



SCHOOL NEWS FROM SALLY

December 2016

December darkness is warmed by the glow of candles. The air is filled with music and the wonderful smells of special treats. There will be lots of fun activities in the next few weeks, a wrapping station, a sleigh for pretend rides, Sinterklaas, Hanukah, St. Lucia, songs of the season and much more. Christmas is always a magical time of the year for children. Their sense of wonder is a gift to all of us. We know that not everyone in the Best Beginnings community celebrates Christmas. We invite everyone to join us in celebration to the extent that you are comfortable and share in the warm glow of this season.

REDMOND SING-A-LONG: Father Jim (Rector of Holy Cross) will share the story of Christmas with the children on December 13th & 14th. The children will sing a few carols and then Father Jim will share the Christmas story in his own special way. Parents are invited to join us at 9:15 - 9:35am for singing and if time permits, stay and enjoy the Christmas story from 9:40 - 10:00am. For the afternoon classes, 12:30 -12:45 pm singing and then 12:45 - 1:00 pm for the story. This is a very casual event so please don't feel pressure if your schedule is too busy.

TUITION: We will return to school January 3rd. Automatic withdrawal will be deducted on January 5/6th. All tuition is due by January 10th.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION PARENT EVENT: January 17, 2017, 6:30 - 7:30pm. Parents of 4's and TK students are invited to a presentation by a kindergarten teacher from the Lake Washington School district to learn about full day kindergarten and the expectations for children both academically and socially. **This is an adult only event.** A reminder flyer will be attached to your January newsletter.

ALUMNI REGISTRATION FOR INCOMING THREE-YEAR OLDS ONLY FOR FALL 2017: Beginning in December, we will take class requests from alumni with incoming 3 year olds (children not currently enrolled) for Fall 2017. In January, we will register all currently enrolled children to their next class level.

DOORS: PARENTS, if you could please refrain from propping the outer doors open it would be much appreciated. The Fellowship Hall is mainly heated for the preschool. Letting all the cold air in and the warm air out is expensive for the church.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Winter Break - December 16th to January 2nd (No School)
- First day back - Tuesday, January 3rd
- Martin Luther King Day - January 16th (No School)

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the season, remember to take time to soak up the sounds, smells and sights of this special holiday. May laughter, joy and wonder fill your hearts.

The staff of Best Beginnings wishes you quiet, magical moments with your children at this special time of the year. See you all January 3rd. - *Sally*