

Salem Methodist Preschool December 2017



Calendar

Tues 12/5 - Pre K
Gingerbread House
(10:30 am)

Wed 12/20 - Christmas
Programs (see schedule)
and reception

Thurs 12/21 - Christmas
Programs (see schedule)
and reception

Thurs 12/21- Last day
preschool before break

Fri 12/22 Extended
Care (7 am-6 pm) ONLY

Dec 23-Jan 1 - Salem
closed for holidays

Tues 1/2 - Thurs 1/4 -
Winter Camp (9-12:30)
and Extended Care
(7am-6 pm)

Fri 1/5 - Extended Care
(7am-6pm) ONLY

Mon 1/8 - Preschool
classes resume

January - Little Caesar's
Pizza Fundraiser begins!

Week of Jan 8th -
Placement
recommendations out to
current families

Tues 1/9 - Barrington
220 resumes classes

Wed/Thur Jan 10/11 -
Stretch N Grow

Mon 1/15 - NO SCHOOL
- MLK Holiday

Dear Preschool Parents,

Our Thanksgiving Feasts were a huge success! Thank you to the wonderful parents and grandparents who helped with kitchen duty, serving and cleanup! Thank you, also for the beautiful feathers that decorated our turkey along with the canned goods that were collected during the feasts! All the food was delivered to the local food pantry.

Cindy



Week of Jan 15th -
Registration request
packets distributed in
cubbies for 2018-2019

Mon 1/22 - Little
Caesar's Pizza orders
due

Mon/Tues Jan 23/24 -
Children's Chapel

Wed 1/31- Little
Caesar's Pizza orders
arrive



Enjoying the All-School feasts!!



It's hard to believe that December is here! This is a busy month for all. The children are already preparing special gifts for their families, as well as some songs and fingerplays for you to come and hear during our Christmas programs. Please refer to the schedule in this newsletter for specific dates and times that we will be having our Christmas programs. Dec 20th and 21st are the scheduled dates for all classes. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate the season!

The staff at Salem wish you all a safe and
peaceful holiday season!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

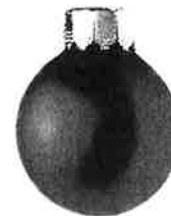
Program Offerings for 2018-2019 School Year

Registration requests for the 18-19 school year will begin in January. Packets will be distributed the week of Jan 15th. The teachers will also be distributing placement letter recommendations prior to this. Please feel free to talk with the staff or the office regarding next year's placement options.

If you would like to observe a class, please arrange this through the office.

Preschool Christmas Programs

Preschool families and friends - you are all invited to join us for our Christmas programs. ALL classes will begin their NORMAL times. (9:00 am and 12:30 pm) and extended care will run 7 am - 6 pm.



Wednesday, December 20th - AM

Young 2's families meet in Room 115 at 11:15 am for a short program.

2's MWF A & B families meet in the parlor at 10:15 am for a short program and followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to watch the 10:30 program first then go to the reception or go straight to the reception.

3's MWF families will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for a short program. Sign out your child and head to Fellowship Hall for reception. You are welcome to watch the 10:30 program first then go to the reception or go straight to the reception.

Pre 4's MWF families meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for a short program. Sign out your child and stay in Fellowship Hall for reception. You are welcome to watch the 10:30 program first then go to the reception or go straight to the reception.

Pre K families go right to the Sanctuary for the program. The Pre K class will be singing at 10:30 am. Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Regular class schedule for 4's. Stay 'N Play, afternoon enrichment classes and extended care will meet as scheduled.

Thursday, December 21st - AM

Young 2's families meet in Room 115 at 11:15 am for a short program.

2's TTH A & B families meet in the parlor at 10:15 am for a short program and followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to watch the 10:30 program first then go to the reception or go straight to the reception.

3's TTH families will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for a short program. Sign out your child and head to Fellowship Hall for reception. You are welcome to watch the 10:30 program first then go to the reception or go straight to the reception.

Pre 4's TTH families meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am for a short program. Sign out your child and stay in Fellowship Hall for reception. You are welcome to watch the 10:30 program first then go to the reception or go straight to the reception.

4's MTWR families go right to the Sanctuary for the program. The 4's classes will have their performance at 10:30 am. Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Pre K, afternoon enrichment classes, Stay 'N Play, and extended care will meet as scheduled.

If you would like to bring store-bought treats, juice, or paper products for our receptions - watch for sign up sheets! Paper goods and punch may be delivered at any time. Please bring these items to the office.

These are special days for our children. Please ask teachers or the office if you need any clarification regarding this information. Please mark your calendar for this special time with your child!

Mark your calendar now for a special concert!



**Miss Carole and Clarence of Macaroni Soup will be coming to Salem Methodist Preschool on Thursday February 22nd at 6:15 pm for an evening concert! Pizza dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Where there are kids, Macaroni Soup! provides active musical entertainment that sparkles! The evening will be full of kid-friendly songs, dances and movement activities that keeps everyone engaged!
More details to follow!**

Outdoor Play

DCFS requires that we have outdoor time every class is it 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. A separate (**sturdy**) bag also is very helpful for these items. These should be **ALL LABELED!!!** Many times children will insist than an article of clothing does not belong to them - especially when the item is new! This is especially important for the children in Stay 'N Play. Backpacks and clothing articles **MUST** be LABELED!

We have an entire case of lululemon bags for you to use for winter gear stored in the preschool office. They are a great way to store everything! Please be sure to label the outside of the bag in addition to the items inside the bag! We have duct tape if you need for labeling the bags.

