

Day School News

Thank A Veteran & Happy Thanksgiving



A Busy Month

I hope that you enjoyed the Halloween Parades and Programs. Many thanks to Sandy Pierce, who obviously enjoys her work. Soon, the children and staff will begin practicing the songs you will hear at the Christmas chapels in December. The dates are listed on the last page of this newsletter for your planning.

The 4th Annual Trunk or Treat was fabulous. Many thanks to our parent committee - Natalie Cross, Sara Quagliata, Kate Kapron, Christine Lewis, and all who set up trunks, baked, and volunteered.

November means that it is time to meet with your child's teacher for the first of two formal Parent-Teacher conferences. If their sign-up sheet isn't posted, it soon will be or you will receive a SignUp Genius invitation. This is an adults only conversation to see how your child is doing, to see samples of his/her work, and to get any questions answered about what is on the horizon. The Preschool is closed on November 24 and November 25 (Conference Days) but the Extended Care Program is open normal hours.

November also means that Mr. Pete Collura will be here on November 5th and 6th to take our school pictures. I guarantee that you will be pleased with the results.

Sharing, Caring, Giving

We will be sharing this month—at chapels we will collect canned food and then take it to the St. Patrick's Center for their food closet. If your child does not go to chapel or if you miss a chapel day, there will be a bin near the office.

November 6 - Canned Fruit
November 12 - Canned Veggies
November 20 - Canned Soup/
Pasta

Be sure to thank a veteran for his or her service this month (and **thank you** if you are a veteran). The school is closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of this day.

Thank you for your generosity last month for Breast Cancer "Go Pink" Campaign. We were able to send \$200.00 to the American Cancer Society.

Thankful

I am blessed that you allow me and the staff to be part of your family and that you trust us with your children. Thank you to our parent volunteers—who baked, decorate, and support all of us in so many ways, seen and unseen.

Have a blessed month, a Happy Thanksgiving, and I will see you in the morning. Remember my door is always open or you can call or email!

Fondly,

Janet Leishman



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Curriculum Coordinator's Column

Sharing, Caring, Giving, and Thankfulness

These are words heard so often in the month of November. We begin to teach children at a young age to use manners - to say words like "Please" and "Thank You." We model sharing and taking turns. And we help them use kind words. As educators and parents we hope that these gestures and actions stick with them throughout their entire life.

To encourage your child to want to share, always praise your child when they share. Point out others sharing, talk about how it makes a person feel when they share and when someone shares with them.

This month the children will have the opportunity to share with others in the community. When the 3's and 4's go to chapel, they can bring canned vegetables, canned soup, or canned fruits to be placed in a collection basket near the door. If you forget, or if your child does not go to chapel, there will be a collection "tub" near Chef Dana's Kitchen bulletin board in the long hallway all month long. The food will go to the Food Pantry at St. Patrick's Center in Wilmington.

But giving does not always have to be about material things. Helping others is also giving—simple chores at home (set the table, carry groceries in from the car). Compliment them "I like your smile," or even share a smile—which has a positive effect on the giver and the receiver!

Some books about sharing: The Rainbow Fish, Should I Share My Ice Cream, Llama Lama Time to Share, and Too Many Carrots.

Games that involve turn taking include; "Connect 4," "Candyland," soccer or having a ball toss with 3 or more people.

Hopefully some of these ideas and techniques will bring joy to you and your family this month!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Gina Zarrilli



From the Kitchen

We are in the midst of fall and there are familiar warm smells and flavors we begin to crave! I love this time of year because it is centered around family and friends.

We here at St. David's embrace this time of year and celebrate the harvest with warming comfort foods and a delicious variety of pumpkin treats. Check out the menus in this newsletter, on the bulletin board in the hallways or on the school website to see what I mean!

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to remind each of us of the many reasons we are to be grateful!

Bon appetit!



Chef Dana Grasty

Chapel - An Engaging Worship Experience

Chapel days in November:

Thursday, November 6

All the Saints

Wednesday, November 12

Naming the Animals

Thursday, November 20

Stone Soup



We will continue to sing songs like "This Little Light of Mine," "Love Grows," "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart," and "Praise Him in the Morning, Noon Time, When the Sun Goes Down," and "This Is The Day," and "He's Got the Whole World." Mrs. Pierce will teach us some new songs, too!

