

Salem Methodist Preschool

January 2017



Calendar

Tues/Wed/Thurs Jan
3/4/5 - Winter Camp
and Extended Care

Fri Jan 6th - Extended
Care only

Mon Jan 9th - preschool
classes resumes

Week of Jan 9th -
placement
recommendations out to
current families

Jan 9 - Jan 23 - Little
Caesar's Pizza
fundraiser at Salem!

Wed Jan 11th - Tours
begin for prospective
families

Mon Jan 16th - NO
SCHOOL - Martin Luther
King Holiday

Tues Jan 17th - January
tuition due to office

Week of Jan 23rd -
Registration request
packets distributed in
cubbies

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season! We are looking forward to seeing everyone very soon! Winter Camp and Extended care will be running on the 3rd, 4th and 5th and Extended only on the 6th. Preschool programs resume on Monday, January 9th.

Thank you to everyone who brought treats, plates, napkins, cups, and punch for the Christmas receptions. We had special Christmas programs and I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did!

Cindy

PS. Please note that January tuition will now be due by Tuesday January 17th because of the late start after the holidays.



Mon Jan 23rd - Order forms due for Little Caesar's Pizza

Wed/Thurs Jan 25/26 - Stretch N Grow

Wed Feb 1st - Pizza arrives for pickup (beginning at 11:00 am)

Thurs Feb 2nd - In-house registration requests due to office for 2017-2018

Feb 13th - New family registration

Feb 13 & 14 - Valentine's Day parties

Mon Feb 20 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day (Note: Barrington 220 is off on Fri 2/17, Salem is IN session)

Week of Feb 27 - Mar 3 -Book Fair

Thurs Mar 2 & Fri Mar 3 Parent Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL EXCEPT EXTENDED CARE and Enrichment classes

Wed/Thurs/Fri March 8/9/10 - Donuts with Dad (8:30 am)

Wed/Thurs Mar 15 & 16 - Pre K, 4's-A and 4's field trips to Max McGraw

Mon Mar 27 - Fri Mar 31 - NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK (Salem is IN session on Friday 3/24)

Mon April 3 - Classes resume

Pre K getting ready for their performance!



The 4's retelling the story of Jesus' birth!

It will be good to be back in a routine again. Please don't be surprised if your child has a little trouble separating from you - remember they have just spent over two weeks with the family and have new toys at home that they may not want to leave. It may take a little while for them to adjust, and we are ready to help with the transition.

Please read the registration section **CAREFULLY** in this newsletter. Please ask if you have any questions! We will be happy to schedule a visit for you so you can see a "future" class in action.



Winter Weather

Winter is here and the possibility of inclement weather needs to be addressed. It is time to use special caution as you pick up and drop off your child/ren in the parking lot. Our lot does "shrink" as the snow is plowed, so please build in time for parking.

The season also brings weather conditions which may require school cancellation. In case of unsafe winter conditions, Salem will close. We will make every effort to remain open in the case of severe cold weather conditions. Closing information will be sent out as soon as possible via School Rush, email and will also be listed on the website www.emergencyclosing.com. Missed days because of weather conditions will not be made up.

DO YOU NEED A RECEIPT FOR TAXES?

Please let the preschool office know and we will be happy to complete one.

January is a GREAT Time to Add Enrichment Classes!

Looking for additional time in the afternoon or another day of preschool for your child? January is a perfect time to add more days or enrichment classes! Stop by the preschool office for more details!

Updating Information

Has your phone number, cell phone, email and/or address changed? If so, please notify the office immediately so that we can update your files! This is extremely important - especially if we need to get hold of you because of a sudden illness or accident.

If you have any additions for the pick up form, please see the office also. We will notify the classroom teacher(s).

