

**St. Peter  
Lutheran School**

**Arlington Heights, IL  
December 2017**

# Preschool Chatter



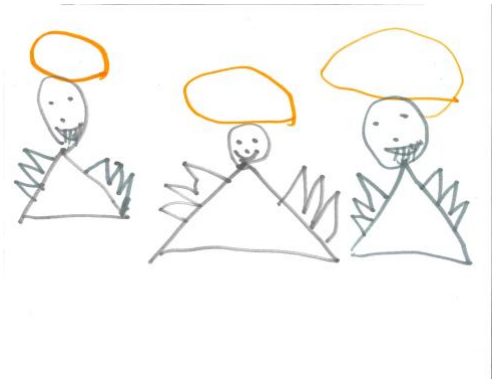
## Preschool Christmas Service Updates

Our half and full day preschool classes will be sharing the special message of Christ's birth this Wednesday, December 6 at the following times:

- **10:30 AM:** 3 Full Day (Sustr & Staehlin), 5 Full Day (Wickboldt & Koclanis) & Flex Full Day (Grissom)
- **5:00 PM:** 3-4's MWF Half Day (Keller) 3 Full Day (Sustr & Staehlin) & Flex Full Day (Grissom)
- **6:30 PM:** 3's T-TH Half Day (Keller) 2 Full Day (Staehlin) & 5 Full Day (Kocclanis & Wickboldt)

Here's ways families can assist their children and the preschool staff with these Christmas worship services:

1. We are encouraging "Sunday Best" dress for the 5:00 & 6:30 PM services; Regular school dress or "Sunday Best" are both appropriate for the 10:30 AM service, which will also serve as the weekly Chapel Service for the full school.
2. Please have the children in their respective preschool classrooms by 4:45 and 6:15 PM before their respective service. Family members can rejoin them after the services back in these same classrooms.
3. The children have been asked to do their best with their songs, narrations, hand motions and attention at these worship services. All friends and family members are asked to remember to celebrate and participate in these services as a means of worshiping the Lord Jesus. Please refrain from standing and waving during these services. . We also encourage you to join the children in the singing of the designated songs (processional, recessional & "Away in a Manger."). Your assistance with creating an environment of calm, engaged worship which will assist the students with their presentation of their Christmas message as well as assist them with learning how to worship in a church setting.



### Reminder....

The Parents Day Out (PDO) classes will not be participating in this year's Preschool Christmas services, even though they are very welcome to attend and enjoy it with their families. In place of this service, they are cordially invited to join us for the upcoming "Birthday Party for Jesus" on Tuesday, December 12 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. (see the related article.)

## Openings Available in the New Young 3's and PDO Classes in January 2018



Based on growing enrollment inquiries and applications, St. Peter Lutheran School will be opening three additional classes for its youngest “Little Saints” preschoolers. During the week of January 8 – 12, the following new classes will begin:



- An additional section of the **Parents Day Out (PDO) Preschool program** on Mondays from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM for 2 & 3 year olds
- An additional section of the **Parents Day Out (PDO) Preschool program** on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM for 2 & 3 year olds
- A **Young 3's Preschool Class** on Tuesdays & Thursdays from either 8:15 – 10:45 AM (half day) or 8:15 AM – 2:15 PM (full day) for children who have turned three years old after September 1, 2017

These classes will take place in preschool classroom #137 (“North American” hallway in the middle of the school) with Mrs. Cicely Samaan as the teacher and Mrs. Kathy Polson as the assistant. Both of these professionals have served in other early childhood classes and programs at St. Peter in the past.

Newly enrolled students will be forming the basis for these classes in addition to a group of students who will be repositioned from other PDO classes. Letters about these classes will be sent out this week to the children who will be assigned to these classes.

An Open House/Final Registration Night for these new classes will take place on Thursday, December 14 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Families coming to this event are asked to enter through door #3 & #4 by the Life Center. They will have a chance to meet Mrs. Samaan & Mrs. Polson as well as see their new classroom at this event. The school nurse, school finance officer, and the St. Peter administrators will also be in attendance for this event to answer questions and collect new forms and fees.

Due to the addition of these classes, St. Peter now has availability for additional students on selected days of the week in the PDO and Young 3's programs. Present PDO families may inquire about adding more days to these schedules, as needed, by contacting Mrs. Klopke or Mrs. Polerecky. Families are also encouraged to share the news about these additional class openings and offerings with their area friends and family members, too.



