

All Saints Pre-"Scoop"



December 2017

The month of November is about to be gobbled up! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family, food, faith, and fun.



As December approaches, you can feel the excitement of the season rising. It is such a wonderful time of the year as we prepare and wait for the birth of Jesus this Advent season. The greatest gift we will share this holiday is the birth of baby Jesus. As we look ahead to Christmas, our focus will turn to the theme, "Give God Your Best."

Young children can easily be swept away with the "receiving" part of the holiday merriment. Commercialism and stress during the holiday season can sometimes get the best of us and often we struggle to convey the true meaning of the holidays to our children. In a world of Santa, decorations, toys, and shopping it is hard to compete and easy to lose focus, but the extra attention and effort we take in this endeavor leaves a positive and lasting impression on our children. Please share the gift of **perspective** this Christmas. Rather than over indulging your child with presents, give them the gift of your time and emphasize the importance of giving rather than receiving. Perhaps you can make cookies and share them with a neighbor, or draw Christmas cards to send to family and friends. Stressing thankfulness and gratitude helps children grow into adults who feel appreciative rather than entitled.



Here's a great way to share the gift of time. Dads - please join us for a **A Date with Dad**

Monday, Dec. 4:

* 8:30-9:00 AM with the 3 yr. M-W-F, 4 yr. AM & Enrichment classes

* 3:15-3:45 PM with the 4 yr. PM class

Tuesday, Dec. 5:

* 8:30-9:00 AM with the 3 yr. T-Th class

** If dad is unable to make it, any special adult guest is welcome to join us

Now Featuring

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This month we will focus on the color BLUE or AZUL in Spanish, and the shape, STAR or ESTRELLA in Spanish.

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We're Making a List... and Please Check it Twice

Songs of the Season Concert



Saturday, Dec. 16th 9:00 AM

O' Come, O' Come and listen to us sing!

Get ready to put some spirit in your holidays with an event that you won't want to miss! Invite the **WHOLE** family to join us in the school gym where the preschool children will entertain you with songs of the Christmas season. A reminder with the final details will be sent home prior to the concert. *Please note the Kindergarten-5th grade concert is on Monday, Dec. 18th at 7:00 pm.*

Santa's Surprise Visit - Shhh!

Tuesday, Dec. 19th-

* 4 year old PM class at 3:15 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 20th -

* 3 year old M-W-F class at 11:15 AM

Thursday, Dec. 21st:

* 3 year old T-Th, 4 year old AM & Enrichment classes at 11:15 AM

(NOTE: The Enrichment class will be dismissing at 11:30 AM on Thurs., Dec. 21)

We are sure Santa Claus will put All Saints Preschool on his radar and pop in for a surprise visit. Parents are welcome to join us for his visit before Christmas break. Santa will bring a special delivery of books to the children. We were able to assist Santa with the delivery of books by purchasing these with bonus points we accumulated from the book orders. Thank you for your support! HO HO HO

As long as the weather cooperates, we will try to get out for a breath of fresh air and healthy exercise. *We will not go*

outside if it snows, is icy, or if the temperatures are too cold! Please remember to mark all outer clothing with your child's name. You **DO NOT** need to send snow gear to school. Also, please consider this as an excellent opportunity to help your child learn responsibility by practice putting on their own coat, hat, and mittens, as well as learning to zip, snap, and button.

Preschool closes if the Cedar Rapids Xavier Catholic Schools/ Cedar Rapids Community Schools close due to inclement weather. Local radio, TV, and internet carry these announcements. If school is delayed, an email announcement will be sent.

Preschool registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in January. **Current Preschool families are given the first opportunity to register before opening up registration to the public.** More information will follow in January. Please note we will hold a Preschool and a Kindergarten Parent Informational Evening on Tuesday, Jan. 30th at 6:30 pm for anyone interested in learning more about the programs. Spread the word and tell your friends and neighbors to stop in for a visit or give us a call so we can get them on our mailing list for the 2018-2019 school year!

Christmas Vacation - Dec. 22 - Jan. 2. *Classes resume Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018.*



Remember the most precious gift of Christmas does not come wrapped under the tree...

It is the gift of Christ's love wrapped within the family! Many Blessings to you this Holy Season and wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2018

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