

ECEC News December 10

We are midway through Advent Season. The children continue to visit the Advent wreath in church, sing songs and pray. We have created a magnetic Advent wreath and Nativity in the main hallway that children see each day. The children often ask, "where is baby Jesus." Usually another child responds with, "we have to wait until Christmas for baby Jesus". The teachers are reading the story about Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, Angel Gabriel and traveling to Bethlehem. Ask your child to tell you about Mary and Joseph. Let your child help you set up the Nativity set at your house or allow them to have a nativity set in their bedroom.



December Saint of the Month:

Saint Lucy is the patron saint of those with eye illnesses. When we introduce Saints to the preschoolers, we highlight the saint's kindness and how they helped others or the sacrifice they made to those around them.

We are excited to welcome new families to the ECEC in January. The ECEC offers enrollment throughout the year as families move into the area. The new families are excited to hear that a Catholic School offers year round programming and excited by the campus, especially how much outside space we have for children to play.



We are also losing one of our long time staff members, Diana Harmon. Diana has been with HCA for 10 years. She has been given a new opportunity and her last day will be Dec. 22. We will miss her enthusiasm, love for the children, weekly science lessons and excitement for our summer camp program. She will truly be missed. Good Luck, Ms. Diana

We will be hiring a new teacher assistant. The assistant position is 5 days a week, 7:00-3:00, but I am willing to work with the right candidate on start time. We are also looking to hire additional teacher assistants, for the 2-3 year old classrooms for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8:00-11:45. If know someone who would be wonderful with children, a

college student recently graduating or part-time student, please have them contact Angie Langhauser, preschool@hca-stl.org

Volunteers: Thank You

Thank you to all the parents that volunteered for the Christmas Workshop and the upcoming Christmas party. It is nice to have parents back in the building helping with different events. Thank you to all the families that donated items for the Christmas Store, the children had a wonderful time shopping for their family. We will need gift bags for next year, so if you are an end of the Christmas season clearance shopper, we will accept gift bags at any time.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Ms. Duggan has been sharing new works with the children that directly relate to the Advent Season. The children now see the color purple at Mass. Point out the purple altar cloth, purple banners and other areas that may be decorated for Advent when you attend Mass with your child. Advent is a time for preparation and a time to wait for the birth of Jesus.

You can learn more about the CGS program at www.cgcsusa.org

Scholastic Book Orders: We are still waiting for the arrival of the December book order. As soon as it arrives we will be sending it home. We hope for it to arrive prior to break, but we have been notified that there could be delays.

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 20: Pajama Day, wear your PJs to school, regular shoes and socks should be worn, no slippers. We recommend PJ's with a top and pants to allow children to easily use the bathroom. Children will still go outside on this day.

Dec. 21 Wear Your favorite Christmas Shirt or red and green

Dec. 22 Wear Green and Red to celebrate Christmas

Dec. 22 Christmas Party 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Dec. 22 Early Dismissal for all children, 11:45 .am. Christmas break starts NO ASP

Dec. 23- January 3 Christmas Break

Happy New Year!! 2022

January 4 School resumes

January 13 Upcoming Kindergarten Parents are invited to Kindergarten Night 6:00 p.m at Primary Campus, more information coming soon.

January 14 Early Dismissal 11:45, only year round children can stay a full day

January 15 Diva Dash, Mom's Night Out, see the attached flyer. It is a really fun night, highly recommend attending and getting to know other Mom's.

January 17 NO School MLK Day

January 30 HCA Open House, invite a friend or neighbor with young children to come tour the school and learn more about HCA.

January 31- Feb. 4 Catholic Schools Week

February 1 Registration for Summer and Fall will begin