

Day School News

Happy New Year!



A Note from Mrs. Mako



PLEASE, help me keep the children safely participating in all the activities that are offered daily in gym class, by sending them in with properly fitted, comfortable **SNEAKERS EVERY DAY!**

If it has snowed or it is raining and you want your child to wear boots or some other type of shoes when coming into school, please simply send your child's sneakers in in their school tote bag. We would be happy to help them change into their sneakers before they come to gym class (and change out of them afterwards).

If you have any questions, please feel free to see me in the gym!

Thank you!

Wendi Mako

Staying Healthy

Please, if your child is staying home with a fever, please let us know! Remember, the policy is 24 hours fever-free without medication!

Washing those hands when you get to school and when you get home is key for both children and adults! 20 seconds with soap and water really works!!

Dress for the weather - as unpredictable as it is! Mittens, hats, winter coats, even boots are vital in these months, so that the whole class can get outside! Remember also, to pack those sneakers if you are sending your child to school in boots!

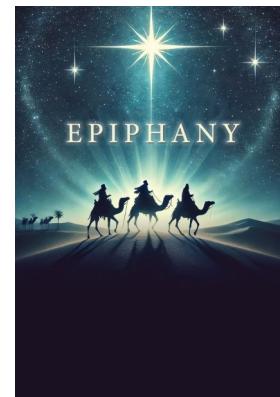
Thanks—Your Child's Teacher

Epiphany Chant

Epiphany Echo Song

This may look slightly like the Advent Echo Song but the words are for the season of Epiphany!

Alleluia - Alleluia!
Jesus is born -
Jesus is born.
We did run to greet Him -
We did run to greet Him.
When He came -
When He came.





St. David's Monthly

PTPA MEETING!

**Monday, January 5th, 2026
9AM in the Memorial Room**



**Coffee & Light Refreshments
Provided!**

Day School Sunday

January 11, 2026

10:15 am

On Sunday, January 11th at the 10:15 am worship service, we will celebrate the special relationship between St. David's parish and our Day School. Day School alumni young, and old, will assist with worship leadership, including a pop-up choir for children ages 2-7. The Day School will host a special hospitality hour following worship. Because it is also the church's celebration of the Baptism of our Lord, there will be baptisms.

If you would like to have your child(ren) baptized, please email Father Michael (michael.kurth@stdavidsde.church).

If your child would like to participate in the pop-up children's choir on January 11th, please email our Music Director, Steve Weatherman (trinity223@aol.com). Or you can sign up via this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA9AA28A5F5C61-61419394-pop#/>

The children will sing "This Little Light of Mine," and will gather at 9:45 am for a brief rehearsal in the nave. Singers may sit with their families for worship, and come forward to sing at the offertory.

If you would like to contribute to the Hospitality Hour, here is that link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FA9AA28AF5C61-61420128-hospitality>

Thank you and I hope to see you on Sunday, January 11th!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Inclement Weather

2025—2026

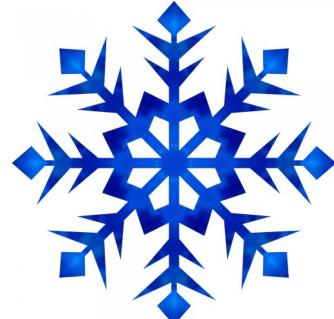
St. David's Episcopal Day School follows the lead of the Brandywine School District on the **FIRST** day of a snow or other inclement weather event.



In case of a closing, I will send out an email blast to the email(s) currently on file. The homepage of our website will have information, and the school's Facebook page will be updated. You can also tune in to local media – Channel 6abc, Channel 10nbc, and Fox 29; and radio stations Eagle 97.7, Cool 101.3, 1150 WDEL, WSTW 93.7 and 1450 WILM. There will also be a Procare message. I know that the teachers will communicate information via the class Facebook page or Class Dojo page and through group emails.