Preschool Registration 2017-2018 School Year -

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is beginning soon. You will receive in-house registration request forms the week of January 23rd. A box marked "Registration," located next to the tuition box outside of the preschool office, will be available for you to drop off your forms. Please note that we ask that you list **FIRST** and **SECOND** choices for class days and times. Each year many of the classes have too many requests and second choices need to be assigned using a lottery drawing for individual classes (a waitlist is formed for first choice).

Salem will continue to offer "traditional" and "enrichment" classes along with Stay 'N Play. We will also be continuing our extended care to families that need a longer day. Programming will begin at 7:00 am and run until 6:00 pm but flexibility for number of days and times continues to be available! Salem morning preschool times will continue to run from 9:00am-11:30 am, Stay 'N Play 11:30-1:00 and Enrichment from 12:30-2:00pm. We appreciate all of the input you gave us regarding our starting time. After much deliberation the preschool board decided to remain with the same start time schedule and re-evaluate as Barrington 220 adjusts to their new schedule this coming fall. Early Birds (8:00 am or earlier) will be available. We are excited to continue this programming at Salem!

Current students and siblings **MUST** have their forms and the \$85 registration/supply fee (per child) turned into the office on or before **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd**.

I will not begin to open any forms until this date, but you may begin turning them in right away. If you need additional forms for siblings, please stop by the office. New family registration begins on February 13th.

Outdoor Play

DCFS requires that we have outdoor time every class day if it is not raining and the temperature is above 20 degrees (including wind chill factor).



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A HAT, MITTENS, BOOTS, and SNOWPANTS. These should **ALL** be **LABELED!!** Many times children will insist that something does not belong to them - especially when the item is new! When a class goes outside, everyone needs to go out. We do not have enough staff to allow a student to stay indoors when the class goes outside.

We have plenty of lululemon bags for snow gear storage if you need - stop by the office!

You can check the weather channel for weather temperatures. This is what we check each morning!

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA FUNDRAISER!

Just in time for the big game in February! Check out a new fundraiser for the preschool. . . Little Caesars Pizza kits come frozen and ready to spread, add cheese, choice of toppings and bake right at home. Order forms will be distributed this week and will be due by Monday January 23rd. The kits will be delivered on Wednesday, February 1st after 11:00 am.



Pizza Order Form and Information

Calling All Dads, Grandpas and guests!

Dads, Granddads and guests . . . This is your special day! Please mark your calendar NOW for a special event with your child. The preschool will be hosting "Donuts with Dad" on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 8th (8:30-9:00 am) in Fellowship Hall

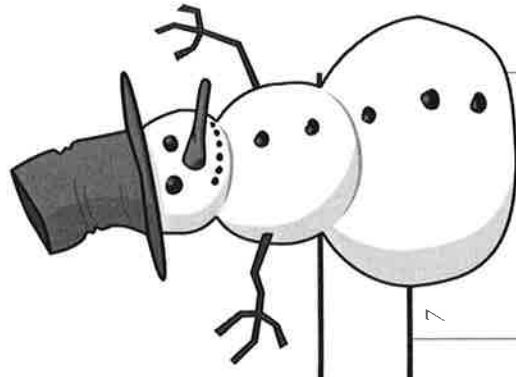
Thursday, March 9th (8:30-9:00 am) in Fellowship Hall


Friday, March 10th (8:30-9:00 am) in Fellowship Hall



Please choose the date which will work best for your schedule! Watch for more details!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 	2 Salem Closed	3 Winter Camp (9-12:30) & Extended Care	4 Winter Camp (9-12:30) & Extended Care	5 Winter Camp (9-12:30) & Extended Care	6 Extended Care only
8	9 Preschool classes resume Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser begins	10	11	12	13
15	16 MLK Holiday NO SCHOOL	17 January tuition due	18	19	20
22	23 Little Caesar's Pizza orders Registration packets distributed	24	25 Stretch N Grow	26 Stretch N Grow	27
	30	31	Feb 1 Little Caesar's Pizza delivery date	Feb 2 Barrington 220 Kindergarten Roundup 7:00 pm	Feb 3
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