

Day School News

Cuddle Up With A Good Book



Registration 2026-2027

Your patience is appreciated as the administrative team worked to put together the on-line registration form for next school year! And from the feedback I have received, it was a very easy way to get it completed. **Many thanks to Jon Barrett, who did most of the work!**

Also thank you to our Board of Directors who spent more than a few hours making sure, as Father Michael wrote in his letter that accompanied the Financial Policy, that our rates were determined as fairly as possible, given the economy, and the costs associated with a high-quality preschool experience. Just a reminder that the Board of Directors includes current parents, past parents and grandparents of students, as well as members of the parish, Jon Barrett, Tammy Holcombe, and myself.

Janet Leishman

Coming Soon Lent 2026

Where has the time gone? Didn't we just have the long Christmas and New Year's break? In less than two weeks, on Tuesday, February 17th, St. David's Church will prepare for the season of Lent - at our very traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Everyone is welcome. The pancakes are hot, the sausage is yummy, and the fellowship is warm. Plus face painting and a magic show. No RSVP is needed.

On Ash Wednesday, February 18th, there are several times to begin this season.

- Chapel, 9:10
- Worship, Noon
- Worship, 7:00 pm

During Lent, Father Michael will offer a Wednesday evening series, which will include a simple soup supper. Check the parish website for more information about this.

Summer 2026 June-August

This information is also in the planning stage! Thanks to all who have expressed an interest.

One thing you can be sure of is that registration will ALSO be online!

Our target date is March 15th!!

Gertrude Hawk Thank You!

How could you resist all the chocolate goodness in that catalog?

Many thanks to everyone who ordered online or on a paper form. As soon as the delivery date is confirmed, I will send out an email "blast."

The "Smidgens" ARE good!!



Inclement Weather 2025 - 2026

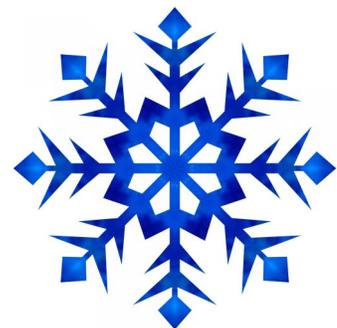


St. David's Episcopal Day School follows the lead of the Brandywine School District on the **FIRST** day of a snow or other inclement weather event.

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, 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 Procure message. I know that the teachers will also 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 Procure 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

At school, we love sharing stories, exploring books, and building early literacy skills - and these experiences are even more powerful when they continue at home. Reading together doesn't have to be long or complicated, small moments each day make a big difference. Here are a few tips to support reading at home.

Tips for parents of Preschoolers from Reading Rockets.org

The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child

Read together every day. Reading to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.

- **Give everything a name.** Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects. For example, "Look at that airplane! Those are the wings of the plane. Why do you think they are called wings?"
- **Say how much you enjoy reading.** Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with him or her. Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of your day.
- **Read with fun in your voice.** Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices. Ham it up!
- **Know when to stop.** Put the book away for a while if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.
- **Be interactive.** Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions.
- **Read it again and again.** Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time!
- **Talk about writing, too.** Mention to your child how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.
- **Point out print everywhere.** Talk about the written words you see in the world around you. Ask your child to find a new word on each outing.
- **Get your child evaluated.** Please be sure to see your child's pediatrician or teacher as soon as possible if you have concerns about your child's language development, hearing, or sight.

Happy Reading!
Gina Zarrill

SOUP-ER BOWL CANNED SOUP COLLECTION



FEBRUARY 2 - 8, 2026
LEAVE CANS HERE OR
BRING TO CHAPEL ON 2/5/26
TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

February 2026-Morning Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food served is peanut and tree nut free Water is always available	2 Groundhog Day Snack Groundhog Day	3 Cinnamon Toast Applesauce	4 Fresh Veggies Hummus Ritz	5 Do It Yourself Snack	6 Vanilla Smoothie Graham Crackers	7 1% Milk is served 100% Fruit juice is served
8 Menu is sub- ject to change without notice	9 Mini Bagels With Cream Cheese & Jelly	10 Tortilla Chips Salsa Cheese	11 Vanilla Wafers Applesauce	12 Strawberry Milkshake Breakfast Cookie	13 Parties Or Chef's Choice Apple Juice	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 CLOSED Presidents' Day	17 Do It Yourself Snack Shrove Tuesday	18 Apple Dippers w/Sunbutter Craisins Ash Wednesday	19 Mini Muffins Fresh Fruit	20 Gluten Free Snack Dip	21
22	23 Fruit Snacks Grahams	24 Fresh Veggies Ranch Dip Pretzels	25 Multi-Grain Cereal w/Fruit Milk	26 Giant Goldfish Pears	27 Pokeman "Moo Moo" Milkshakes Vanilla Wafers	28

