



Bulletin

Weekly Announcements

News and Information for Our Families

December 8, 2021



Christmas Spirit Week

Our students are invited to participate in our "Christmas Spirit Week" during Dec. 13-17, our last week before our holiday break. Each day of the week will feature a different theme and activity, described below.

"Manger Monday" Dec. 13

Dress as your favorite animal.

"And she gave birth to her first-born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

"Good Shepherd Tuesday" Dec. 14

Bring a candy cane for a friend.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

"Wiseman Wednesday" Dec. 15

Bring a new or lightly used book for a book exchange.

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"Lineage Thursday" Dec. 16

Bring a traditional family holiday snack to share.

"So Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David." (Luke 2:4)

"Fear Not Friday" Dec. 17

Wear your favorite pajamas.

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'" (Luke 2:10)

Free Online Course for Parents: Early Childhood Academy (PEATC)

This free, self-paced online course - offered Feb. 5 through March 12 - is an innovative parent-friendly resource focused on providing information that parents with infants, toddlers and preschoolers need to know - the importance of parents as first teachers, early childhood services, special education, resources available to parents of young children with disabilities, and more! Learn practical information to help set the foundation for your child's lifelong learning and to make the transition to preschool and kindergarten less confusing.

The Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) is a statewide non-profit organization that strives to create positive futures for Virginia's children by working collaboratively with families, schools and communities in order to improve opportunities for excellence in education and success in school and community life.

This online course for parents is being presented by PEATC in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). For more information and registration details, go to <https://va-leads-ecse.org/>.

Santa Claus is Coming!

Friday,
December 17
11 a.m.

The Good Shepherd Preschool will have a special visitor who will greet each of our students! He will bring some special treats for all and will take time to read a Christmas story.

Parents are welcome to attend!

We will be taking photos to provide to our families.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



December

- 10 Christmas Program & Reception, 6 p.m.
- 17 Early Dismissal (12 noon)
- 20-31 Christmas Holiday
(School Closed)

January

- 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(School Closed)
- 28 Paragon Gym Field Trip



Christmas Program

Please join us for a special holiday program & reception

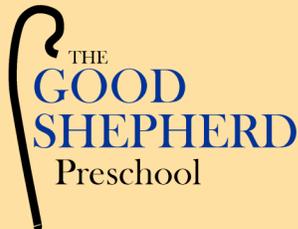
**Friday, December 10
6 p.m.**

Our preschoolers will share songs for a brief program in the church sanctuary.

Followed by a reception
in the fireside room.



Families are asked to bring a plate of their favorite holiday cookies to share.



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The Good Shepherd Preschool is a religiously exempt educational ministry of Highway Assembly of God. Our mission is to provide a quality, Christ-centered education to develop the whole child - mentally, physically, socially and spiritually - in establishing a strong learning foundation to prepare children for kindergarten.



Autumn Hike

Our preschoolers took a hike on the Central Virginia Railway Trail recently. In this, their second school trek on the trail this year, they focused on observing how much the trail's natural surroundings changed from their late summer hike.