



TINY TALES



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

DECEMBER, 2017

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK:

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 fall fundraisers this year. Kristen Callihan 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 third annual Glarus chocolate pairing on November 8. 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 6. Wrapping will begin at 6:30. Santa's Workshop will take place on Thursday and Friday, December 7th and 8th. A flyer and shopping list went home earlier this week. If you would like to sign up for Wrapping Night or to 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? We will be collecting "Angel Gifts" for local families in need at Warren Elementary. Please see the Angel tags and instructions in the lobby. Please also continue to bring in donations for Paul's Place. We will collect food in the lobby until December 6. Let's see if we can meet our goals! Mittens, hats, and scarves will be collected on the tree in the lobby until December 15th as well. These items will be taken down to Paul's Place in Baltimore City.

Our Christmas Chapel is on Friday, December 15th 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. Please drop your child off in their classroom at the assigned time and then find a seat for the service. This service gets VERY crowded, so it's best to get here right at the drop-off time and find a seat! Dismissal will immediately follow the service. There will be **NO BEFORE OR AFTER EXTENDED DAY CARE** on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th**. School will reopen after the holidays on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Mark your calendars for **Conference Day** on **January 12, 2018**. 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 your teacher soon.

If you know any families looking for a school family for next year, please let them know Trinity will host Open Houses on January 10 and January 11. These days will be a great opportunity for prospective families to see how amazing our school is on a regular day and to decide if TCDS is the right place for their child(ren). There is no need for people to schedule a time to come in as the doors will be "open" from 9:30-11:30. Please help us spread the word!

Save your child a spot for next year. **Registration** for our Day School families will take place on **January 18, 2018** in the parish hall. Community registration will be upstairs on January 25, 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:

Practicing Advent

During the weeks before Christmas, as you know, children become increasingly excited and restless. They simply can't wait until Christmas. The radio plays Christmas music, the TV has Christmas specials, even the grocery stores overflow with seasonal variations of standard treats—like red and green filled Oreos. Everything seems to wind our children up into even tighter knots.

What's a parent to do?

Practice Advent—the season of waiting.

Make an Advent wreath. This can be as simple as four votive candles on the coffee table with a bit of ever-green branch or green foil ribbon, arranged around them. Each evening at supper time, light one of the candles as you say grace. When the next Sunday comes, Dec. 9, begin lighting two candles each evening. Add a candle each week until all are burning. On Christmas Eve, light a larger candle and place it in the midst of the other four as you sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

Or make an Advent chain. Staple a loop of construction paper together on Dec. 1 and each day add another loop to the chain. You can use any color, multiple colors, or alternate red and green. As you add the new link to the chain, say a simple prayer with your child for someone in need. You can even write the name of the person, or the cause on the paper before you add it to your Advent chain.

Once you put your Christmas tree up, take a few minutes each evening to sit quietly with your child in front of the tree with the room lights off but the tree lights burning. As you sit with your child, give thanks for the good things that have happened that day and pray for any concerns that might be on your child's mind.

As a part of your holiday preparations, help your child focus on giving as well as receiving. You can do this by having him or her pick out a gift for a needy child the same age. Or toss a few coins into the Salvation Army barrel at the store. Have your child make a Christmas card for a grandparent or elderly neighbor.

Take time out from the busyness and read a holiday book to your child. There are many good Christmas stories that your child will enjoy. Of course, one of the stories should be about Jesus' birth so that your child is reminded that Christmas celebrates Jesus' birth.

If you take time to practice Advent with your child, you can help her or him unwind. An added bonus will be that you find yourself de-stressing at the same time. And your whole family will be in better shape to welcome Jesus on Christmas Day.

Dr. Fran+



CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY (Join us for any of these services)

Blue Christmas — Dec. 17, 4p.m. : Need a few minutes of quiet during the crazy holiday season? Not feeling very jolly? Missing a loved one? Consider attending Trinity's "Blue Christmas" service. Using scripture, recorded music, silence and prayer, we hope to give people a chance to acknowledge grief and sadness while embracing the hope the Christ Child brings.

