

**MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER  
2011 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING**

**SNOWY MORNINGS...**Due to dangerous road conditions on snowy or icy mornings our opening time may be delayed till 6:45 a.m. Thanks for your cooperation. As mentioned in the last newsletter you may also look for school closings, early dismissal information on [www.fastdir.com/mpb](http://www.fastdir.com/mpb)

**ARRIVAL...**All children must be accompanied to the classroom by an adult after being signed in. When dropping off or picking up your child please be aware that in the past we have had car windows broken and purses stolen. Please be careful not to leave your car unlocked and running or valuables (especially children) in the car.

**CLOTHES...**Each child needs a change of clothes (or two) in their cubby labeled properly. Please don't forget to send jackets, hats, mittens, boots, etc. on cold/snowy days.

**COMFORT...**Each child needs a small blanket for rest/naptime. Please label and take home weekly to wash.

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT...**We have PNO scheduled for two Fridays this month, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. The list will be posted one week in advance.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK SIGN-UP...**So that we can staff appropriately for the Holiday Break there will be sign-up sheets for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are planning to bring your child on any of these days please sign-up. The Kindergarten children will be spending the off days with the School-Age children. **Please keep in mind that we are closed Dec. 23rd, the 26th through the 30th, and January 2nd.**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS**

Thank you to all of the families who buy from the Scholastic book order each month. We receive free books for the classrooms, and bonus points. We appreciate your continued support!

## FAMILY-TO-FAMILY PROGRAM

The Early Learning Center will be participating in the Most Precious Blood Parish FAMILY TO FAMILY PROGRAM during this Christmas Season. We have been given a large family this year. The family consists of the Mother, Father and 10 children. The children range in age from 2 months to 23 years. The Giving Tree will be located in the parent sign in area early in December. Please leave the gift with the office by Wednesday, December 14th. Thank you!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

SUN. NOV. 27th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FRI. DEC. 2nd	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
TUES. DEC. 6 <sup>th</sup>	FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS DAY
WED. DEC. 7th	BOOK ORDER DUE
SUN. DEC. 4th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FRI. DEC. 9th	ELC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7:00-8:30
SUN. DEC. 11th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THURS. DEC 15th	POLAR EXPRESS PARTY
FRI. DEC. 16th	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
SUN. DEC 18th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FRI. DEC. 23rd THRU	CHRISTMAS BREAK – ELC CLOSED
MON. JAN. 2nd	



### CURRICULUM

This month we will be focusing on the Advent and Christmas Season. We will be using Advent Calendars and Advent Wreaths to celebrate daily in each classroom.

### CONFERENCES

We will be evaluating the children and scheduling conferences in January. Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming month.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & PARTY

Our Christmas Program will be held on Friday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. **Please bring your child to the back of the Church at approximately 6:45 p.m.** This year the children will be performing "Christmas through the Eyes of a Child". There will be a reception following the program in the Parish Center with Santa as our special guest. If you would like to bring a batch of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies please sign-up on the E.L.C. Parent Board.

Note: We will be practicing for the program in the church beginning the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **STAFF**

We have hired a new preschool teacher for Room 1 to replace Ms. Colleen. Our new teacher's name is Barb Serrano. Barb comes to us from All Souls Preschool where she has taught preschool and pre-k for the past 11 years. Please stop by and welcome our new Ms. Barb!

## **SAP FYI**

**PARENTS OF SCHOOL-AGERS AND KINDERS...**Please remember to either call or send a note if someone else will be picking up your child or if your child will be going to athletic practice! We must have a record so that all staff members are aware of the arrangements you have made. Also, if your work or home phone has changed please let us know as soon as possible.

**About Christmas...**We will have our sign up sheets for Christmas Break up early. Only the children signed up will be able to attend. **You will be charged for the days you sign your child up whether or not they attend.**

## **SICK CHILD POLICY**

We have had quite a few children coming to school not feeling well. They are tired and cranky, and coughing and sneezing on everyone. We realize that sometimes it is hard to miss a day of work, but we would really appreciate it if you would keep your children home if they are not feeling well. We have only started the year and flu season is coming up. Thank you for help in advance.

## **YOUR CHILD'S FILE**

Before heading off to the doctor's office for your child's annual check-up, please stop by the office and pick up a physical form and/or immunization card. We are required by Human Services to have up to date files on all of the children attending the ELC. Thank you!

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE STAFF!!***