What's more exciting than a birthday party in the eyes of a young child! St. Peter is hosting a new event this year specially designed for the developmental interests and needs of our PDO 2 & 3 year olds while celebrating the birth of baby Jesus. This “Birthday Party for Jesus” will take place in the St. Peter Life Center on Tuesday, December 12 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. The evening will include many engaging birthday games, snacks, crafts to assist families with focusing on the true meaning of Christmas...the birth of the

Lord Jesus Christ. PDO families are asked to watch PDO classroom newsletters for more information related to this event.



Full Day Preschool Parents are invited to join their child(ren) for a special **Christmas Turkey Lunch** with all of the trimmings (dressing, mashed potatoes, role, green bean casserole & apple strudel) on **Thursday, December 14** from 10:50 – 11:20. The cost per lunch for each person is only \$5.50. The student Meal Time account cannot be used for this lunch. Completed reservation forms from recent Friday Flyers along with payment (cash or checks made payable to FSP) are due to the school office by Thursday, December 7.

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

## Preschool Polar Papa Party



January can be a long, cold, grey month for many people but not this year for our preschool dads, grandpas, uncles, and friends along with their St. Peter preschooler (PDO, half day, full day or Young 3's). A new Preschool Polar Papa Party is scheduled for Saturday, January 20 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. For this event, a variety of polar winter activities will be brought indoors into our St. Peter building for some fun experiences for our preschoolers and their papa (or papa substitute.) Motor, sensory, exploratory, and snack activities will take place during this event, which replaces the former "Donuts with Dad" event. Preschoolers should start asking their dad, grandpa, uncle or another special friend to reserve the date for joining them at this event.



## Enrollment 2018 - 2019

It's almost school enrollment season for the 2018 – 2019 school year. School tours have started for many new families and an Early Childhood Open House has been set for Saturday, February 3 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon. An online enrollment process will begin on Tuesday, February 6 for existing St. Peter Lutheran Church & School families. Community enrollments will begin on Thursday, February 8. Watch upcoming **FRIDAY FLYERS**, **PRESCHOOL CHATTER**, and classroom newsletters for more information on this enrollment process.

# December 2017 & January 2018

## Preschool Calendar



- Dec 5 Winter Fine Arts Concert 7:00 PM
- Dec 6 Preschool Christmas Services (10:30, 5:00 & 6:30)
- Dec 8 Spirit Day: Christmas clothes
- Dec 12 PDO Birthday Party for Jesus 5:30 PM
- Dec 13 Kindergarten Christmas Services 10:30 AM, & 5:00 PM
- Dec 13 Grades 1-3 Christmas Service 6:30 PM
- Dec 14 Christmas Luncheon with Preschool Students & Parents 10:50 - 11:20 AM
- Dec 14 Young 3's & New PDO Classes Final Registration & Open House 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- Dec. 17 Live Nativity 10:00 AM
- Dec 20 Grades 4-8 Christmas Services 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
- Dec 20 & 21 Class Christmas parties- times TBA
- Dec 21 Early Dismissal Day: Half Day Preschool 10:45 AM; PDO 11:00 AM; Half Day Kindergarten 11:00 AM; Full Day Preschool, 11:15 AM; Full Day Kindergarten 11:20 AM; Grades 1-8 11:30 AM; Extended Care Open 7:00 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Dec 22 Christmas Break; Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade closed; Extended Care open 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM by reservation
- Dec 25 - Jan 2 Christmas Break; Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Extended Care closed
- Jan 3-5 Christmas Break; Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Extended Care OPEN 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Jan 8-12 New PDO & Young 3's classes begin
- Jan 9 - 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences for half day Tuesday-Thursday preschool 3's AM class and PDO. Conference times will be announced by the individual teachers.
- Jan 10, 11, 12 Preschool Chapel 9:45 AM
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day- Preschool - 8<sup>th</sup> grade closed; Extended Care will be closed
- Jan 16 & 17 Vision & Hearing Screenings
- Jan 16 - 19 Parent Teacher Conferences for 3's AM & PDO classes (Strickland & Engelhardt)
- Jan 19 Early Dismissal Day: Half Day Preschool 10:45 AM, PDO Preschool 11:00 AM, Full Day Preschool 11:15 AM; Extended Care open 7:00 - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM by reservation
- Jan 20 Polar Papa Party 10:00 AM
- Jan 22-26 National Lutheran Schools Week
- Jan 24 All School Chapel 8:15 AM
- Jan 26 Spirit Day; Pep Assembly 1:50 PM
- Jan 26 - 27 Saints Shoot-Out Basketball tournament
- Jan 30 & 31 Vision & Hearing Re-Screening

