

St. Peter's Preschool Newsletter

December 2019

From the Director's Chair-By Rita Dai Wang

It is hard to believe that it is already the last month of 2019. At this time of year, time seems to fly by even faster than usual -- holiday shopping, baking, parties, wrapping gifts... Hard as it may be, try to enjoy the little things during this season -- snuggle with your little ones, sip cocoa slowly, sit in front of the fire, read a book. Life will get done, but these moments don't last forever.

St. Peter's Church Christmas Pageant: The Church will be putting on a Christmas Pageant during the Sunday service on 12/15 at 9:45. If your children are interested in participating, please contact St. Peter's Sunday School teacher Katherine Schnorrenberg (irwarden@stpetersec.org, 301-538-3314). All are welcome to come watch even if you cannot participate. See flyer below.

St. Peter's Church Children's Christmas Service: Father Bruce will be presiding at another Church service directed at children on Christmas Eve at 5:00. All are welcome to attend.

Pajamas/Book Drive: We are collecting new pajamas and books on behalf of the Pajama Project. This holiday season, as with every holiday season, I look around and am amazed at all the blessings in my life. Let's all pay it forward by sharing some of our fortune with those less fortunate. Drop off your donations by 12/20, and we will donate them to local children in need. See flyer below.

Christmas Sing-Along: Get your cameras ready! We have been working hard teaching your kids holiday songs (and even some songs to play with handbells!) to perform at our annual Christmas Sing-Along. Invitations are coming home today/tomorrow. Everyone is invited! See sidebar for dates/times.

Teacher Workdays: We will be closed for Teacher Workdays on 1/2-1/3. During these days, teachers will be systematically disinfecting all the toys and surfaces in the classrooms, engaging in Professional Development, and working on Developmental Assessments. Thank you for your support as we use these days to help get ready for Parent Conferences 1/16 and 1/17!

Registration: Information for registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be coming home before Christmas break. Be on the lookout!



Dates to Remember



12/6 Yoga – 3's/4's

12/12 Donuts with Dad 9:30 – 2's

12/13 Donuts with Dad 9:30 – 3's/4's

12/15 St. Peter's Church Christmas Pageant 9:45

12/19 Christmas Sing-Along 11:35 – 2's

12/20 Christmas Sing-Along 12:30 – 3's/4's

12/24 St. Peter's Church Children's Christmas Service 5:00

12/23-1/1 Christmas Break

1/2-3 Teacher Workdays – no school

1/6 School resumes

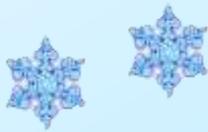
We hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family!

In the spirit of Christmas try these activities at home:

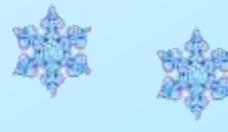


- Make a birthday card and cake for Jesus, and sing happy birthday to Him. This is a good way to slow down and remember the real reason for the season...that Jesus came into the world as a baby to love and save us! That's something to celebrate!
- Have a family slumber party by the Christmas tree. Set up the living with pillows, sleeping bags, and cuddly things. Make hot chocolate and popcorn, light a fire, watch a fun movie, and fall asleep by the lights of the tree.
- Look for ways to bless others. There are many around our town who are in need. Make gallon sized "blessing bags" full of essentials (toothbrush, socks, hand warmers, poncho, small bottled water, spare change etc). Keep the bags in the car and pass them out when you see someone in need at a stop light/sign.





Snow Policy



During inclement weather, St. Peter's Preschool will follow Howard County Public Schools' (HCPSS) closing and delay policy.

- If Howard County Schools are closed, St. Peter's will be closed.
- If Howard County Schools have a two-hour delay, St. Peter's will be closed.
- If Howard County Schools have a one-hour delay, St. Peter's will open at 10:30.

If worsening weather causes HCPSS to close during the school day, St. Peter's may also close early, depending on the situation. We will notify parents of any changes due to inclement weather via email, Facebook, or phone call.

Even if HCPSS is open, there may be times that I arrive at school to find our driveway or parking lot icy and unsafe. In that situation, you may receive a phone call from your teacher stating that St. Peter's is closed. If this becomes necessary, we will give you as much notice as possible. Also, our driveway can become extremely slippery, so feel free to use Smith Ave (the 'street' next to our driveway on the left) because it is not as steep.

If you would feel more comfortable picking your child up early or not bringing him/her to school at all due to weather concerns, we completely understand. The safety of your children is our highest priority.



St. Peter's Annual Christmas Pageant

This will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2019 during the 9:45 am service.

All are welcome to hear again the story of the birth of Jesus.



PAJAMA & BOOK DRIVE

The Magic of Pajamas & Books

NEW PAJAMAS AND BOOKS are magical gifts that we collect and give, with love, to children. These gifts inspire children, teaching them how to use imagination and creativity to change their lives. They are the building blocks of confidence, trust and love. And because we

give them unconditionally, these gifts help create a trusting connection and long-lasting bond. It's easier than you might think to comfort and delight the children who need it most, giving simple but magical gifts that lift the spirit and can change the world.

St. Peter's Preschool is hosting a **Pajama and Book Drive** to benefit the Pajama Program!

This holiday season, please help by bringing either new pajamas and/or new books for children of all ages. They are in special need of adult size pajamas for teenagers. All donations go to needy local kids. Thank you for helping to make this holiday season more snuggly for kids in need!

Date:
December 1 – 20, 2019

Location:
St. Peter's Preschool

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Donate **NEW Pajamas**

All sizes are accepted, especially **adult sizes** for the teenagers we serve.



Donate **NEW Storybooks**

A bedtime story inspires children to dream of places and possibilities beyond their usual experiences, offering a temporary escape from their daily lives — and the ability to envision a different life altogether.



Make a **Financial Donation**

Financial donations are tax deductible and can be made payable to:

Pajama Program • 114 East 39th Street
New York, NY 10016 or visit pajamaprogram.org
to make your donation.