

ST. THERESE NURSERY SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Advent



Dear Families,

With the Advent season upon us we are blessed to have our faith, family, and friends to share our blessings with. As a school family we will join together on

**Sunday, December 11th**

**At the 10:00 a.m. Mass**

We welcome this faith connection to our parish family and will be lighting the advent wreath together as a school followed by "Coffee And" in the nursery school.

At our school the focus is on our Savior's birth

and the children eagerly prepare in song and reenact the birth through our pageant. The pageant will be held on Tuesday, December 20th for our three year olds at 10:30 a.m. and Monday, December 19th at 1:00 p.m. for our four year olds. Our families are welcome to invite as many guests as they would like as the pageant is held in the church with a reception celebrating our Savior's birth in the church hall immediately following.

Making simple traditions with our families and children. I go back to a tradition in my own family that occurs every Christmas Eve. My children and I bake a birthday cake for Jesus. As a

family we sing to Jesus and share the meaning of the day. I also place the baby Jesus from our Nativity scene in my China hutch. On Christmas morning before one present is opened, we place baby Jesus in the Nativity. My children are now 18, 15, and 13 years old. The tradition holds true and provides the reason of the season to my family. I pray that my children will carry this on with their own children for generations to come.

May God Bless you and your

Family this Christmas & New Year!

Miss Michele & The Staff

Of St. Therese Nursery School

LADY'S NIGHT AND SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA!

Our Lady's Night & Shopping Extravaganza is just a week a way!

Thursday, December 1st

5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Il Monticello, Route 5

Meriden

\$25 a person

Ticket includes:

A GLASS OF WINE & APPETIZER  
MENU OF: BOWTIE PASTA WITH PORCINI MUSHROOMS, RIGATONI WITH PEAS AND VODKA SAUCE, EGGPLANT ROLLATINI, BBQ MEAT-BALLS, STUFFED MUSHROOMS, SPRING ROLLS, ASSORTED PIZZA BITES, ASSORTED STUFFED BREADS, CHEESE AND CRACKERS, VEGETABLE CRUDITE, BRUSCHETTA, DESERT AND COFFEE!

VENDORS:

BELMONT CELEBRATIONS  
JEWELRY & FASHION  
MASSAGE THERAPY  
LULA ROE CLOTHING  
PAMPERED CHEF  
PURE HAVEN  
MATILDA JANE  
31 BAGS      ARYAH'S BOWS  
DOTERRA      ARBONNE      & MORE!!!!

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

In celebration of our Savior's birth, we hold a simple reenactment with the children on the altar in church on the last day before Christmas break. The pageant is followed by a birthday party for Jesus in the church hall. The dates for the pageant are:

- Tuesday, December 20th 10:30 a.m. for our Three Year Olds**
- Monday, December 19th 1:00 p.m. for our Four Year Olds**

Please note that a.m., p.m. and pre-k attend in the a.m. on these days. Children who remain all day may return to their class after the pageant. Everyone else will be dismissed from the pageant. Miss Theresa's a.m. and p.m. class will bring lunch and remain until the pageant.

A formal invitation and letter regarding your child's part will be sent home shortly. We pull names from a hat to pick the roles in our pageant.

Costumes will be kept simple, we provide most of the costumes. Please do not feel obligated to purchase anything!

Following the pageant, we will hold a birthday party for Jesus in the church hall with birthday cake, cookies, and juice! Sign ups will be posted outside each classroom and we ask parents to bring their food to the hall the morning of the pageant. Parent volunteers will also receive a reminder notice!

Please feel free to invite as many family and friends as you like! We look forward to sharing the reason of the season with you!

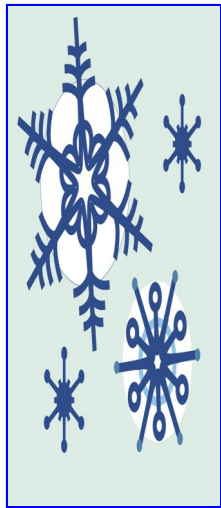
## SCHOOL PICTURE CHRISTMAS TREE!



A fun Christmas tradition at our school is that each of our families including our staff share in the season by posting their Christmas card on a Christmas tree in the foyer. This is a fun way to share our families with others. When your cards are ready to be sent,

please bring one in and use a clothespin and attach it to the tree.

