

## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 17, 2021

Dear Parents,

This week we focused on the "Christmas Story" and the children made their own "Nativity Scene". The teachers continued with the fun and festive art and activities.

On Wednesday, the Buzzy Bee children made gingerbread houses and Nativity scene using the graham crackers, gum drops, frosting and other items to decorate it. Each child was very creative!

On Thursday, the Sunflowers and Buzzy Bees celebrated their "Posada". The children reenacted Mary and Joseph's journey through Bethlehem. They sang "Mary & Joseph Came to Town" while they knocked on doors trying to find a place at the Inn. Once they found a place, they celebrated, and the children got to hit and break the piñata. They ended their day having hot cocoa and Mexican sweet bread (pan dulce).

We ended our week with our Christmas Program. It was a success! This was a wonderful spiritual experience for the children, as they reenacted "The Christmas Story". The children looked adorable in their costumes as Mary, Joseph, Star, Angels, Three Kings, Shepherds, Sheep and Oxen. Their angelic voices singing and praising celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus was absolutely beautiful!

A big round of applause to our wonderful preschool teachers! Thank you for all that you do for our children, families and preschool.

I want to thank all the parents who donated items for the special festive events! We appreciate all your help and support towards our preschool.

I want to thank the families who have donated and brought the muffins (Bosita, Sakai, Molina, Tovar, Burdine & Lococo) veggies (Lococo) and fresh fruit (Bosita & Lococo). The children enjoy having the muffins, veggies and fresh fruit.

Parents, please remember to sign-in and out every day! Please sign with your full signature, NO initials. This is a state licensing document.

Be sure to check your child's folder every day for any class announcements.

We ask that you continue to use our preschool main entrance to enter and exit the St. Joseph building. In the morning, some parents are using the door closest to the Sunflower classroom, and we found that the door has been left unlocked. Please, for the safety of all our children and staff, we kindly ask that you go around and use the main entrance.

If your child is absent, please call or email the school at 619-641-7954 or preschooldir@nazarethschool.org

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is presenting any of the following Covid-19 symptoms:

- Fever with or without chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor feeding or poor appetite
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

In order, for your child to return to school, he or she must be tested. If the test is negative, and your child's symptoms have improved and fever free for 24 hours with no medication, then your child may return. If you decide that you do not want to test your child, then your child must stay home for at least 10 days after symptom onset, regardless of vaccination status. Return on or after Day 11 with improving symptoms if fever free and no use of fever reducing medicines in the last 24 hours. (This information is on the Updated Childcare Decision Tree November 18, 2021) You are able to view and read the Decision Tree on our school website under Preschool. If your child has allergies, please be sure to bring in a doctor's note, otherwise we will send your child home.

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

This is the last newsletter to close the 2021 year! We want to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2022!

"Christmas in Bethlehem"

"The ancient dream: a cold, clear night
Made brilliant by a glorious star,
The smell of incense, shepherds
And wise men falling to their
Knees in adoration of the sweet
Baby, the incarnation of the perfect
Love."

Lucinda Franks, Journalist

Thank you and have a blessed Christmas break!

## **Dates to Remember:**

Jan. 3- Classes Resume

Jan. 7- WASC Day / No School

Jan. 14- Diocesan Professional Growth Day / No School

Jan. 17- Martin Luther King Day / No School

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