

## ST. THERESE NURSERY SCHOOL

# DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

## Advent



Dear Families,

With the Advent season upon us we are blessed to have our faith, family, and friends to share our blessings with. At our school the focus is on our Savior's birth and the children eagerly prepare in song and reenactment the birth through our pageant. The pageant will be held on Thursday, December 17th for our three year olds at 10:30 a.m. and Friday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m. for our four year olds. Our families are welcome to invite as many guests as they would like as the pageant is held in the church with a reception

celebrating our Savior's birth in the church hall immediately following.

As Pope Francis so eloquently said, "In Mary's Womb, God's hope took flesh." Let us all reflect on this message with our own families as we celebrate our Savior's birth. Jesus was sent to us by God in living flesh as a sign of his hope for all of us. At the last supper he consecrated the bread and wine into the body of blood of Christ. Each time we celebrate the mass and receive the Holy Eucharist we receive the living body and blood of our Savior. As our heart receives the Eucharist we feel that flutter of the miracle of the sacrament. As we enter this Christmas season I

pray that we open our hearts to receive the miracle of our Savior's birth.

I realize that the season of Christmas is hectic for everyone but please do not lose sight of the true meaning. The decorations, gift, foods, and cookies are without meaning if we do not celebrate our Savior and his ultimate sacrifice for us. Please take time incorporate many of the Christmas activities that are charity based into your family events.

May God Bless you and your Family this Christmas & New Year!  
Miss Michele & The Staff  
Of St. Therese Nursery School

## TREES OF HOPE AT THE MARITIME CENTER



### A HOLIDAY MUST FOR FAMILIES!

Thank you to all of our families for their generous donations to our Tree of Hope for the Ronald McDonald House! The amount of school supplies on our tree of Learning is a Journey, Not a Destination, is overwhelming! Please take some time to visit our tree and the plentitude of other trees at the **Mari-time Center in New Haven on Long**

**Wharf.** This is the building located next to Leon's Restaurant. Admission and parking are free! The trees are displayed in the foyer of the building. Every tree has a different theme and visitors may purchase raffle tickets for a nominal amount to win a tree! **The Trees of Hope will be open from December 5th through 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the reason of the season!

### NEW THIS YEAR!!!!!!

As a school I welcome all of our families to meet on

**Saturday, December 12th**

**At 10:30 a.m.**

To view the trees of hope as a school family! Please meet in the lobby by the biggest tree! I hope to see you there!!!!!!

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

In celebration of our Savior's birth, we hold a simple reenactment with the children on the altar in church on the last day before Christmas break. The pageant is followed by a birthday party for Jesus in the church hall. The dates for the pageant are:

**NOTE CHANGE IN TIMES FROM THE CALENDAR FROM LAST SPRING!**

**Thursday, December 17th  
10:30 a.m. for our Three Year Olds**

**Friday, December 18th 1:00 a.m.  
for our Four Year Olds**

Please note that a.m., p.m. and pre-k attend in the a.m. on these days. Children who remain all day may return to their class after the pageant. Everyone else will be dismissed from the pageant. Miss Theresa's a.m. and p.m. class will bring lunch and remain until the pageant.

A formal invitation and letter regarding your child's part will be sent home shortly. We pull names from a hat to pick the roles in our pageant.

Costumes will be kept simple, we provide most of the costumes. Please do not feel obligated to purchase anything!

Following the pageant, we will hold a birthday party for Jesus in the church hall with birthday cake, cookies, and juice! Sign ups will be posted outside each classroom and we ask parents to bring their food to the hall the morning of the pageant. Parent volunteers will also receive a reminder notice!

Please feel free to invite as many family and friends as you like!

## SCHOOL PICTURE CHRISTMAS TREE!



A fun Christmas tradition at our school is that each of our families including our staff share in the season by posting their Christmas card on a Christmas tree in the foyer. This is a fun way to share our families with others. When your cards are ready to be sent,

please bring one in and use a clothespin and attach it to the tree.

The tree will be at floor height so that the children explore and find all of their friends and families on the tree!



