



# Tiny Tales



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER, 2015

## *FROM THE DIRECTOR 'S DESK :*

Dear Trinity Families,

I hope that you had a fantastic Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Lucky for me, my family did not have to travel far this year. We went over to my little sister's and celebrated the holiday with six out of my seven siblings, their spouses and their children. It was a boisterous and joyful day. We also had my husband's dearest friend and his family stay with us for the long weekend. I felt extremely blessed (and full) all weekend long.

Thank you for supporting Trinity in our many fundraisers so far this year. Due to the success of the Scholastic Book Fair, our classrooms and library will be able to order some much coveted wish list items. Thanks to Elizabeth McCarthy and Henry and Tina Latimer for running our book week so seamlessly. Marissa Kleinschmidt saw to it that our Joe Corbi's was a success. All items were delivered without a hitch. My family and I were especially thankful that Corbi's included *Ms. Fields Cookies* this year.

Our First Annual Fall Harvest Party and Chili Cook-off was the talk of Long Green Valley! Elizabeth Miller and Courtney and Bobby Croxton threw a wonderful party. The music was delightful and the food and friends made the evening extremely special. Thanks to Trinity Church for manning the bake table from start to finish. We are so thankful to our volunteers who donated their time and energy to help set up and/or work during these events, those who donated their baking talents or even their cleaning skills. We would not be nearly as successful without all of your support and combined efforts.

Santa's Workshop is less than two weeks away! But first...the elves must package the goodies for the little shoppers. Please join us upstairs for *Wrapping Night Dec. 8th* in the Parish Hall.

Wrapping will begin at 6:30. We are still accepting donations of wrapping paper, tape, ribbon, gift bags, tags, etc. in the school lobby.

Santa's Workshop will take place on Thursday and Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. A flyer and shopping list went home earlier this week.



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### **REMINDER**

TCDS will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 5th in order for teachers to attend a staff development workshop.

NO ENRICHMENT or EXTENDED DAY

## *FROM THE DIRECTOR 'S DESK — CONTINUED*

Want to help others this holiday season? Are you curious about the Angels in our lobby? Together with Trinity Church, we will provide gifts to victims of domestic violence and assault who are presently seeking help and/or shelter from *Turnaround* in Towson. If you would like to help with this effort, take an Angel and sign it out on the School News Board. Each Angel has a recipient's name, age, etc. along with a gift that is on his/her wish list. After you purchase the gift (or appropriate gift card) we ask that you wrap the gift, using the Angel as the gift tag. Gifts should be placed under the tree by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Hats, socks and mittens will be collected until December 16<sup>th</sup> as well. These items will be taken down to Paul's Place in Baltimore City.

Our Christmas Chapel is on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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 in this newsletter to find out which service your child should attend. Our two year olds and their families are welcome to attend either service. Dismissal is immediately after the service. There will be NO BEFORE OR AFTER CARE (EXTENDED DAY) on FRIDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>. School will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Save your child a spot for next year. Registration for our Day School Families will take place on January 21, 2016 in the parish hall. Registration will be open to the community on January 28, 2016.

I want to take this time to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season. I adore this time of year and the festivities that go along with it. I hope that the magic of Christmas finds its way into your homes and that you continue to make happy memories and carry on those treasured traditions together. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

All the Best,  
Lizzie



### **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 up 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: March 24, April 1, March 31.

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

Come let us adore him.

Yours in Christ,

Fran+



## TCDS CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Help us brighten a child's holiday by participating in our Christmas Outreach programs.

We sponsor a hat, sock and mitten tree. Donations may be placed on our Christmas tree in the lobby.

In addition, we also have our *Angel Project*. We provide gifts to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are presently seeking help and/or shelter from *Turnaround* in Towson. Simply take an angel, sign your angel out, wrap your gift and place it under the tree with the tag attached by December 16th.

Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated, especially this time of year!

## Music Notes



All the classes, except the 2's, have been very busy preparing songs for both Thanksgiving and Christmas Chapels! But, 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 to dance 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 enjoying holiday favorites, such as the "Christmas Eve" finger play, "Rudolph", and "Jingle Bells".

**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. 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

### Friday, December 18, 2015

Arrive at 9:15; CHAPEL AT 9:30 -

Mrs. Nicole (5-day 4's)  
Mrs. Kim (3's)

Arrive at 10:30; CHAPEL AT 10:45 -

Mrs. Nicole (5-day 4's)  
Mrs. Jamie (3-day 4's)  
Mrs. Pam (3's)  
Mrs. Chrissy (3's)

Two year olds are welcome to attend either service with their families. Dismissal is immediately following the chapel service. There will be NO EXTENDED DAY on Friday, December 18th,