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.

Winter Weather

As the holiday season approaches, it reminds us of the possibility of inclement weather. It is time to use SPECIAL caution as you pick up and drop off your child/ren in the parking lot. Our lot will "shrink" when the snow arrives and it is plowed. We lose parking spaces, so please plan ahead.

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. Please tune into WMAQ 670, WGN 720, or WBBM 780 for school closing information. You can also log on to the Emergency Closing Center (www.EmergencyClosings.com) and check if the preschool is listed.

IMPORTANT - We will be also-utilizing SCHOOL RUSH to notify parents when Salem is closed. You will NOT be receiving a phone call as has been done in the past. A text and email will be sent to your contact information via School Rush. If you have not logged in, please do so ASAP!

Salem Babysitting Fundraiser - Friday Dec 15th

Enjoy an evening out while your children are enjoying themselves at Salem AND support the youth for their upcoming mission trip. Children ages 3 and up and invited to join in the fun on Friday Dec 15th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Dinner is served. Contact the church office (847) 381-0524 on or before Dec 13th. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Winter Camp

We will be offering a Winter Camp on Tuesday 1/2, Wednesday 1/3 and Friday 1/4 from 9-12:30. Preschool begins again on Monday, January 8th, so take advantage of us after the holidays! Flyers for this camp have been distributed and we have extra outside of the office. Space is limited - first come, first served.

[Download Winter Camp Flyer](#)

Extended Care will be available on 12/22, 1/2-1/5. The preschool is closed 12/23-1/1.

Dads, Grandpas and special guests . . .

Mark your 2018 calendar now for Donuts with Dad dates!

Wednesday, March 14th - Donuts for Dad (8:30 am)

Thursday, March 15th - Donuts for Dad (8:30 am)

Friday, March 16th - Donuts for Dad (8:30 am)



Salem UMC & Christmas Eve Services

Advent is the season of anticipation and preparation that comes before Christmas. Salem Church will be celebrating the Advent season with this special event, followed by two Christmas Eve services.



Sunday, December 17th 10:30 am - Salem's Christmas Concerts
(all choirs) - Service woven with scripture and prayer as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sunday, December 24th - 10:30 am Sunday morning church service

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve - 6:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service

All are welcome to celebrate the season at Salem UMC!

SCHOOL RUSH - Did you know???

Did you know that you can access the phone directory from this? Did you know that you will receive a feed from your teachers(s) and/or the office with pictures and reminders? Did you know that a calendar is posted on the app? Did you know that if Salem is closed for a snow day you will receive a notification through School Rush?

If you need assistance with loading, please contact the preschool office and we will assist you!



School Rush!™

"Lunch is served"

Hello Salem families!! By way of introduction, I'm Chef Jacki and I prepare your children's lunches. I've been in and out of the Foodservice industry since I was in high school. I'm certified/licensed in Foodservice Management, by the National Restaurant Association, and by the State of Illinois Department of Public Health.

My connection to Salem are my granddaughters, Brienne and Marlies Geissler. Brienne is in Pre-K and Marlies is now in first grade at Hough. If you have been around Salem as long as these two, you may have seen a few changes in the food we've been serving. Let me take this opportunity to answer some questions I've been asked.

What is "sprinkle cheese"? "Sprinkle Cheese" is grated parmesan cheese in a container. Kraft is probably the most recognizable in a clear plastic with a green label. That's what your child will point out to you in the store.

What pasta do you serve? We've found that Rotini stays on their "sporks" best. Smaller pastas slide off and children get frustrated. Another pasta favorite we introduced last year is cheese filled Ravioli - or "pillows" as my granddaughters know it. We also began serving Annie's Mac and Cheese last year.

I enjoy working on the menu with the Salem teachers and staff. The reward has been the kids' faces. Feel free to reach out with any questions or suggestions.

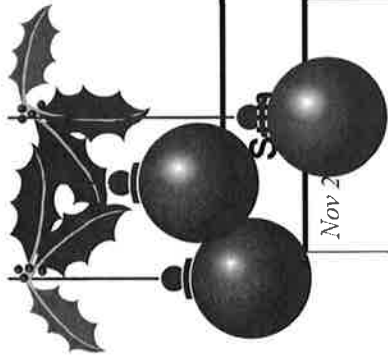
Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser!

January is just around the corner and that means it's time to start thinking about PIZZA and the BIG football game! Our big fundraiser for the year will kick off when we return in January! The frozen kits are easy to make up and delicious to eat!


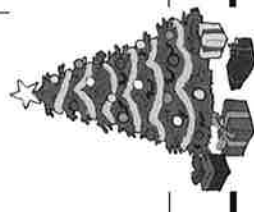




Order forms will be due to the office by Jan 22nd and your order will arrive on Wednesday, Jan 31st!

Thank you in advance for your support!



December 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	1	2	
		Stretch N Grow	Stretch N Grow	Stretch N Grow		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		 Pre K Gingerbread House 10:30 am				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Salem Youth babysitting fundraiser 6-9 pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Salem UMC Music Programs 10:30 am			Christmas Programs & Reception	21 Christmas Programs & Reception Last day preschool	Extended Care ONLY	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
 Christmas Eve Services: 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Salem CLOSED—Christmas Break					
31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6
		Winter Camp 9-12:30 Extended Care	Winter Camp 9-12:30 Extended Care	Winter Camp 9-12:30 Extended Care	Extended Care ONLY	Preschool resumes 1/8