## SNOW POLICY

Please look for school cancellations due to inclement weather on Channel 8 at the bottom of the screen where St. Therese Nursery School, North Haven will appear with either no school, a.m. session cancelled, or p.m. session only. Students who attend the all day pre-k in either threes or fours, arrive

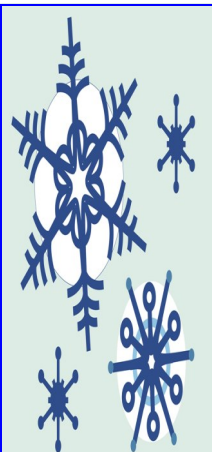
at school at 11:30 a.m. on the days of a delay with their lunch. On the day of a delay, p.m. classes begin at their scheduled time of 12:30 p.m. There will be no lunch bunch or early drop off on days with delayed opening.

In the event of an early dismissal, all students

including pre-k will be picked up at 11:30 a.m. and there will be no p.m. session! You will be notified by the school if your child is in school and there is an early dismissal.

**Look on Channel 8!**

**St. Therese Nursery School, North Haven!**



## OTHER NEWS!



**FLU VACCINES DUE BY:  
DECEMBER 31, 2015!**

**PLEASE MAIL THIS DOCUMENTATION IF YOUR APPOINTMENT IS DURING CHRISTMAS BREAK!**



**Fundraising Meeting for our Annual Pasta Dinner!**

Our next fundraising meeting is scheduled for:  
**Wednesday, December 9th at 9:15 a.m.** in the meeting room! Siblings are welcome! We are well on our way to another great event in the spring! We will be establishing our theme!

**CONFERENCES ARE THIS WEEK!  
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR TIME AT THE SIGN IN LOG!**



### MITTENS FOR SNOWMEN IN JANUARY



Our January Service project will be a snowman clothesline! We are asking our families to donate hats and mittens that will be sent to a woman's shelter. We typically hold this collection in December with our mitten tree. However,

due to the Trees of Hope, we decided to postpone another collection to January. Please look for the snowman clothesline on the foyer wall when you return from break. Clothespins will be provided! We look forward to watching the children fill this line of hats and mittens! Thank you again for your generosity!

### TROLLEY RIDE WITH SANTA

**DON'T FORGET THE TROLLEY RIDE WITH SANTA!  
EAST HAVEN TROLLEY MUSEUM!  
TIME AND DATE STILL BEING DETERMINED  
WILL BE SENT HOME SHORTLY!**

**PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL AND ALL CHILDREN ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARE PROVIDER FOR THE TRIP!  
WE WILL MEET AT THE TROLLEY!  
COST: \$4 FOR CHILDREN/\$7 FOR ADULTS  
PAYMENT ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP!**

## REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSES 2016

The time is already approaching to plan for the next school year! Our current students who will be returning in the fall will receive a registration packet in January. There is no registration fee for returning students and our current students receive priority over new students for

enrollment. Siblings of students also receive priority in registration and register at the same time as our current students.

Our best advertisement is our families! Please share your experiences with other families that have pre-school age children. The dates of our open houses for new students is as follows:

#### Open House Dates

- Thursday, January 14th 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 21st 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 23rd 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 28th 1:00 p.m.

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NOT A DESTINATION!

Our History

St. Therese Nursery School was established on October 30, 2000. We began with two classrooms, thirty students, and 4 staff members. We now have almost 100 students, 3 classrooms, a pre-k program, and a staff of 10!

Our Mission

The mission of St. Therese Nursery School is to nurture the student and the family within a community of learners. Our mission will be:

- \*to provide a safe learning environment where our children can learn through developmentally appropriate experiences.
- \*these experiences and play reflect continuous spiritual, emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development.
- \*our families are recognized as central to the well being of the child.
- \*our staff is valued for their dedication and commitment to the children and families of St. Therese Nursery School community.
- \*we believe learning is a journey, not a destination.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

**A big thank you to Emily Soares' family for the donation of our Christmas tree for the trees of Hope! We are so blessed with a beautiful tree!**

**CHRISTMAS VACATION**

**Christmas break at the nursery school will be from Monday, December 21st through January 1st. We will resume classes on Monday, January 4th for our four year olds and Tuesday, January 5th for our three year olds. We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year!**

**See you in 2016!**