



Holy Trinity Christian Day School

KIDS TALK



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December 2017

Mark Your Calendar

**Tuition Due
12/11 & 12/26**

**12/15
HTCDS Closed
at 5:00 PM**

**12/22 HTCDS
Christmas Program
&
Luncheon
Starting at 10:30AM**

**12/22 HTCDS
After Care Christmas
Program**

**HTCDS Holiday
Schedule**

**12/25
CLOSED**

**12/26
CLOSED**

**1/1
CLOSED**

**Day School
&
Extended Day
Program
OPEN
12/27, 12/28 & 12/29**

**PG County Schools
Closed
12/25-12/29 & 1/1**



Dear Friends in Christ,

As a mother, I am always caught between hearing my children's list of wants for Christmas and my desire to give them what they NEED for Christmas, knowledge that Jesus who has already given them everything they need in his life, death and resurrection. I want my children to focus on this act of giving by God at Christmas, rather than receiving. This is an uphill struggle in our consumer-oriented world.

What's a parent to do who wants to keep Jesus front and center at Christmas? There are many ways:

1. Prepare them ahead of time with an Advent Calendar or daily devotions
2. Read the story of the nativity together BEFORE opening gifts; talk about the greatest gift and pray in thanksgiving for Jesus
3. Attend Christmas Eve services and discuss what they see/hear
4. Commit to spending as much on others in need as you spend on family; Include the children in the shopping and giving for others. Get names from the Angel tree in the upstairs Welcome Center at HTLC.
5. Consider alternative giving by buying an animal or other item that supports World Hunger or Fair Trade....lots of catalogues in our Welcome Center & online OR give each other the gift of Words of Affirmation and love.
6. Share your holiday dinner with a lonely neighbor who is widowed or away from family for the holidays.
7. Delay gift giving to another day like Epiphany Jan. 6 Three Kings Day or Kwanzaa

As people of faith, we want to keep Christ in Christmas and not be hijacked by capitalism and consumerism! Our children will learn what we teach them; follow what we model as His faithful disciples. There is no more difficult time to do this than at Christmas. Yet, there is also no more wondrous opportunity to do this than at Christmas. So, I ask you to join with me in keeping Christ in Christmas "for God so loved the World that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life."

A Christ-filled Christmas celebration to you and your family,

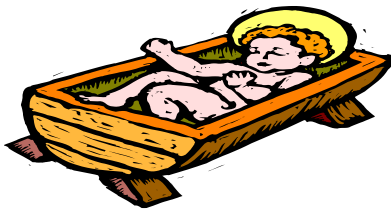
Pastor Connie

Extended Day Program

This year the B/A Care program is closed 12/25, 12/26 & 1/1.

We will be providing Full Day care on 12/27, 12/28 & 12/29 in order to accommodate our families. You MUST, again MUST sign your child/children up for the program. The cost is just an additional \$20.00 per day added to your weekly fee or \$40 for siblings not registered in After Care.

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Day School Christmas Program and Pot Luck Luncheon

Program: December 22 at
10:30AM

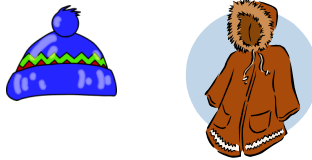
Luncheon immediately
following

We are asking each family to select one food item from our list and bring it to the School by 9:00AM on 12/22. The list will be emailed by 12/11. If you do not receive one please ask your child's teacher or Ms. Sheree.

We hope to see you there!

After Care Christmas Program

December 22 at 4:00 PM



Weather Change

Winter time is here. Please make sure that your child has the proper attire on for the school day. We will be going outside twice every day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon (weather permitting). An extra set of appropriate clothing needs to be here at the school, including underwear and socks.

Make sure that you LABEL all of your child's items.



SOUP MONTH

During the month of December we are collecting all kinds of SOUPS.

The food will be donated to the LARS food bank in Laurel

We encourage you and your child to participate.

Join us for the celebration of God's
Gift of Jesus, Emmanuel
Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 17 at
6:00 PM



Christmas Eve Services

6:00 PM: Children's Service is 1/2 hour long with simple words, Music and Holy Communion for the youngest children as they welcome Jesus.

8:00 PM: Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols with special music, candle lighting, and Holy Communion as we proclaim Jesus' birth.

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Church Website: www.htlclairel.org

Day School Website:
www.holytrinitychildcare.org



Inclement Weather and Emergency Notifications

The following procedure will be followed on an emergency closure day.

Closure will be announced on WTOP 103.5 FM on your radio and WBAL channel 11 in Baltimore.

An e-mail will be sent to everyone in our e-mail bank.

The day school (301-317-6600) and church phone (church 301-725-1666) messages will be changed To announce the delay/closure.

If you have any questions be sure to ask now.

Please remember to check your child's cubby every day.