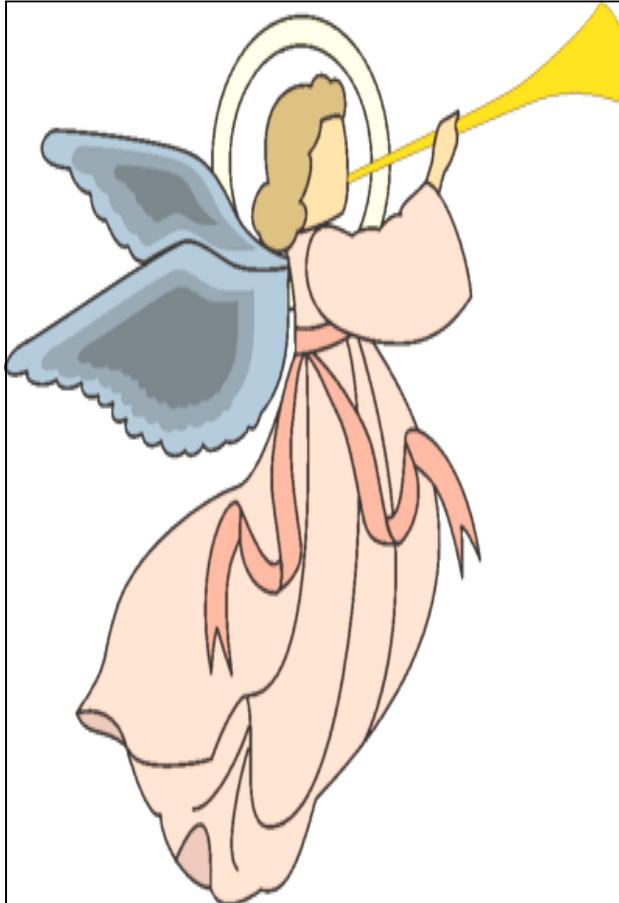
## EXTENDED DAY NEWS

The Christmas spirit is here once again at Extended Day. Come help us celebrate the season with glittering crafts and stories.

We will be trimming our tree on Tuesday, December 8th. Our Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 14th.

Sign up today!  
We know you will have a tree-mendously good time!

Mrs. Vicky, Ms. Olivia  
& Ms. Mindy



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT TRINITY

*Christmas Eve, December 24*

*5:00 pm—Pageant and Holy Eucharist*

*9:00 pm—Festival Holy Eucharist*

*Christmas Day, December 25*

*10:00am—Holy Eucharist*





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** to our Trinity friends celebrating birthdays in **December:**

Cole Cunningham, Bryn Miller, Wyatt Miller, Hudson Baloga, Mrs. Chrissy Cook, Emerson McCarthy, Harper Shaw, Maggie Delaney and Landon Cullison.

CALENDAR		
December	4	Staff Development – 12:00 -3:00 (no enrichment or extended day)
	5	Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar
	8	Wrapping night for Santa’s Workshop
	10-11	Santa’s Workshop
	16	Outreach Gifts due
	18	Christmas Chapel
	19 – Jan. 3	Christmas Holiday – TCDS Closed
January	4	School Reopens
	11	TCDS Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
	12-13	Open House
	15	Conference Day – TCDS Closed for students Extended Day Open
	18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday – TCDS Closed
	21	Registration for Trinity Families
	28	Registration Open to the Community
February	1	Tuition payment #4 due
	15	Presidents’ Day – TCDS Closed
March	9-10	Grandparents’ Days
	14	TCDS Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
	23	Easter Chapel
April	24-3	Easter Holiday – TCDS Closed
	4	School Reopens
	25-26	Class Pictures
May	29	4’s trip to Goucher
	6	Bull & Oyster Roast — Spring Fundraiser
	9	TCDS Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
	11-12	Spring Musicals
	tba	3’s classes to Ladew Gardens
	tba	2’s & 3’s Zoomobile Visit
	tba	4’s Field Trip to Cromwell Valley Park
	16	Conference Day – TCDS Closed for students *Extended Day Open
	25	Last day of Enrichment
	27	Last day of school for students
30	Memorial Day – TCDS Closed	

## Parents' Club News



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that it is December! It is a busy time of year but please put the Santa's Workshop Wrapping Night on your calendar! We will meet in the Parish Hall on the evening of Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> to wrap tons of fun presents for the children to purchase. Please sign up in the lobby if you plan on joining us. The children will have the opportunity to shop on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of volunteers to help the little ones shop. This is a great event so please if you have an opportunity we would love your help. Be on the lookout in the take home folders for more purchase information.

Best wishes for a Safe, Warm and Merry Christmas!

Elizabeth Miller  
Parents' Club President



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# **Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar**

***December 5, 2015***

***9 am to 3 pm***

***Trinity Episcopal Church***

***12400 Manor Road Glen Arm, MD 21057***

***[www.TrinityChurchLongGreen.org](http://www.TrinityChurchLongGreen.org)***

***410-592-6224***

**Holiday Photos with Santa**



**Unique Crafts Gift Baskets**

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***Serving lunch at the Frosty Café***

**25 Selected Vendors**

***Activity  
Room for  
children***