Advent 4 — Dec. 24, 10:00 a.m. : We will mark the last Sunday of Advent with a single morning service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve — Dec. 24, 9 p.m. : The late services on Christmas Eve is geared towards adults and youth. We sing favorite Christmas carols as we welcome the birth of the Christ Child.

Christmas Day — Dec. 25, 10 a.m. : Because many people find the Christmas Eve Family Service too early or too noisy, and the Christmas Eve late service too late, we will celebrate Christmas on Christmas Day as well, at 10 a.m. There will be no music at this service, except for the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful" at the end.

MUSIC NOTES



The 3's and 4's classes were eager to share songs during Thanksgiving Chapel, and I thought they did a beautiful job!



During November, 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 for a game, dancing 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 (think reindeer and elves and Santa, himself)!

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!

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

Musically,
Ms. Sue



CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

December 15, 2017

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)
Mrs. Debbie (3 day 3's)

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



Please us reach our goal
of 300 cans by
December 6th!

Help decorate
our tree with



hats, mittens
and scarfs
By Dec. 15



Angel Gifts Outreach

Pick an angel and help a local
family in need for Christmas.



All donations
due by
Dec. 15



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 2nd
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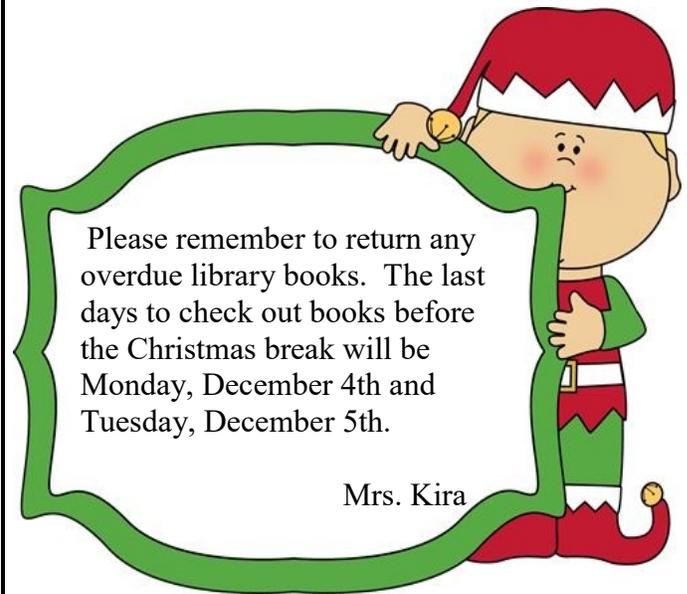
Craft Vendors Pictures with Santa!
Food Christmas Flowers
Kid's Crafts Great Raffles

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

Owen Sanders,
Maxwell Duncan,
Mrs. Chrissy Cook,
Matthew Buttarazzi,
Samuel Buttarazzi,
Benecio Santiago,
Benjamin McComas,
Benjamin McDonald, and
Emily Shiel.



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 4th and Tuesday, December 5th.

Mrs. Kira

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: March 26, 27, and 28..



EXTENDED DAY NEWS:



The Christmas spirit is here once again at Extended Day. Come help us celebrate with sparkling crafts, stories and holiday fun! Our Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 14th. We hope you will join us. You will surely have a tree-mendously good time!



Mrs. Vicky,
Ms. Mindy &
Ms. Olivia



Parents' Club News

Thank you for everyone's support and enthusiasm this fall! The Parents' Club had a busy and successful fall season. Restaurant Night at Gunpowder Lodge raised \$150. Our Angels loved playing on the playground while the adults socialized and enjoyed an evening out. Thanks to everyone who attended this event! Our most recent event was very well attended and raised about \$400 for the Parents' Club. Thank you to Glarus Chocolatier for their generous donation and for organizing an evening filled with friends, chocolate, and libations. We are always grateful to the Hauser family for their continued generosity and kindness!

