

Salem Methodist Preschool December 2018



Calendar

Tues 12/4 - Pre K
Gingerbread House
(10:30 am)

Wed 12/5 - Cookie
Dough and Popcorn order
pickup

Wed/Thurs 12/5 & 12/6
- Stretch N Grow
sessions

Tues 12/18 - Music
Classes

Wed 12/19 - Christmas
Programs (see schedule)
and reception

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

Fri 12/21- Last day
preschool before break -
Christmas Fun Day, wear
PJ's

Dec 22-Jan 1 - Salem
closed for holidays

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

Mon 1/7 - Preschool
classes resume

January - Little Caesar's
Pizza Fundraiser begins!

Dear Preschool Parents,

Our Thanksgiving Feasts were a huge success! Thank you to the wonderful parents and special guests 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



Enjoying the
All-School
feasts!!

Week of Jan 7th -
Placement
recommendations out to
current families

Tues 1/8 - Barrington
220 resumes classes

Wed 1/9 - Stretch N
Grow

Week of Jan 14th -
Registration request
packets distributed in
cubbies for 2019-2020

Tues 1/15 - Music
Classes

Wed/Thur Jan 16/17 -
Stretch N Grow

Mon 1/21 - NO SCHOOL
- MLK Holiday

Fri 1/18 - Little Caesar's
Pizza orders due

Wed 1/30- Little
Caesar's Pizza orders
arrive



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 19th and 20th 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!

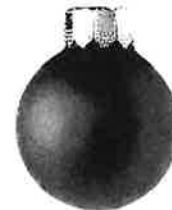
**Program Offerings for 2019-2020
School Year**

Registration requests for the 19-20 school year will begin in January. Packets will be distributed the week of Jan 14th. 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 enrichment at 12:30 pm) and extended care will run 7 am - 6 pm.



Wednesday, December 19th - 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 and 3-Room 202 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 20th - AM

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 and 3-Room 202 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 coming via email on SignUp Genisus! 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!

Winter Weather

Our recent early winter storms reminds us of the continued 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" as more 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 long on to the Emergency Closing Center (www.EmergencyClosings.com) and check is 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!

Dads, Grandpas and special guests . . .

Mark your 2019 calendar now for Donuts with Dad dates!

Wednesday, March 13th- Donuts for Dad (8:30 am)

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

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



Winter Camp

We will be offering a Winter Camp on Wednesday 1/2, Thursday 1/3 and Friday 1/4 from 9-12:30. Preschool begins again on Monday, January 7th, 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 also be available on these dates. The preschool is closed 12/22-1/1.

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.

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 16th 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.

Tuesday, December 18th 7:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service

Monday, 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!™

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!

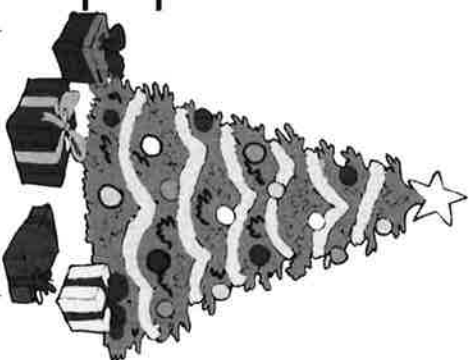
Order forms will be due to the office by Jan 18th and your order will arrive on Wednesday, Jan 30th!

Thank you in advance for your support!





December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
2	3 Last day to drop off items for Barrington Giving Day	4 Pre K Gingerbread House 10:30 am	5 Cookie Dough delivery—Welcome Center Stretch N Grow	6 Stretch N Grow	7	
9	10	11	12	13	14	
16	17	18 Music Classes Blue Christmas Service 7:00	19 Christmas Programs & Receptions	20 Christmas Programs & Receptions	21 Last day of pre-school before break—Christmas Fun Day!	
23	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm	25 Christmas	Salem Closed—Christmas Break			
30	31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	
	Salem Closed		Winter Camp 9-12:30 Extended Care	Winter Camp 9-12:30 Extended Care	Winter Camp 9-12:30 Extended Care	Jan 5
						8 Barrington Giving Day
						15
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2019 Winter Camp!!

Salem is offering a fun camp to break up the down time after the holidays. Let us know if you are interested. – First Come, First Served!

Winter Camp –Wed, Jan 2nd, Thurs, Jan 3rd and Fri, Jan 4th

******Preschool begins on the 7th. Barr. District 220 will not return to school until Jan. 8th.

We will be providing fun activities for your children during this time and we will also provide lunch. **Limited Spaces Available!!**

Times will be from 9:00 to 12:30.

Fees will be \$40.00 per day. You can sign up for one day or more.
(Extended Care will also be available if needed – contact the office.)

We will also be offering Early Birds for your convenience if necessary. You can drop off as early as 7:00 am. See fees below.

Please RSVP by Tues. December 11th, so that we may arrange appropriate staffing.

Child's name _____ Current Class _____

Days needed: please circle W (2nd) TH (3rd) F (4th)

Early Birds needed: please circle W (2nd) TH (3rd) F (4th) N/A

____ Enclosed is payment (\$40 per day) for ____ number of days for Camp, plus Early Birds if needed.

Early Bird Fees:

(7:00 - \$20.00, 7:30 - \$15.00, 8:00 - \$10.00, 8:15 - \$8.00, 8:30 - \$6.00, 8:45 - \$5.00 per day)

Payment is due upon registration.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Must be returned by Tuesday, December 11th.

Registrations received after this date will be charged \$45.00 per day.

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Please call for any questions!