



TINY TALES



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER, 2016

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK:

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas; soon the bells will start.
And the thing that will make them ring is the carol that you sing right within your heart.”
~ Meredith Willson

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!

Thank you for supporting Trinity in our many fundraisers so far this year. Marissa Kleinschmidt saw to it that our Joe Corbi's sale was a success. All items were delivered on time and were hopefully enjoyed by many families during the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, thank you to Jenny and Ben Hauser for hosting our second annual Glarus chocolate and wine pairing on November 16. Fun was had by all while delicious treats were devoured amongst friends. We are very lucky to have such wonderful families at TCDS.

Santa's Workshop is less than 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 7. 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 8th and 9th. A flyer and shopping list went home earlier this week. If you would like to sign up for Wrapping Night or volunteer during Santa's Workshop, please see the sign-up sheets in the lobby or contact Jen Collins.

Want to help others this holiday season? Please continue to bring in donations for Paul's Place! We will collect food and brand new toys in the lobby until December 6th. Let's see if we can meet our goals! Mittens, hats, and scarves will be collected on the tree in the lobby until December 16th as well. These items will be donated to Paul's Place in Baltimore City.

Our Christmas Chapel services are on Friday, December 16th at 9:30 and 10:45. Ms. Nicole's five-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. Please drop your child off in their classroom at the assigned time and then find a seat for the service. Dismissal will immediately follow the service. There will be NO BEFORE OR AFTER EXTENDED DAY CARE on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th. School will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Mark your calendars for Conference Day on January 13, 2017. 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 them soon. Extended day will be available from 9-3 on this day. Special sign up sheets will be posted on the board outside the office.

Save your child a spot for next year. Registration for our Day School Families will take place on January 19, 2017 in the parish hall. Community registration will be on January 26, 2017. Be on the lookout for next year's program offerings in the new year.

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!

Chrissy

FROM OUR RECTOR:

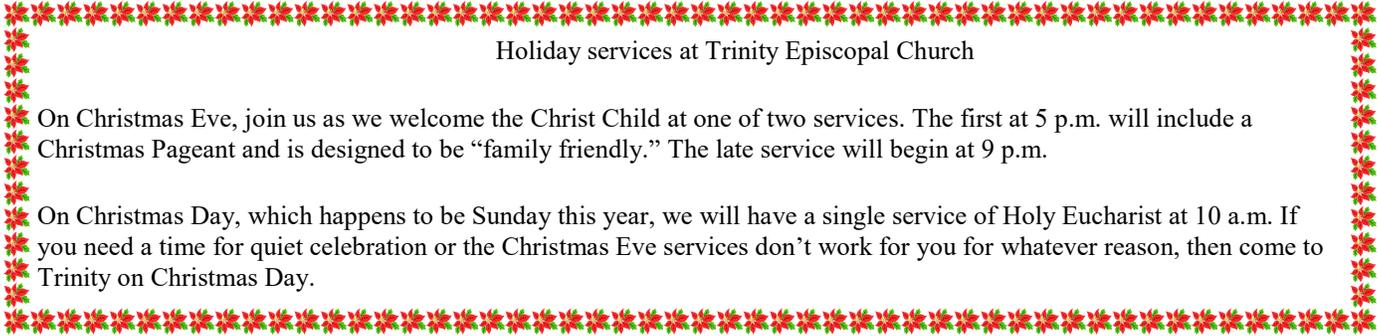
As a child I had an awful time waiting for special events. (To be honest, I still do.) “Why do we have to wait?” I would ask. “Can’t I open just one present now?” Over time I have learned a few tricks that make waiting easier.

One trick that works particularly well at this time of year is an Advent Calendar. While technically, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas, most Advent Calendars start with December 1. You can find Advent Calendars in bookstores, in department stores, and in many other places as well. Each day the child opens a door on the calendar (or a box on the larger ones) and discovers a picture (or treat) that helps her or him count the days until Christmas.