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! Please join us on Wednesday, December 6 @ 630 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 7 and Friday, December 8. 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 or contact Anna or Leslie Gibbons. Information about this event and a shopping list recently came home in your child's folder. Please return your shopping list on your child's shopping day along with a check payable to TCDS Parents' Club. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions about the process!

Upcoming Events:

Wrapping Night: Wednesday, December 6, 630 pm upstairs in the Parish Hall

Bull and Oyster Roast Planning Meeting: Wednesday, December 6 during Wrapping

Night **SAVE THE DATE: Bull and Oyster Roast** – Friday, March 23, 2018

Santa's Workshop: Thursday, December 7 & Friday, December 8 (9-12 both days)

Don't forget to send in your **BoxTops**. This program runs all year and is an easy way to contribute to TCDS. A donation box is in the lobby.

Viewing of Home Again (Reese Witherspoon's movie) in January (in Parish Hall). Date TBA.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

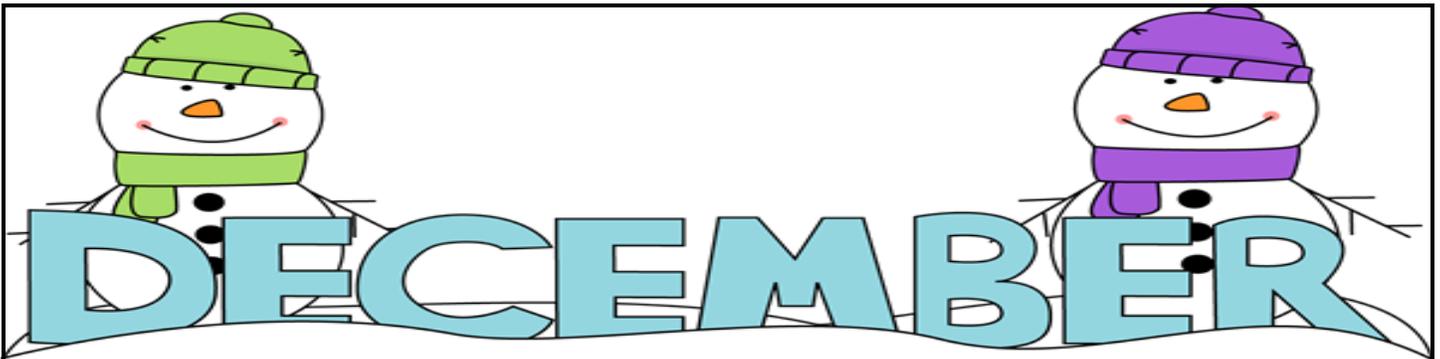
Jen Collins, Parents' Club President (jen.ch.collins@gmail.com)

Jennifer Runde, Parents' Club

Cari Santiago, Parents' Club

Vice President

Treasurer



December	1	Staff Development - CLOSED for students
	2	Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar
	6	Wrapping night for Santa's Workshop
	7-8	Santa's Workshop
	15	Christmas Chapel
	16 – Jan. 1	Christmas Holiday – TCDS Closed



January

January 2	School Reopens
8	TCDS Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
10-11	Open House
12	Conference Day – TCDS CLOSED for students - Extended Day Open
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday – TCDS CLOSED
18	2017-2018 Registration open to Trinity Families
25	2017-2018 Registration Open to the Community

TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

January 10 & 11, 2018

9:30-11:30

*Come by anytime or schedule a tour!



Celebrating 60 years!

Registration for the 2017-18 School Year
In-House: January 18, 2018
Community: January 25, 2018

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- Programs for 2's, 3's, 4's & K and Enrichment Classes
- Library, Chapel, Music & Creative Movement Classes
- Morning and Afternoon Extended Care starting at 8am and ending at 5:30pm
- Field Trips and Special Programs

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From all of your
Trinity Angels !