

# Director's Corner:



## December

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### Week of Prayer, Dec. 1-5

St. John's will be opening the church sanctuary everyday this week for staff, parents, and church members to pray. As we face challenges in our lives, we want to turn to the True Comforter and True Provider—Jesus. Please take an opportunity this week to pray for you, your child(ren), your family, your church, St. John's and any others who may be facing challenging situations. Prayer guides will be available in the sanctuary with specific needs listed.

### Thanksgiving Feast a Success

Thank you to all who contributed to our feast. The children and teachers did a wonderful job with the program. I'm always amazed by how much 3, 4, and 5 year olds can do and all that their brains can absorb! The children did a fabulous job of giving God thanks for His many blessings. The feast was a success

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We had  
everyone  
Thank  
bringing



as well. We had over  
people in attendance.  
just enough food for  
to have a full plate.  
you, parents, for  
such delicious food.

A special thank you goes to **Tonya Young, Norma Rodriguez, and Cyndi Bane** for helping with set up and providing paper products. Also a special thank you goes to **Shannon Johnson** for also helping with paper products and for assisting with clean up. We always enjoy these gatherings as a time to meet friends and family and fellowship with one another.

### Christmas Program, "I Am"

For the next 2½ weeks, the children will be preparing for our Christmas program, "I Am." The program is a nativity pageant with costumes, several songs, and speaking parts. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Jones' class will be angels. Ms. Herron and Mrs. Bane's class will

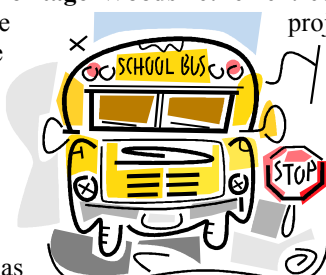


be various nativity characters with short speaking parts. **Please keep a lookout for a practice cd, part assignments, lines, and costume requirements by Friday, Dec. 5.**

We will have a **dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 17** during the school Chapel service. **All children need to be at school by 8:15 a.m. that day.** Parents are invited. **The program is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. **Children need to arrive by 6:00 p.m.** We will have a **dessert reception following** in the lunchroom. **Every family needs to bring a dessert** that evening. Friends and family are all invited to this special evening.

### Field Trip/Service Project

On **Thursday, December 11** both preschool classes will be **returning to Heritage Woods** retirement community for an outreach/service project. Just like last year, we of our program **will sing some Christmas songs, do a craft project with some of the residents and eat a snack together.** **Kim Stone** organized this last year and has booked us again this year. **The teachers and I** will be coordinating the details.



Heritage Woods is a beautiful facility, similar to a nice hotel. It does **not** have the feel of a nursing home or hospital. It is a few miles from the school, not far from Home Depot near Hanes Mall Blvd. The residents are friendly and approachable. The children were very comfortable last year.

**We would like for each child to bring a small plant to give to a resident.** Children will need to wear their St. John's t-shirt or a red shirt and bring their car/booster seat.

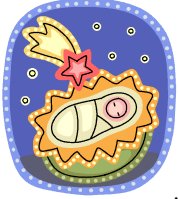
With both classes attending, we will need some parent provided transportation in addition to the vans. **Please let Mrs. Lovejoy know if you can drive** and how many children

can ride with you. Also, if you have specific requests about where your child rides, please contact Mrs. Lovejoy. As for all our field trips, the vans are driven by trained drivers age 21

yrs. and older (usually Mrs. Bane, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Lovejoy or Miss Tiffany Hipsley). **All children need to arrive by 9:00 a.m. We will depart promptly at 9:30 a.m. We will return by 11:30 a.m.**

will also be a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. in the lunchroom as well as craft projects in one of the classrooms. Please come out for this exciting event. Proceeds will benefit middle school class trips and St. John's as a whole.

## Gifts for Baby Jesus



St. John's will be doing a service project during December, asking students to bring in baby items for Jesus. These items could be diapers, bottles, pacifiers, formula, etc. All gifts will be donated to the Salem Pregnancy Center. We will be telling younger children that these gifts will be going to new babies whose parents may not be able to afford these items. The preschool classes would like children to bring gifts for Baby Jesus on **Friday, December 19** during our class parties. Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped. Please read The Falcon newsletter for more information.

## Class Pajama Parties, Last Day

Each preschool class will have their own class party on Friday, Dec. 19 in their classrooms. This will also be our pajama party day. Children may wear modest and warm pj's and slippers and may bring a soft sleep friend. We will watch a movie, eat snacks, read the Christmas story. We will also give our gifts to baby Jesus, give gifts to our parents, and the teachers will give a gift to the children. Teachers will be in touch with parents about the details of this day. Our T, W, Th children are invited to attend. Parents are welcome. We will begin around 9:30 and end by 11:30. This is also the last day of school before Christmas Break. The preschool will follow a normal schedule.



## St. John's Christmas Bazaar, Dec. 12

St. John's is hosting a Christmas Bazaar and bake sale in the Family Life Center. Several vendors will be on hand. There

### Important Dates:



- **Dec. 1-5**—Week of Prayer.
- **Dec. 1**—Mrs. Herron out, Mrs. Chancey to sub
- **Dec. 2**—Mrs. Lovejoy and husband to be interviewed on Fox 8 at 7:15 a.m. Mrs. Lovejoy will be in at noon.
- **Dec. 3, 10, 17** St. John's Advent Dinners 5:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and service following.
- **Dec. 5**—3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
- **December 9-11**—Pastor candidate, Ken Roberts to visit the church and school.
- **Dec. 11**—Both preschool classes field trip to Heritage Woods retirement community. Departing at 9:15 a.m.
- **Dec. 12**—St. John's Christmas Bazaar, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- **Dec. 13**—St. John's Staff Christmas Party
- **Dec. 16**—K-2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- **Dec. 17**—Preschool Dress Rehearsal of Christmas Program during chapel. All children need to arrive by 8:15 a.m.
- **Dec. 17**—Middle School Christmas Program during Advent Service, 7 p.m.
- **Dec. 18**—Preschool Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. with dessert reception following. Children need to arrive by 6:00 p.m.
- **Dec. 19**—baby items for "baby Jesus" to be donated to the Salem Pregnancy Center are due.
- **Dec. 19**—Class Pajama Parties. Three-day-a-week children are invited.
- **Dec. 19**—Middle School Midnight Madness.
- **Dec. 19**—last day of school before Christmas break.
- **Dec. 23-Jan. 2**—school closed for Christmas Break
- **Dec. 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 2**—Camp Falcon Christmas (registration forms/schedule available in the office and on line at [www.stjohnsws.org](http://www.stjohnsws.org) under "Camp Falcon Christmas")
- **Jan. 5**—school back in session



Don't forget that the **preschool is closed for Christmas Break December 22-January 2. Camp Falcon Christmas will be open Dec. 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 2. Children must be registered to attend. A daily rate of \$32/full day or \$22/half day (any 5 hours or less) applies.**