

# SPC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2024



**December 1, 2024**

Hello Parents!

It is so good to be back in the preschool hall! The week off for Thanksgiving was wonderful but I missed the children! I love hearing their voices down the hall. What a blessing it is to experience Christmas through the eyes of children! It is a time of wonder and excitement for them, The conversations I have with the children are delightful. Can't wait to discuss further with the children who has tree up already, if there's an angel or a star on top, or if they have a tree in their own room! Can't wait to hear who has a mischievous elf. And of course, can't wait to ask the children whose birthday we are celebrating on Christmas. Often, a child has to think about this for a moment but then they remember: Jesus!

Here at Preschool, we get caught up in the "do all the Christmas things!" mode, but right now, we are trying to keep our focus on Advent, which has only just begun! This church season is a time of preparation and expectant waiting for Christmas. Each classroom has an Advent wreath and the children are learning that there are four candles which represent each week in Advent. There is a prayer for each week, too. Are you and your family lighting candles on an Advent wreath this year?

This newsletter is jam packed with information about December events and dates into January. Be sure to read and save it for future reference!

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## Catholic Seeds

Dec. 10th & 11th

The children will meet with Ms. Suzanne to have a birthday party for Jesus!

Ms. Suzanne says:

"During this season of Advent, the children will learn that an angel came to Mary with very good news! And through her, God sent Jesus into the world to teach us how to love like He does. We pray that your child will strive to be a Bible Hero like Mary and always say "yes" to God!"

During the Catholic Seeds lesson, the children will also learn about the Advent Wreath and they will sing a song about what each candle represents. Advent is a time of preparing to celebrate the birthday of Jesus and the children will talk about why we give gifts at Christmas. Because Jesus lives in each of us, we give to Him when we give to one another.

The Catholic Seeds lesson will end with a birthday party for Jesus. The children will sing "Happy Birthday to Jesus" and eat a donut hole treat.

As a small act of kindness to help Jesus by helping others, please send in the following items for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry on the day your child has Catholic Seeds:

4s & PreK: Deodorant, men's or women's

3's: Kid snacks, granola bars, applesauce, fruit cups, individual bags of crackers, etc.

2's: Toothpaste, kids or adult

Our sweet 18 month class does not attend Catholic Seeds yet, but if you are a parent in that class and would like to send in any above item for the pantry, I welcome you to do so!

## St. Nicholas Day

St. Nicholas Day is December 6th. The children will be learning that St. Nicholas helped others by leaving gifts in the shoes of the poor who lived in his village. We will be leaving our shoes out in the hallway this week and we hope St. Nick will visit and leave us a special treat, too!



## Immaculate Conception

Mass times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 9th:  
6:45am, 8:30am, 12pm,  
5:30pm, 7pm



## Winter Weather

As we head into the season of winter, just a reminder that if FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS are closed or have a virtual day due to snow or ice, SPC Preschool will also be closed. We will also do our best to send you a note through brightwheel about closures. Make sure you have notifications turned on!

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Here are the Mass times for St. Peter Chanel Church to plan for your family's Christmas celebration!

Christmas Mass Times:

12/24 3:00p, 5:00p, 8:00p, 11:30p

12/25 8:00a, 10:00a, 12:00p

## Christmas Parties

Preschool is in session through Friday, Dec. 20th. These last days will be busy ones! There will be class parties happening on a couple different days.

The 18 month class, 2's and 3's classes will have class Christmas parties and parents are invited to attend! The 4yr old and PreK Plus classes will be inviting parents to join them for their Christmas pageants, followed by a "child only" class Christmas party on a different day. Here are the dates, below:

Monday, Dec. 16th:

PreK Plus Christmas Pageant at 12:15pm {doors open at 12pm}

Tuesday, Dec. 17th:

M-F 4's Christmas Pageant at 12:15pm {doors open at 12pm}

Wednesday, Dec. 18th:

M-Th 4's Christmas Pageant at 12:15pm {doors open at 12pm}

MW 18's Class Party

MWF 2's Class Party

MWF 3's Class Party

Thursday, Dec. 19th:

TTh 2's Class Party

TThF 2's Class Party

TThF 3's Class Party

M-Th 3's Class Party



Please refer to information sent home by your child's teacher for complete details including times and locations.

## Looking to 2025

### Registration

Registration for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Applications will be completed online and will be available on Jan. 8th.

- Registration will take place on February 1st for all returning families so please complete your form before that date.
- Are you a 3 year old parent with questions about our 4 year old or PreK Plus (young 5's) programs?
- There will be a 3's Parent Meeting on FRIDAY, January 17th at 10am in Classroom 6/7 to answer any questions you may have about our program.
- Are you a parent of a 4 year old who has a late birthday (June 1 - Nov. 15) and you are considering our PreK Plus (young 5's) class and the gift of an extra year for your child?
  - Please contact me if you have any questions or you would like to register your child for that class next year.
- Are you a parent of a 4 or PreK Plus child applying to a private or Catholic school kindergarten next year? Please be sure to send us the electronic Teacher evaluation form (to [preschool@stpeterchanel.org](mailto:preschool@stpeterchanel.org)) AND the signed Permission to Release records form. These forms are found at the school to which you are applying.
- Parent Teacher Conferences for all classes will take place the week of January 20th. You will receive information from your child's teacher regarding conferences in January. Preschool is OPEN on all conference days.
- We appreciate it when you refer St. Peter Chanel Preschool to family, friends and neighbors! We would love to meet them and have them become part of our SPC Preschool family.
- Please have anyone interested in a tour contact me at [preschool@stpeterchanel.org](mailto:preschool@stpeterchanel.org)

Other registration questions? Please call or email me!

## Looking to 2025

### Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars now for this fun event for the children!

When: Friday, Jan. 31, 2025

Time: 6-8 pm

Where: SPC Church in "McNamee Hall"

Family Fun Night is a night of children's games with prizes, bounce houses and music, along with pizza dinner.

A highlight of the evening will be our Themed Raffle Baskets. Each class is assigned a theme and we ask each family to donate something for their child's class basket. Donations can be brought to school at any time and are due no later than Friday, Jan. 17, 2025.

You will be receiving an email from your class Room Parent with more information! The class with the most raffle tickets (most popular basket) will receive a Chick Fil A party at school!

We are looking forward to this fun family event!

### Summer Camp

Preschool Summer Camp!

Mark your calendars:

Dates: June 16-19th

and June 23-26th

More details in our upcoming newsletters!

Preschool is closed for the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 20th - Monday, January 6th

Preschool resumes on Tuesday, January 7th

I hope you enjoy a blessed Christmas surrounded by those you love! May 2025 be a healthy year filled with blessings for you and your family!

Although I won't be with you physically, know that you will all be in my thoughts and prayers daily.

With much love and appreciation for all of you,  
Rebecca

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