You are always welcome to join us in chapel. **For security reasons, please, remember to enter through the school door**, then walk down the long hallway and follow the hall around through the double doors to the narthex. Use any door to enter the nave. If you have guests coming to worship with us, and they have mobility issues, please let me or Father Michael know so that the doors under the carport can be unlocked for their convenience. **The children of rooms 3,4,5, and 6 will process down to the chapel by 9:10.** At the completion of chapel, please wait in the nave until the children have returned back to the classroom.

SAINT DAVID'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are excited to tell the story of the birth of Jesus at the Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve 5:00 pm service! We need actors age 3+ through teens (plus teen and adult wranglers).

Our first rehearsal is on Sunday, December 1st at 12 noon. Stop in the Great Hall and get a snack from the Hospitality Hour and then come to the Nave. We will figure out who wants to be an angel or a stable animal, a shepherd or a wise person. And who wants to say a line! Yes, December 1st is still Thanksgiving weekend. No worries if you are still celebrating with family and friends that day. We will still have a role for you at the next rehearsal!

Rehearsals in the nave are:

Sunday, November 30th at 12 noon

Sunday, December 7th at 12 noon

Sunday, December 14th at 12 noon

Sunday, December 21st at 12 noon

Wednesday, December 24th, dress rehearsal, at 3:00 pm (Pizza Provided)

Wednesday, December 24th, pageant, at 5:00 pm

Anyone interested in participating should contact Janet Leishman at stdavidskidsde@outlook.com or Carol VanZaeren, a member of St. David's Parish at cmvz1@comcast.net.

November 2025 - Morning Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food served Is peanut And Tree nut Free	1% Milk is Served Water is Always Available.	The menu is Subject to Change	100% Fruit Juice is Served only ONCE a day!		Happy Halloween	1
2	3 Mini Muffins Peel Your Own Banana	4 Teddy Grahams Warm Apple	5 NATIONAL DONUT DAY! Milk	6 Breakfast Bars Chocolate	7 Do It Yourself Animal Toast	8
9	10 Animal Crackers	11 CLOSED Veterans	12 Pizza Bagels Juice	13 Cinnamon Applesauce Cup	14 Fruit Smoothie Breakfast	15
16	17 Pumpkin Pie "Dip" Pretzel Sticks	18 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MICKEY MOUSE!!	19 Do It Yourself Turkey Snack	20 Fresh Veggies Ranch Dip Crackers	21 Giant Goldfish Apple Slices	22
23	24 Do It Yourself Sun Butter & Jelly Stackers	25 Chocolate Bears Strawberry	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	28 CLOSED	29
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November 2025 - Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food served Is peanut. And Tree nut	1% Milk is Served Water is Always Available	The menu is Subject to Change	100% Fruit Juice is Served only ONCE a day!		Happy Halloween	1
2	3 DIY Sandwich Deli Meat Cheese Veggies/Dip Veggie Straws	4 Mini Pancakes Syrup Turkey Sausage OJ, Bananas	5 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cranberry	6 National Nacho Day! Beef, Salsa Cheese Sauce Sour Crea, Corn	7 Pasta Marinara Parm. Cheese Garlic Bread Peas Pears	8
9	10 Fish Sticks Tater Tots Broccoli Pineapple Oreos	11 CLOSED Veterans Day	12 Pasta Chicken Soup Peas/Carrots Crackers Mixed Fruit	13 Fries Cheeseburg- er Pickles Veggies Peaches	14 French Toast Sticks Bacon, Syrup Grape Juice Applesauce	15
16	17 Macaroni Monday! (Plain Pasta) Bacon Peas Roll	18 Walking Tacos! Beef Cheese, Salsa Rice	19 Cheesy Scramblers! Turkey Sausage Tater Tots OJ	20Lunchables Deli Meat Cheese DIY Pasta Salad Veggie	21 Pizza Party! Pepperoni or Plain Side Salad Pineapple	22
23	24 Chicken Nuggets Emoji Fries Green Beans Bananas	25 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Apples	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	28 CLOSED	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