If you don’t want to buy an Advent Calendar, you can make an Advent Chain to count the days. Each day, take a strip of colored paper, write on it the name of a person or concern that you might have, offer that person or concern to God as a prayer, and loop that strip of paper through the previous one to make a linked chain. By the time Christmas arrives your chain will be long enough to drape on the tree, or to use as a table decoration. On Christmas Eve (or Christmas Day), write “Jesus Christ” on the last link and sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus, or a favorite carol. This ritual will help you and your children through the difficult days of waiting.

May your preparation for Christmas be as full of wonder as the day itself.

Fran+



Holiday services at Trinity Episcopal Church

On Christmas Eve, join us as we welcome the Christ Child at one of two services. The first at 5 p.m. will include a Christmas Pageant and is designed to be “family friendly.” The late service will begin at 9 p.m.

On Christmas Day, which happens to be Sunday this year, we will have a single service of Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. If you need a time for quiet celebration or the Christmas Eve services don’t work for you for whatever reason, then come to Trinity on Christmas Day.

EXTENDED DAY NEWS:

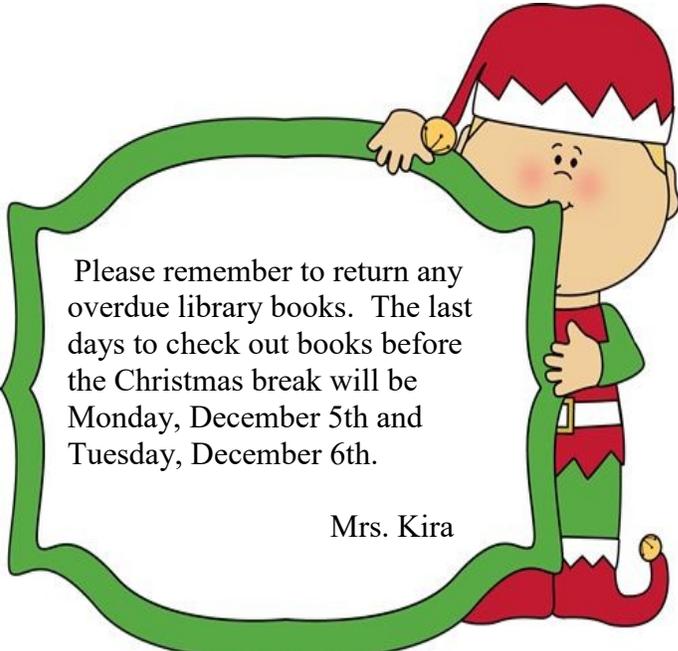


The Christmas spirit is here once again at Extended Day. Come help us celebrate with sparkling crafts, stories and a tree trimming party on Monday, December 5th. Our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. We hope you will join us. You will surely have a tree-mendously good time!



Mrs. Vicky,
Ms. Mindy &
Ms. Olivia

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 5th and Tuesday, December 6th.

Mrs. Kira



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 learned a song, "We Give Thanks" that used the Indian drum or metallophone for accompaniment. 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 learning some holiday favorite songs and dances.

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

Musically,
 Ms. Sue



CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

December 16, 2016

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

Arrive at 10:30; **CHAPEL AT 10:45** - Mrs. Nicole (5 day 4's)
 Mrs. Jamie (3 day 4's)
 Mrs. Debbie (both classes)



Please join us for the Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar!



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Trinity Episcopal Church
12400 Manor Road
Glen Arm, MD 21057

Saturday, December 3rd
9-3

Craft Vendors Pictures with Santa!
Food Christmas Flowers
Kid's Crafts Great Raffles

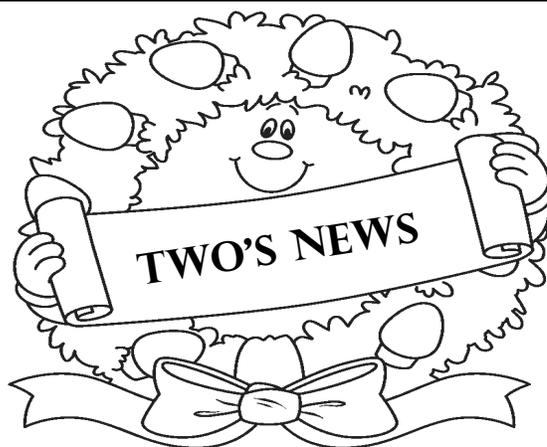
TCDS' INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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 10, April 11, April 12.



