportunity for prospective families to see how amazing our school is on a regular day and to decide if TCDS is the right place for their child(ren). There is no need for people to schedule a time to come in as the doors will be "open" from 9:30-11:30. Please help us spread the word!

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK continued...

Save your child a spot for next year. Registration for our Day School families will take place on January 17, 2019 in the parish hall. Community registration will be upstairs on January 24, 2019. More information on timing and procedures for registration will be forthcoming. As previously announced, there will be NO tuition increases for the 2019-2020 school year. All of the updated information is posted on our website, but be on the lookout for paper copies of next year's Program Offerings and Admission Application to come home after the holidays.

I want to wish you and your families a wonderful and blessed holiday season. I hope that family traditions, whether old or new, bring the magic of the season into your homes this year. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Take Care,
Chrissy

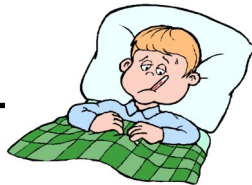


A note from Farmer Stan & Farmer Wayne

We want to thank you and to let you know that it was our pleasure to have you come out to the farm for a visit. We hope that you had as much fun as we did and that you were able to share some of the fun facts about farming with others. Farmer Wayne and I were very impressed as to how excited you were to learn new things and how well behaved all the students were. That is a testament to your amazing teachers and parents, hats off to you. Our County and City Schools just keep getting better and better. You filled our fields with JOY! How great it is when we can educate and have fun all in the same program. Thank you and hopefully we will see some of you again this coming spring or fall. Merry Christmas to you all and don't forget, Hay is for eating and straw is for sleeping!!

Farmer Stan and Farmer Wayne

Illness & Absences



Parents are asked to telephone the school office, 410-592-7423, to report illness. If your child is sent home or stays home with a fever or vomiting, please do not send your child back to school until he/she is without fever or vomiting for at **least 24 hours**. If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness such as strep throat or pinkeye, please be aware that your child may not return to school until they have been on an antibiotic for at **least 24 hours**. Additionally, if your child has a cold with cough and running nose, please use sound judgment about not sending them back to school too soon.

If you plan to be on vacation while school is in session, please be sure to notify your child's teacher.

Extended vacations can jeopardize the quality of your child's school experience.

Illness During School Hours



Please check your child each morning before bringing him/her to school. You will be called to pick up your child immediately should your child:

- Have a temperature of over 100 degrees
- Have vomiting or diarrhea
- Have unidentified spots
- Show signs of conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Be uncomfortable in the extreme (i.e. sore throat, stomach ache, or ear ache)
- Have yellow nasal discharge

Your child and the parents of other children in the program will appreciate your consideration.

FROM OUR RECTOR:

Dear friends,

I love nativity sets. Each one tells the Christmas story in a different way, and in the process makes a theological statement.

I have one set where all the figures are in Native American dress, and another where the figures are African American children. I have a set from Kenya carved out of soapstone, with distinctly African features. I also have a set whose figures are in Italian Renaissance style. Together, these proclaim that Jesus is for all people of all ages.

My mother has a yard set where each figure is lit by an interior light – how better to say that the birth of Jesus brings light into the world.

Sometimes the simplest sets carry the most profound meaning. One I have seen is carved of olive wood from the Holy Land, and the face of each figure is left uncarved – allowing the viewer to project his or herself into the scene.

I think my favorite is a ceramic set by an artist from Sewanee, TN. Every figure's face radiates joy. One of the wise men, barely perched on his camel, has arms and legs flying with joy. The animals have silly grins on their faces. Joseph shines with pride. And Mary looks lovingly at the baby Jesus she holds in her arms, and he looks back at her with love in his eyes.

Help your children remember the Christmas story using a Nativity set of your own choosing.

Love. Joy. Celebration. For all people, all times, all places.



Come let us adore him.

Yours in Christ,

Fran+



CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY (Join us for any of these services)

Christmas Eve —

Dec. 24, 5 pm: Family Service geared towards the young and includes the Nativity Pageant.

Dec. 24, 9 p.m. : The late services on Christmas Eve is geared towards adults and youth. We sing favorite Christmas carols as we welcome the birth of the Christ Child.

Christmas Day —

Dec. 25, 10 a.m. : Because many people find the Christmas Eve Family Service too early or too noisy, and the Christmas Eve late service too late, we will celebrate Christmas on Christmas Day as well, at 10 a.m. There will be no music at this service, except for the singing of a single verse of “O Come All Ye Faithful” at the end.