November 2025 - Afternoon Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food served Is peanut And Tree nut Free	1% Milk is Served Water is Always Available	The menu is Subject to Change	100% Fruit Juice is Served only ONCE a day!		Happy Halloween	1
2	3 Gluten Free Snack	4 Fresh Veggies Ranch Dip Ritz	5 Goldfish Juice	6 Cheez-its Juice	7 Oreos Milk	8
9	10 Mini Vanilla Cupcakes	11 CLOSED Veterans Day	12 Autumn Trail Mix Milk	13 Mini Pepperoni Cheese Cubes	14 Frozen Treat!	15
16	17 Deli Roll-ups Ritz	18 Golden Oreos Milk	19 Tortilla Chips Mild Salsa	20 Vanilla Pudding Vanilla Wafers	21 Gingerbread Cookies Milk	22
23	24 Chef's Choice	25 Thanksgiving Treat	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	28 CLOSED	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Turn the clocks BACK!
2 Daylight Savings Time Begins	3 Children's Book Week EC Close 5pm Staff Mtg 6	4 Music School 5, 1, 2, 3	5 Pictures 1, 2, 3, 4 Grand 5 & 6	6 Chapel, 9:10 Fruit Pictures 1, 2, 5, 6	7 Craft Fair Set-up 5pm	8 Craft Fair 9-3
9 Scrapple Day!	10 Music School 4, 6, 1, 2	11 CLOSED VETERANS DAY	12 Chapel, 9:10 Vegetables	13 DonutNV 7:00-9:30 am All School Sing, 9:10	14 Bring Your Clothing for The Drive!	15 America Recycles Day!
16 Button Day! St. David's Church Clothing Drive	17 Board Mtg	18 School Spirit Day! Wear a School Shirt!	19 All School Sing, 9:10 CPR 6pm	20 Chapel, 9:10 "Stone Soup" Soup/Pasta	21 Red Mitten Day	22
23 Wreath Making 5pm Advent I 30	24 Conference Days Preschool Closed EC Open	25	26 Closed Thanksgiving Break	27	28	29

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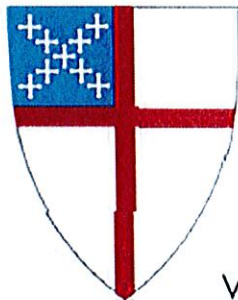


- Book Sale
- Bake Sale
- Soup Sale
- 50/50 Raffle
- Gift Basket Raffles
- Attic Treasures

40 Crafters!

Saturday
November 8
9am-3pm

shop crafts local



and support
St. David's

work in the community.



St. David's Craft Fair - Like us on Facebook

CLOTHING DRIVE



Clothing Drive to Benefit the Clothing Bank of Delaware and The University of Delaware Career Clothes Closet

Donations of clean, gently used men's, women's, and children's clothing items can be dropped off during the week of November 10-14, or on Sunday, November 16th before 9:30am in the church narthex.



December 1-7, 2025

St. David's Day School Great Hall

Shopping Hours will be 8:30—9:30,

11:30—1:00 and 4:30—5:45

Friday, December 5th during Christmas Party

and

Sunday, December 7th

Shopping Hours To Be Announced



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Start Here, Go Anywhere!

St. David's Episcopal Day School exists to provide a nurturing, Christian community where children can learn and grow. We do this through:

LLeading each child into caring relationships with peers and adults;

Offering each child a stimulating learning experience;

Valuing each child's unique growth; and,

Encouraging each child's awareness of God in the world.

Ours is a safe environment where children ages two through five are encouraged to grow spiritually, emotionally, cognitively, socially, and physically so their greatest potential may be realized.

On the website, you will find calendars, snack, and lunch menus.

The 2025-26 Family Handbook is there.

Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors can be reached via the Day School office!

On the December 2025 Calendar . . .

November 30	Advent I
December 1-7	Scholastic Book Fair, Great Hall
December 1	Extended Care Closes 5pm for Staff Meeting
December 5	Chapel, 9:15
December 6	Day School & Parish Christmas Party, 6pm
December 8	Scholastic Book Fair Shopping
	Advent II
December 11	Chapel, 9:15
December 12	School-wide Ugly Sweater Day
December 13	Wreaths Across America
December 15	Advent III
December 18	Chapel, 9:15, Rooms 4,6
December 19	Chapel, 9:15, Rooms 3,5
December 19	2's Songfest, 11:00, Nave
December 22	Advent IV
December 22—January 2, 2026 CLOSED	
December 25	Hanukkah begins sunset
December 25	Merry Christmas!