



# December 2018 Newsletter

Holy Cross Christian Nursery School

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## December Happenings at Holy Cross...

### Christmas Celebrations and the Sing Room...

I can't believe that it is almost December.....these last few months have just flown by! December will be such a special and exciting time here at Holy Cross! It is always delightful to be with little children to share the spirit of the season during the holidays. Children love celebrating Christmas, so during Community Sing Time, the children will hear about Christmas through stories and songs and our Chapel visits. Of course we will be learning many songs in preparation for our **Family Holiday Sing-A-Long!** The special songs that we will sing during December are attached to this newsletter.

This month our children will be VERY busy making beautiful projects to decorate our classrooms, our stage (for our Holiday Sing-A-Long) *and* outside (for the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Christmas Light Show & Nativity)....plus, making special gifts for you!! Since all of their projects will be kept here, this month, you won't see much coming home.....until just before Christmas, of course!



### Family Holiday Sing-A-Longs & Parties...



December is a month for families. With this in mind we would like to invite you to come to our FAMILY HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG. On this day, bring your child to their classroom and then head to the stage area of the Parish Center (the back building). At 9:15, the children will head up and onto the stage, with their teachers, to entertain you with all of our wonderful Christmas songs! We will have copies of the words to the songs, so that all can join in for a fun-filled holiday sing-a-long!

*To add a festive touch, we ask that everyone dress in red and green (if possible)!*

### Family Holiday Sing-a-long Schedule:

**\*\*Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.**

**\*\*Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 a.m.**

**\*\* If your child does not attend school on either of these days, they are welcome to come join us, for our Sing-a-long, on either Thursday *or* Friday. Please just let your child's teacher know which day they will be here.**

At lunch on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the children will have a Christmas Party in their classrooms. During the week of December 10 (or before), the teachers will hang up a "Party Sign-Up Sheet"

outside the classroom. This gives you an opportunity to bring in something for the party. If you don't get an opportunity to sign up for this party, please don't worry, there will be other opportunities during the year! *The party is for the children and teachers only, parents are invited to the Sing-A-Long. We hope you can join us!*

~ If your child attends school on *both* Thursday and Friday, you are welcome to attend both sing-a-longs or just choose one.

~ If your child normally leaves school at 11:30, they are welcome to stay until 12:00 on these days for the class party.

~ Please just pack a light lunch on the days of the parties.

## Important Dates – Mark Your Calendar...

**December 10** – Christmas Party Sign-Up Sheets will be posted

**December 13-15** – Holy Cross Lutheran Church Christmas Light Show & Nativity 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
(more details to come)

**December 20 & 21** – Family Holiday Sing-A-Long

**December 20 & 21** – Christmas Parties in the classroom~ *just for the children.*

**December 22-January 1** - We will be closed for our Winter Break.

**January 2, 2019** – Welcome Back! School reopens.



Just in case you haven't noticed.....

Our new playground structure has been installed!! Isn't it great?

We are excited to have this wonderful new addition to our playground. The children have been so excited and have loved being able to play on this new piece of equipment!!

We can't thank all of you enough, for all of your help with our fundraising efforts over the last 2 ½ years (and ongoing ☺), to be able to make this dream a reality!

We also need to give a HUGE thank you, to all of our volunteers, for the installation!

Thank you to;  
Brian McCaskill  
John Janusz  
Doug Grysko  
Chad VanDeventer  
Michael Richardson

.....and, especially to Michael DeMarco, for overseeing the whole project and even recruiting a few more friends to join in the effort on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## Snow Days...

In the event of severe weather conditions, a decision will be made to either cancel school or have a delayed opening (allowing time for the snowplows to do their jobs and for everyone to be able to get to the school safely). **We will follow the Toms River School District.** As soon as a decision has been made, it will be announced on 92.7 WOBN and listed on their website [wobm.com](http://wobm.com). In addition, an e-mail blast will be sent to all families and we will post it on our FB page and our website, <http://holycrossnurseryschooltr.com/>. If, during the course of the morning, a delayed opening changes to a closing, there will be an updated e-mail blast and it will be updated on the above stations and websites as well. If in doubt, be sure to check your email or call the school before venturing out in the cold...if no one answers, leave a message and we will call you back *if we are open*.

***\*Please be sure to inform the office of any changes in your e-mail address.\****

### DELAYED OPENING TIME SCHEDULE

School will start at 10:00 a.m. for everyone

**\*\*There will be NO early childcare available on these days\*\***

***\*\*\*Please remember that the state requires that ALL children between the ages of 2 and 5 have the flu vaccination by December 31<sup>st</sup> to attend school. Please give your proof of immunization to the office by January 2, 2019.\*\*\****

***\*With the colder weather upon us, don't forget to switch the change of clothes in your child's backpack!\****

## Thank You...

- ❖ To all who donated canned goods for the food pantry! We had soo much to contribute and it is **greatly** appreciated!!!



THANK YOU.....(CONTINUED)

- ❖ To everyone that supported our Scholastic Book Fair! Not only are you supporting a love of reading, but we raised over 600 Scholastic Dollars, that we can use for our school! We will be purchasing another fabulous rug, for one of our classrooms!
- ❖ To Kristie Ferrara and Ashley Johnston, who donated their time to help us with the Scholastic Book Fair!
- ❖ To everyone that ordered our Holy Cross Spirit Wear! We will be sure to let you know, when we are having our Holy Cross Spirit Days!!

From Mrs. G and the all of Holy Cross Staff...We wish you all a wonderful & blessed holiday and a relaxing & fun winter vacation!

We'll see you back at school on January 2, 2019!