MUSIC NOTES



The 3's and 4's classes were eager to share songs during Thanksgiving Chapel, and I thought they did a beautiful job!

During November, all the children had opportunities to experiment with musical expression using our Indian drum. This is a favorite seasonal activity for the students! Everyone played their first name (number of syllables); created and played a short rhythm pattern that sounded angry, tired, happy, silly, etc. This activity reinforced the concepts of dynamics (loud or soft) and tempo (fast or slow), and introduced rhythm patterns using body percussion. Ask your child how a silly Indian might play a drum! We sang songs about Indians, Pilgrims, and those poor, unfortunate Thanksgiving turkeys. In movement class, we had fun using feathers for a game, dancing the "Turkey Pokey", and using the Indian drum for a circle game.

Looking at the calendar, there are very few "music" days in December, so let's hope for no snow days! We will be busy practicing songs for Christmas Chapel and learning some holiday favorite songs and dances (think reindeer and elves and Santa, himself)!

CHRISTMAS CHAPEL: The children have worked very hard preparing special holiday music, and I hope all of them will attend one of the Chapel services for an opportunity to share this music with you! **See Christmas Chapel schedule below.** (Please notice that it is different than Thanksgiving Chapel schedule.) Pews will be reserved and labeled for each class. The five-day-fours will be presenting the Christmas tableau at both services. Ms. Jamie's 4's and all the three-year-old classes will be sitting in chapel with their teachers, and I will again ask those students to come to the front of the church to sing. Children who do not want to participate may stay in the pew with their teachers. Please do not force a hesitant child to "perform" in front of a group!

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Musically,
Ms. Sue



CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

December 19, 2018

Arrive at 9:15; CHAPEL AT 9:30 - Mrs. Nicole (5 day 4's)
Mrs. Jamie (3 day 4's)
Mrs. Marcie (3 day 3's)
Mrs. Debbie (3 day 3's)

Arrive at 10:30; CHAPEL AT 10:45 - Mrs. Nicole (5 day 4's)
Mrs. Laurie (5 day 3's)
Mrs. Lauren (3 day 3's)



Thank you for your support in our food drive 2018. We have surpassed our goal of 200 items that will feed many who are served at Paul's Place.

Help decorate
our tree with



hats, mittens
and scarfs
By Dec. 19



Angel Gifts Outreach

Pick an angel and help a local family in need for Christmas.



All donations
due by
Dec. 12



Lets go to the movies!
Friday, Dec. 14, 6:30 pm



*Bring your parents and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like!
 Includes popcorn and drinks. ...and it's still free.*

Trinity Long Green Parish Hall

For more information please call the church office.

Trinity Long Green 12400 Manor Rd. Glen Arm, MD 21057 (410) 592-6224

TCDS' INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In case of inclement weather, listen for information concerning Baltimore County Public Schools. If Baltimore County Public Schools are delayed one hour, Trinity Church Day School will open at 10am. If Baltimore County Public Schools are delayed two hours, Trinity Church Day School will open at 11 am and conclude at 1pm for our morning session. If Baltimore County Public School System is closed due to Inclement weather, Trinity Church Day School will close as well. If Baltimore County Schools must close during the day due to inclement weather, the afternoon session and Extended Day will close at noon. Children should be picked up as soon as possible. If Trinity Church Day School is closed for more than 10 days due to inclement weather we will make up days as follows: April 15, 16 and 17.

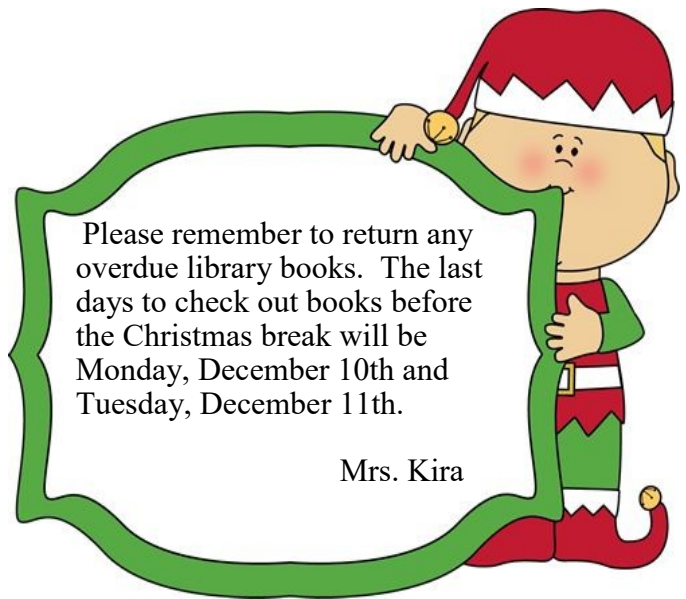


HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our Trinity Angels celebrating their birthdays this month:

Owen Sanders,
 Maxwell Duncan,
Mrs. Chrissy Cook,
 Henry Urlock,
 Benjamin White,
 Benecio Santiago,
 Benjamin McComas,
 Benjamin McDonald, and
 Emily Shiel.



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY:



Please remember to return any overdue library books. The last days to check out books before the Christmas break will be Monday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 11th.

Mrs. Kira

EXTENDED DAY NEWS:



Christmas time is here at Extended Day. Come help us celebrate the season and spread holiday cheer. Glittery crafts, stories and baking cookies for Santa are just some of the fun activities planned. Our Christmas parties will be on

December 17 and 18 .

We hope you will join us.

You will have a tremendous good time!

Mrs. Vicky,
 Ms. Mindy &
 Ms. Olivia





Parents' Club News

Thank you to everyone for your support so far this year! It has been a busy fall and we couldn't have done it without you. Winter break will be here before you know it, but there are still some fun things to do before Santa comes!

Leslie Gibbons and Christine Gosnell have been busy getting the presents for Wrapping Night and Santa's Workshop this year. Please join us for Wrapping Night (December 12 at 6:30pm upstairs in the Parish hall) to wrap all the wonderful presents our Angels will purchase for their loved ones during school on Thursday, December 13 and Friday, December 14. An email with more detailed information and a sign up will be going out soon. If you have ever thought about helping to run an event, we will be losing both Leslie and Christine to Elementary school next year and are looking for 2 people to co-chair this fun and adorable Christmas shopping opportunity!! Please contact Leslie, Christine, or Cari if you have any questions about co-chairing this adorable event.

Upcoming Events:

SilverGraphics – will be coming home soon for those who already ordered, but online shopping for this fundraiser is still open and Pre-Christmas delivery is guaranteed on all orders placed before December 5th

Wrapping Night – Wednesday, December 12 @ 6:30pm upstairs in the Parish Hall

Santa's Workshop – Thursday, December 13 and Friday, December 14 during school hours

Box Tops – this is an ongoing fundraiser and is a really easy way to contribute to TCDS. A donation box is located in the lobby

Spring Event – Saturday March 30, 2019 from 6-10pm. We will be having another planning meeting, so please keep a lookout for that email

Winter Gathering – we're feeling out ideas for some type of purely social parent and child winter event (like a cake class or painting) if you have any suggestions please contact Sarah Ali!

Thank you for making TCDS such an amazing community! May your holiday be filled with family, friends, love, laughter, and moments that will last a lifetime!

Cari Santiago, Parents' Club President (TCDSPCPresident@gmail.com)

Colleen Castle, Parents' Club Vice President (TCDSPCVP@gmail.com)

Sarah Ali, Parents' Club Treasurer (TCDSPCTreasurer@gmail.com)



December	1	Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar
	12	Wrapping night for Santa's Workshop
	13-14	Santa's Workshop
	19	Christmas Chapel
	20 – Jan. 1	Christmas Holiday – TCDS CLOSED



2	School Reopens
9-10	Open House
11	Conference Day – TCDS CLOSED for students - Extended Day Open 9-3
14	TCDS Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
17	2019-2020 Registration open to Trinity Families
21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday – TCDS CLOSED
24	2019-2020 Registration Open to the Community

TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

January 9 & 10, 2019

9:30-11:30

*Come by anytime or schedule a tour!

**Registration for the
2019-20 School Year**

In-House: January 17, 2019
Community: January 24, 2019



Celebrating
61 years!

www.trinitychurchdayschool.com

- Programs for 2's, 3's, 4's & K and Enrichment Classes
- Library, Chapel, Music & Creative Movement Classes
- Morning and Afternoon Extended Care starting at 8am and ending at 5:30pm
- Field Trips and Special Programs

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**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**



From all of your
Trinity Angels !



BUNDLE UP WITH BOX TOPS



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10c for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to BTFE.com.