The tree will be at floor height so that the children explore and find all of their friends and families on the tree!



## SNOW POLICY

Please look for school cancellations due to inclement weather on Channel 8 at the bottom of the screen where St. Therese Nursery School, North Haven will appear with either no school, a.m. session cancelled, or p.m. session only. Students who attend the all day pre-k in either threes or fours, arrive

at school at 11:30 a.m. on the days of a delay with their lunch. On the day of a delay, p.m. classes begin at their scheduled time of 12:30 p.m. There will be no lunch bunch or early drop off on days with delayed opening.

In the event of an early dismissal, all students

including pre-k will be picked up at 11:30 a.m. and there will be no p.m. session! You will be notified by the school if your child is in school and there is an early dismissal.

**Look on Channel 8!  
St. Therese Nursery School, North Haven!**



## TREES OF HOPE FOR RONALD McDONALD!



### A HOLIDAY

**MUST FOR FAMILIES!** Thank you to all of our families for their generous donations to our Tree of Hope for the Ronald McDonald House! The amount of school supplies on our tree of Learning is a Journey, Not a Destination, is overwhelming! Please take some time to visit our tree and the plen-

titude of other trees at the **Maritime Center in New Haven on Long Wharf**. This is the building located next to Leon's Restaurant. Admission and parking are free! The trees are displayed in the foyer of the building. Every tree has a different theme and visitors may purchase raffle tickets for a nominal amount to win a tree! **The Trees of Hope will be open from December 3rd through 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the reason of the season!

**FLU VACCINES  
DUE BY:  
DECEMBER 31,  
2016!**

**PLEASE MAIL  
THIS  
DOCUMENT IF  
YOUR  
APPOINTMENT  
IS DURING  
CHRISTMAS  
BREAK!  
!**



## MITTENS FOR SNOWMEN IN JANUARY

## TROLLEY RIDE WITH SANTA



Our January Service project will be a snowman clothesline! We are asking our families to donate hats and mittens that will be sent to a woman's shelter. We typically hold this collection in December with our mitten tree. Howev-

er, due to the Trees of Hope, we decided to postpone another collection to January. Please look for the snowman clothesline on the foyer wall when you return from break. Clothespins will be provided! We look forward to watching the children fill this line of hats and mittens! Thank you again for your generosity!

**DON'T FORGET THE TROLLEY RIDE WITH SANTA!  
EAST HAVEN TROLLEY MUSEUM!  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH 1:00 P.M.**

**PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL AND ALL CHILDREN ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARE PROVIDER FOR THE TRIP!  
WE WILL MEET AT THE TROLLEY!  
COST: \$4 FOR CHILDREN/\$7 FOR ADULTS  
PAYMENT ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP!**

## REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSES 2017

The time is already approaching to plan for the next school year! Our current students who will be returning in the fall will receive a registration packet in January. There is no registration fee for returning students and our current students receive priority over new students for

enrollment. Siblings of students also receive priority in registration and register at the same time as our current students.

Our best advertisement is our families! Please share your experiences with other families that have pre-school age children. The dates of our open houses for new students is as follows:

### Open House Dates

Thursday, January 12th 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 19th 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 21st 1:00 p.m.

Private tours are also available by contacting Michele!

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LEARNING IS A JOURNEY,  
NOT A DESTINATION!

Our History

St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and 4 staff members. We now have almost 100 students, 3 classrooms, a pre-k program, and a staff of 10!

Our Mission

The mission of St. Therese Nursery School is to nurture the student and the family within a community of learners. Our mission will be:

- \*to provide a safe learning environment where our children can learn through developmentally appropriate experiences.
- \*these experiences and play reflect continuous spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development.
- \*our families are recognized as central to the well being of the child.
- \*our staff is valued for their dedication and commitment to the children and families of St. Therese Nursery School community.
- \*we believe learning is a journey, not a destination.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**CHRISTMAS VACATION**

**Christmas break at the nursery school will be from Wednesday, December 21st through January 1st. We will resume classes on Monday, January 2nd for our four year olds and Tuesday, January 3rd for our three year olds. Many school districts are closed on January 2nd but we are open! We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!**

**See you in 2017!**