If the school district decides to remain closed for a second consecutive day, I will make the decision to open or remain closed. That decision will be based on the condition of the roads and the parking lot, the availability of staff that can safely get here, and the condition of the building (heat, for example).

Very rarely is the decision made to close early. If that happens, an email blast will be sent out, as well as a Procare message. Please keep an eye on the weather forecast and plan your commute accordingly. Your safety and that of our staff is our first priority!



Curriculum Coordinator's Column

2026!

Happy New Year to you all! We can welcome 2026 with our hearts full! I'm sure the last few weeks have been full of love and excitement from our gatherings with family and friends. It sure is a busy time of year . . . not only for us, but for our children. From all the traveling, eating, and busyness, we might just need a little break; and just like animals that hibernate in the winter, our bodies need some time for rest and to reset.

Here are some activities for at home family fun:

Get outside to go for a 'nature walk.' You can play I Spy, look for certain color items, observe how many items you may come across or count how many people you walk by! It makes for a fun and engaging walk!

Simon Says - to make it more challenging, give 2 things that "Simon Says."

Practice printing letters or shapes - fill a gallon size Ziplock bag with shaving cream (add food coloring for fun), seal it and ask your child to write something with their finger. Make 2 bags so you can take turns. Did you know that distilled water freezes clear not cloudy?

For mathematics - get outside and play hopscotch. Stuck inside? Use painters tape.

Gross & fine motor - build a fort with sheets/blankets and chairs. If you want to keep it smaller, you can make a fort with pretzels and marshmallows.



Lots of great ideas for mess free at home activities:

<https://busybloomingjoy.com/preschooler-toddler-activities-at-home/>

I hope you all have a fun start to your year!

Gina Zarrilli

January 2026-Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year <div style="border: 2px solid blue; text-align: center; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">CLOSED</div>	2	3
4 National Spaghetti Day	5 PTPA Mtg. 9:00	6 Feast of the Epiphany <i>Service at 12 Noon, Nave</i>	7 All School Sing, 9:10	8 Chapel, 9:10 "Humphrey"	9 National Apricot Day	10
11 Day School Sunday, 10:15	12 Vestry, 7pm	13 Rubber Ducky Day	14 Chapel, 9:10 EC Close 5pm Staff Meeting	15 All School Sing, 9:10 WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT DAY!	16 Fig Newton Day	17
18 Winnie the Pooh Day	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <div style="border: 2px solid blue; text-align: center; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">CLOSED</div> Board Mtg 7pm	20	21 All School Sing, 9:10 Granola Bar Day	22 Chapel, 9:10	23 EDR 7:00	24 Peanut Butter Day
25 Chili Cookoff, 4:00 pm	26	27 Music School DE Visits Chocolate Cake Day	28 Chapel, 9:10	29 National Puzzle Day	30 Music School Of DE Visits	31 National Hot Chocolate Day

January 2026-Morning Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1% Milk Served Water Always Available	100% Fruit Juice Used	Food Served is Peanut and Tree Nut Free	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 Happy New Year! <div style="border: 2px solid blue; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	2 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></div>	3
4	5 Gluten Free Snack w/Hummus	6 Breakfast Bar Fruit	7 Mini Muffins Fresh Apples	8 Pizza Toast With Mini Pepperoni	9 Animal Crackers Orange Slices	10
11	12 Giant Goldfish Applesauce	13 Yogurt Bowl With Granola And/or Peaches	14 Fresh Veggies Ranch Dip Ritz Crackers	15 National Bagel Day! Bagels with Cream Cheese & Jelly	16 Cheerios With Milk & Bananas	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Crackers Cheese Craisins	21 Granola Bites Fruit	22 Peel Your Own Mandarin Orange Vanilla Wafers	23 SNOW PEOPLE BAGELS	24
25	26 Teddy Grahams Pineapple	27 Cinnamon Toast Vanilla Smoothie	28 DIY Lady Bugs (Pretzel, Apples, Choc. Chips)	29 Hot Chocolate w/Mini Marshmallows Cinnamon Grahams	30	31

