

DECEMBER 2017 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. At our school the focus is on our Savior's birth and the children eagerly prepare in song and reenactment through our pageant and experiences in the classroom rereading the blessed event over and over! The pageants will be held on:

Tuesday, December 19th for our three year olds at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 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.

Each year I am reminded of how the most simplest of family traditions hold steadfast with our children. Santa still visits our home on Christmas Eve to deliver gifts to my young cousins instead of my own children ages 19, 16, and 14 yet they still remember this moment. As I have shared before my family has a birthday cake for Jesus on Christmas Eve with candles and all! Singing this each year reminds us why we are gathered

together.

However big or small, the traditions you set forth now will be embedded in your children forever.

Our parish family of St. Elizabeth the Trinity will hold a Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. here at St. Therese Church. What better way than to begin the celebration of our Savior's birth than in Mass.

Our school mass for Friday, December 8th has been rescheduled. I will update you on the day and time asap!

May God Bless you and your

Family this Christmas & New Year!

Miss Michele & The Staff
Of St. Therese Nursery



POLAR EXPRESS NIGHT THIS SATURDAY!



Our Polar Express babysitting night is this Saturday, December 9th

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

* Dinner & Dessert Provided

*Dress your child in their p.j.s for a night of movies, Crafts, and games!

* Tickets for those who have reserved a spot will be sent home this Thursday and Friday!

*We look forward to a fun filled evening at school!

*Bring your golden ticket to start your journey on the Polar Express!

Trees of Hope Field Trip

This Friday 3:30 p.m.!

*Join us at the Maritime Center at 555 Long Wharf in New Haven to view our school tree and many more for the Ronald McDonald House! Meet me in the lobby by the big tree!

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 19th 10:30 a.m. for our Three 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 in the three year olds may return to their class after the pageant. Everyone

else will be dismissed from the pageant.

Wednesday, December 20th 1:00 p.m. for our Four Year Olds

Miss Michele's a.m. Class and any other noon dismissal students will bring lunch and remain until the pageant. Miss Meg's P.M. will arrive at 12:00 for their regularly scheduled time with lunch. Four year old all day students will dismiss from 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!

SCHOOL PICTURE CHRISTMAS TREE!



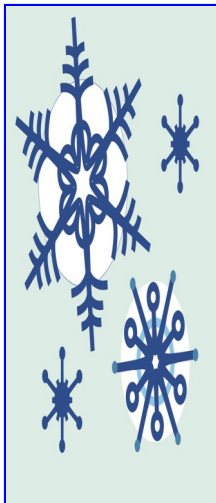
A fun Christmas tradition at our school is that each of our families including our staff share in the season by posting their Christmas card on a Christmas tree in the foyer. This is a fun way to share our families with others. When your cards are ready to be sent,

please bring one in and use and attach 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. 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 every day until this Sunday, December 10th 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,
2017!**

**PLEASE MAIL
THIS
DOCUMENT IF
YOUR
APPOINTMENT
IS DURING
CHRISTMAS
BREAK!
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MITTENS FOR SNOWMEN IN JANUARY



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. However,

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!

Santa Alert!

Santa Claus will be stopping by our Four Year old Pageant reception in the church hall! You will have an opportunity to take a picture with Santa! We will provide name-tags for children to wear to clue Santa in! Thank you to old St. Nick for this surprise so close to Christmas!

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 11th 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 18th 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 25th 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 27th 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!

Thank you to all of our families for their donations to all of our school events! Whether you purchased, gave your time, or even shared gold coin from Big Y, your help is greatly appreciated! Your children are blessed to have such giving parents!

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Christmas break at the nursery school will be from Thursday, December 21st through Monday, January 1st. We will resume classes on Tuesday, January 2nd.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!

See you in 2018!