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

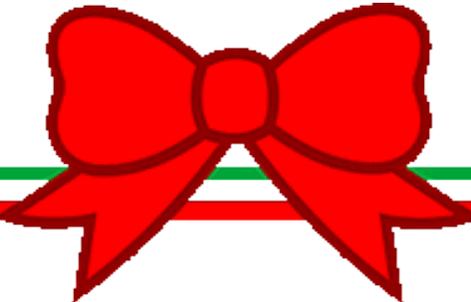
Cole Cunningham
Bryn & Wyatt Miller
Owen Sanders
Hudson Baloga
Mrs. Chrissy Cook
Emerson McCarthy and
Henry Urlock



Our two's Explorers are well under way in the school year and are having fun sharing their Trinity Bear at circle time, moving to our "Ups and Downs" song, as well as creating some fun crafts. We are excited to start talking about the meaning of Christmas, creating holiday crafts and learning some holiday songs to perform for their parents at our Christmas Party.

Mrs. Melissa & Mrs. Lou





PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

This fall has been very busy, fun, and rewarding! In addition to the Scholastic Book Fair and Fall Harvest Party/Chili Cook-off, three other successful events occurred. Restaurant Night at the Green Turtle raised \$214 for the Parents' Club! As always, the kiddos (and parents) loved seeing their friends outside of school! While Joe Corbi may have been a bit hectic at pick-up (thank you to everyone for their patience), Marisa was able to successfully distribute everyone's order without any problems in the short amount of time between delivery and pick-up! Thanks Marisa! The Parents' Club raised about \$1800 thanks to everyone's love of pizza and goodies! Glarus Chocolatier kindly donated \$200 to the Parents' Club from ticket and chocolate sales the night of the wine and chocolate tasting! Thank you very much to the Hauser family for hosting this fantastic event and for their very generous donation!

Winter (and Santa) will be here before we know it and there have been two very busy elves shopping for our Angels! Thank you to Anna and Leslie Gibbons for organizing Wrapping Night and Santa's Workshop, which both happen next week!! Please join us on Wednesday, December 7 @ 6:30 pm (upstairs in the Parish Hall) to wrap all the wonderful presents our Angels will purchase for their loved ones during school on Thursday, December 8 and Friday, December 9. If you are able to help wrap the presents (a very fun evening) or help the children shop (adorable), please sign-up on the Parents' Club bulletin board outside the main office. Look for information and a shopping list in your child's folder. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about the process!

There will be a Bull and Oyster Roast planning meeting during wrapping night. If you're interested in helping (in any way), but can't make the meeting, please contact either Christine Gosnell or Lindsay Cunningham. Line up your babysitter now for an event you won't forget ;) on Friday, March 3!

Thank you to Jose Santiago, Erick Gibbons, Calvin Cook, & Asher Collins for taking the time and effort to add a mast, telescope, and wheel to the ship. Help is still needed to finish this project. If anyone can lend a helping hand, please contact Asher at asher.l.collins@gmail.com. The Dads' Club is planning another evening to blow the leaves off the playground on Monday, December 12. Let Asher know if you can help...

Upcoming events:

- * Bull and Oyster Roast Planning Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 630pm upstairs Parish Hall. We need your help! Please plan to attend! SAVE THE DATE: Bull and Oyster Roast Friday, March 3, 2017
- * Wrapping Night: Wednesday, December 7, 630pm upstairs Parish Hall (This is a FUN ladies evening)!
- * Santa's Workshop: Thursday, December 8 & Friday, December 9 (More information to come).
- * Don't forget to send in your BoxTops. This program runs all year long and is an easy way to contribute to TCDS. Donation boxes are in the lobby.

Thank you to a wonderful school community for all that you do! May your holiday be filled with good health, love, laughter, friends, and family! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jen Collins, Parents' Club President (jen.ch.collins@gmail.com)
Jody Dengler, Parents' Club Vice President
Michelle Semian, Parents' Club Treasurer