January 2026-Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1% Milk Served Water Always Available	100% Fruit Juice Used	Food Served is Peanut and Tree Nut Free	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">CLOSED</div>	2	3
4	5 French Toast Stix, Bacon, Syrup, OJ Applesauce Yogurt	6 Pasta Alfredo Sauce Parm. Cheese Broccoli Roll Peaches Shortbread Cookie	7 Cheesy Melts Tomato Soup Goldfish Oranges Mini Cupcakes	8 Chicken Nuggets Rice Peas & Carrots Pears Cookies	9 Fish Stick Friday Tater Tots Green Beans Cole Slaw Pineapple Frozen Treat	10
11	12 Monday Mac & Cheese Peas Garlic Bread Apples	13 Taco Tuesday Beef, Cheese Soft Tortilla, Sour Cream, Salsa, Rice, Corn, Pears	14 Rainbow Stir-Fry Diced Chicken Rice Veggies Pineapple Pudding	15 Waffles Syrup, Turkey Sausage Grape Juice Applesauce	16 DIY Pizza, Cheese Pepperoni, Veggies, Ranch Orange Fig Newtons	17
18	19 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">CLOSED</div>	20 Chicken Nuggets Smiley Fries Cauliflower Pineapple Cookies	21 Loaded Potato Soup Cheese, Bacon Crackers Broccoli Bananas Cupcakes	22 Lunchables Deli Meat, Cheese, Crackers Veggies, Ranch Blondies	23 Bow Tie Marinara Sauce Parm Cheese Side Salad Ranch, Roll Apples	24
25	26 Mini Pancakes Syrup, Sausage OJ Bananas Yogurt	27 Veggie Bagel Pizza Side Salad Ranch Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Choc. Cupcake	28 Pasta Meatballs Marinara Parm Cheese Sweet Peas Garlic Bread Cookies	29 Chicken & Rice Soup Crackers Green Beans Peaches Jello	30 Fast Food Friday! Smash Burger Cheese Pickles, Fries Sliced Grapes Frozen Treat	31

January 2026-Afternoon Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1% Milk Served Water Always Available	100% Fruit Juice Used	Food Served is Peanut and Tree Nut Free	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1	2 CLOSED	3
4	5 Jello Cups Whipped Cream Teddy Grahams	6 Winter Wonderland Snack Mix Milk	7 Deli Rollups Pretzels	8 Rainbow Goldfish Juice	9 Gluten Free Snack	10
11	12 Cheez-its Juice	13 Oreos Milk	14 Frosty's Frozen Treat	15 Fruit Cups Graham Crackers	16 Winnie The Pooh Snack Milk	17 Honey Combs Pretzel Stix Mini- Marshmallow
18	19 CLOSED	20 Fresh Veggies Ranch Dip Ritz	21 S'mores Snack Mix Milk	22 String Cheese Wheat Thins	23 Applesauce Teddy Grahams	24
25	26 North Pole Frozen Treat	27 Chef's Choice	28 Apple Slices Graham Crackers	29 Nacho Chips Mild Salsa Queso	30 Snowman "Dirt Cups"	31

Chapel - An Engaging Worship Experience

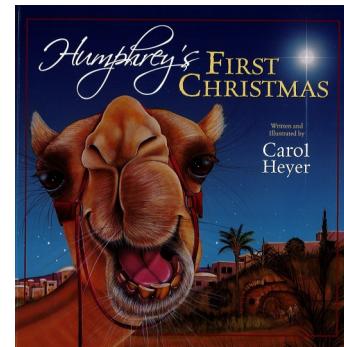
***This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.***

Hopefully you enjoyed the Christmas Chapels and the holiday songs. Many thanks again to our Music Specialist Sandy Pierce for her ministry of music to the children and staff of St. David's School for at least 40 years! What a gift she is to all of us!!

