



Church of the Savior Preschool Principal's Corner Newsletter

December 2024

Merry Month of December

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our COS Families!

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is already upon us. As you well know, this is such a busy time for everyone. The month of December seems to fly by, with all the festivities planned, at home, and at school. I hope that you will refer to this newsletter as another reinforcement, or checklist, of all the things that will be happening at school.

November was a busy month, as the children learned all about the meaning of Thanksgiving, and shared "giving thanks" celebrations in their classrooms. In addition, some beautiful crafts were made, including "thankful turkeys" that decorated our hallways. Every feather, of every turkey, symbolized something that each child was thankful for. The teachers and children did a wonderful job decorating these. We had our first "lockdown" during November. All students, staff, and visiting parents did a wonderful job making the children feel safe and comfortable.

This month the children will be learning and experiencing what the true meaning of Christmas is. They will learn this through songs, lessons, chapels, and the Christmas program which will be telling them about the birth of Jesus. This is such an exciting time of the year at school, as the children await Christmas day, and everything leading up to it.

This month will bring lots of festivities and things to do, here at COS. The children and teachers will be as busy as Santa's elves, preparing for Christmas. The four-year old teachers will be sending home advent chains, which parents can count down to Christmas with their children. We will be having our second annual "Christmas Around the World" event on Thursday, December 11th. Our multi-purpose room will be set up to feature different countries and cultures, and the special Christmas traditions of each one will be highlighted. The children will visit this special event with their classes, so that they can experience and enjoy the different foods, traditions, and decorations of these special countries. If you would like to sponsor a country, culture, or holiday, please contact me.

The four-year old teachers will be conducting the first parent-teacher conferences this month. Teachers have sent out the information regarding sign-up, dates, and times.

Later this month, the children will be performing in their Christmas programs, which will be sure to bring that feeling of joy to all, as we hear the children's voices ringing through the chapel. There will also be a special visit from Santa on the program day.

Even though Christmas can be a very exciting time, it can also be a very stressful time. Please make sure that you are taking time to care for yourselves, as it can be very easy to get caught up in the holiday season. Please try to be mindful of others, who are less fortunate. Here at COS, we are participating in the "Toys for Tots" program, with the Paramus Police Department. Teachers have sent home information about this.

Please note that if you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open to you. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any time. I would like to wish every COS family a happy, and healthy Christmas and New Year. May you enjoy time with your families and friends.

Dates to remember:

December 3 & 5 - Parent-teacher conferences for 4-yr old classes

December 3- Advent Wreath Making @ 5:30pm

December 6- Last day of Giving Bean Fundraiser

December 10 - Toys for Tots gift collection day

December 11 – Christmas Around the World, in school event

December 18- Christmas Parties in class

December 20– Christmas Programs for all COS students and visit from Santa-**No formal classes**

December 23-January 1st – No School-Christmas break

Best,

Alex Cavaliere

Matthew 2:10: "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding joy."
