

Our Lady's Little Christians Preschool

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December, 2015 Newsletter

December days to remember

- Mon-Fri, Dec. 1-11 - *Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night! Tree* is up for collections. We are collecting new: children's **pajamas, slippers, and socks** to be donated to Children's Aid on Dec. 11. New children's **mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves** will be gratefully accepted, appreciated, and delivered, too.
- Wednesday, December 2 - OLLC BOD 6:00 p.m.
- Mon-Fri, Nov 30-Dec 4 - Santa's Secret Shop
- Saturday, December 5 - 9-11 a.m. OLHOC Breakfast with St. Nick – tickets \$5 in the church office
- Monday, December 7 - December tuition due
- Tuesday, December 8 - Chapel – 11 a.m. / 3 p.m.
- Monday, December 14 - Chapel – 11 a.m. / 3 p.m.
- Thursday, December 17 - 2-day Christmas Party*
- Friday, December 18 - 3-day and 5-day Christmas Party*
- Mon-Fri, Dec. 21- Jan. 1 - **Christmas Vacation – closed**

January

- Friday, January 1 - **Happy New Year!!!! - closed**
- Monday, January 4 - School reopens
Open registration for former families and parishioners
- Tuesday, January 5 - Chapel – 11 a.m. / 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 6 - OLLC BOD 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 8 - January tuition due

***A Classroom Gift Exchange** – will take place in the classrooms *before* each of our scheduled Christmas parties. Each boy should bring a wrapped gift for a boy to class on party day. Each girl should bring a wrapped gift for a girl to class on party day. These gifts should be labeled: **To: A Friend, From: (Your Child's Name)**. All of the gifts will be placed in a container and each child will have an opportunity to choose a gift. It will be helpful for you to explain to your child *before* party day that the gift he or she is bringing will be for another classmate and that he or she will receive a different gift. Gifts should be in the \$8-10 price range.

Weather policy:

Please refer to your OLLC Family Handbook under School Closing. Weather-related school closings will correspond with those of Charles County Public Schools. If the county schools:

-Have a One Hour Delay - AM **and** PM Sessions open at the regular time.

-Have a Two Hour Delay - Classes will begin at 12:30 and will alternate between AM and PM classes.

You will receive a SchoolReach call, text message, and/or email stating whose turn it is to attend school. Full day students come to school at 12:30.

-Are Closed for the Day - AM and PM Sessions are canceled.

In the Southern Maryland area, there is always a possibility of weather-related school closings. Always tune in to a local radio station, TV station, or website for updated information on school closings/delays.

Gratitude:

- **Thank you** to Ana Davidson, Kristi Davidson, Alexandra Jossa, and Sara Franck for volunteering in November!
- **Thank you** to everyone who sent in canned food donations on chapel days!

Reminders:

-Current families can register for next year! Don't miss the class you want for fall 2016! Enrollment forms are available in the preschool office. Registration will be opened to former families and Catholic parishioners after Christmas break, and opened to the public in February.

Classroom News

Mrs. Ryon's class

Study Units:

Christmas/ Nativity

December 1-18

December Birthdays!!!!

****Happy birthday Brandon and Samantha! ****

→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→ What can you do at home?

Encourage your children to “use their words”. Ask: “What do you need?” or “How can I help you?” when you notice frustration. Model appropriate ways of expressing needs. For example, “Will you please help me zip my coat?” or “I am thirsty. May I please have a drink of water?” or “Will you please help me clean up these toys?”

Expand your child’s vocabulary by talking about what you are doing throughout the day.



Mrs. Salt's Class

Study Units:

Instruments, Hh, hexagon, 10

Nov. 30 - Dec. 4

Christmas, boxes, Gg, Jj, green*, 11, 12

December 7-18

**The unit colors are listed so that students may participate in the unit by wearing something that color and/or by bringing in pictures (drawn or cut from magazines) of something that color. The pictures will be added to a poster during the week.*

December Birthdays!!!!

****Happy birthday Liam, Chloe, and Kaden! ****

→→→→→→→→→→→→→→→ **What can you do at home?**

Allow children to assume more and more responsibility for themselves and their belongings. At home they can put toys away, help with laundry, put dishes in the sink or dishwasher, dress themselves, etc. At school they can carry and hang up their own school bags, and remove and hang up their own coats.

Read to your children every day! Ask questions during the story (What do you think will happen next?, What would you do if . . . ?, How do you think *that character* is feeling?, etc).

Announcements:

Please see the weekly church bulletin or the church website for more information on holiday Masses and other OLHOC events.
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Click on the little lamb in the upper right corner of the OLHOC website to sign up for Flocknote, to stay informed of parish events.

Looking forward . . .

There is no school for students January 18 and 29.

January 13 is early dismissal for full day students.

February 15 OLLC will be closed.

February 18 there will be no classes at OLLC because we will be on our field trip to the JER Science Center. (As always, each child must be transported and accompanied by an adult.)

February 26 (conference day) there will be no classes for students.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!!

If at any time you decide that you do not want to receive email from OLLC, please send an email to: preschool@olhoc.org.