The Christmas season lasts until Epiphany (January 6). So the first chapel this month wraps up the Christmas "story" with Humphrey's First Christmas. The rest of the chapels in January will be thematic in nature—starting over (for the new year), having a dream (Martin Luther King Jr.), and shining a light in the world.

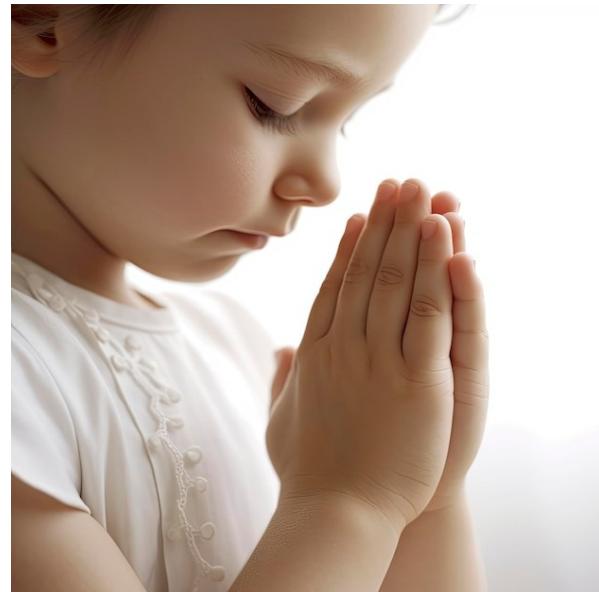
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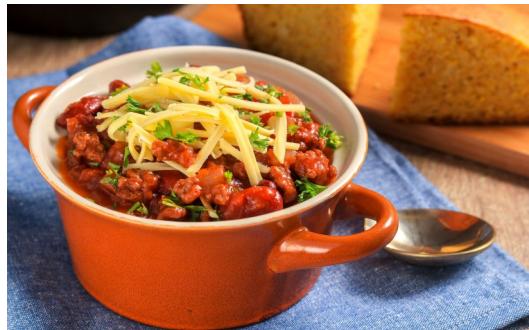
Thursday, January 8	9:10
Wednesday, January 14	9:10
Thursday, January 22	9:10
Wednesday, January 28	9:10



A Prayer

*Lord Jesus help me,
Day by day,
To grow like You
In every way.
So good, so kind
So gentle, too.
That ALL may know
I follow you. Amen.
ALLELUIA!*





**Sunday, January 25th
4:00 pm
St. David's Great Hall**

Save the date for an epic culinary competition and an NFL conference championship game in the Great Hall.

Get your favorite chili recipe ready and have a tasty afternoon of fun! Signup below to enter your chili:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0549AAAD2AA6F2-61402393-chili#/>



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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:

- L**eading each child into caring relationships with peers and adults;
- O**ffering each child a stimulating learning experience;
- V**aluing each child's unique growth; and,
- E**ncouraging 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. There are articles by Bev Igo, former Curriculum Coordinator, about a variety of child development topics (early writing, why play with blocks, math activities, so on). The 2025 - 2026 Family Handbook is posted there, as is the 2025-2026 Health Appraisal form. The 2026-27 Financial Policy will be posted later this month.

On the February 2026 Calendar - "Reading is FUN Month"



Monday, February	2	Extended Care Closes 5pm
	4	Gertrude Hawk Sale Ends
	5	All School Sing
	11	Chapel, 9:10
	12	Chapel, 9:10
	14	All School Sing
	16	Valentine's Day
	17	PRESIDENT'S DAY - CLOSED
	18	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5pm
	19	Ash Wednesday
	23	All School Sing
	24	Chapel, 9:10
	25	EDR Cooking, 7:00
	26	Science Heroes, 10:00
		Chapel, 9:10
		All School Sing