February 2026 - Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Food served is peanut and tree nut free</p> <p>Water is always available</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Green Beans Pineapple Oreos</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Taco Tuesday Beef, Salsa Soft Shells Yellow Rice Peas Sour Cream Blondies</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Goldfish Apple Slices Mini-Cupcakes</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Waffles Bacon Syrup Bananas Orange Juice Go-Gurts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>DIY Deli Sandwich Meat, Cheese Mayo/Mustard Chips Cucumbers Ranch Dip Oranges Frozen Treat</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1% Milk is served</p> <p>100% Fruit juice is served</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Menu is subject to change without notice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pizza Party Pepperoni Veggie Medley Fresh Mandarins Brownies</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Burgers, Cheese, Rolls Smiley Fries Salad Ranch Dressing Peaches Cookies</p>	<p>11</p> <p>French Toast Sticks Syrup Turkey Sausage Applesauce Grape Juice Vanilla Smoothie</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fish Sticks Tater Tots Corn Carrots/Dip Pineapple</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cheese Tortellini Marinara Sauce Broccoli Parm. Cheese Roll Pears Pudding Cups</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CLOSED Presidents' Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cheese Quesadillas Green Beans Salsa Rice Oranges Frozen Treat</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pasta Marinara Meatballs Parm. Cheese Roll, Cauliflower Peaches</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Mini Pancakes Bacon, Syrup Bananas Juice Go-Gurts</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bagel Pizzas Carrot Chips Dip Apple Slices Rice Krispie Treats</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Monday Mac & Cheese Bacon Bits Broccoli Apple Slices Cookies</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Emoji Fries Peas/Carrots Fresh Oranges Sweet Treat</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs, Bacon Cheese Hash Browns Toast & Jam Orange Juice Bananas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>"Lunchables" Deli Meat Cheese Crackers Fresh Veggies Dip Peaches Cookies</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pasta Marinara Sauce Parm. Cheese Salad Ranch Dress. Roll Pears, Jello</p>	<p>28</p>

February 2026 - Afternoon Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Food served is peanut and tree nut free</p> <p>Water is always available</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Gluten Free Snack</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Jello Cups Animal Crackers</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chef's Choice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Mini Pepperoni String Cheese Crackers</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Super Bowl Snack</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1% Milk is served</p> <p>100% Fruit juice is served</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Menu is subject to change without notice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Goldfish Apple Juice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Rice Krispie Treat Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Frozen Treat</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Healthy Plate Snack</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Cupid's Snack Mix Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CLOSED Presidents' Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pretzels Cheese Dip Pancake Supper</p>	<p>18</p> <p>S'mores Trail Mix Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Cheezits Craisins</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Oreos Milk</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Oranges Animal Crackers</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Fritos Cheddar Cheese Cubes</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Gluten Free Snack</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Frozen Treat</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Do It Yourself Polar Bear Snack</p>	<p>28</p>

February 2026 - Activity Calendar

“Cuddle Up With A Good Book” Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Last Day For Gertrude Hawk Orders! Chili Cook-off 4pm	2 Groundhog Day PTPA Mtg. 9 EC Close 5 Staff Mtg 6	3	4 All School Sing, 9:10 CPR 6pm	5 Chapel 9:10	6 Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt	7
8 Super Bowl Sunday	9 	10	11 Chapel 9:10 PTPA Zoom 8:15 pm	12 All School Sing 9:10	13	14 Valentine's Day 
15	16 Presidents' Day SCHOOL CLOSED Board 7pm	17 Lunar New Year Ramadan Begins Sunset Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5:30	18 Chapel 9:10 Ash Wednesday Noon, 7pm	19 All School Sing, 9:10	20	21
22	23	24 Science Heroes 10:00	25 All School Sing, 9:10	26 Chapel, 9:10	27 	

SHROVE TUESDAY
FEB. 17 2026



MEN
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

Tuesday, February 17th in the Great Hall
Volunteer shifts are available beginning at 3:30pm
with set-up to cleaning up after the supper!
Roles include set up, clean up, cooking, & serving



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL
DAY SCHOOL
ESTABLISHED 1955

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

5:30 - 7:30 pm

St. David's Great Hall

Featuring Delicious Pancakes and Kirby Holloway Sausage

Face Painting for ALL AGES

Magic Bob Show

Family - \$ 35.00

Adults - \$ 14.00

Children Under 12 - \$ 8.00



**PARENTS,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**STAFF
APPRECIATION
WEEK
PLANNING!**

A week of daily surprises – *food, gifts, & experiences* – celebrating the incredible work of our St. David's Staff!
April 27th - May 1st

Join us for an **Interest ZOOM Meeting** to learn how you can help out.
Wednesday, February 11th
from 8:15 - 8:45pm

[Scan the QR code below to join the list!](#)





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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:

- Leading 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. 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 2024-2025 Family Handbook is posted there, as is the 2024-2025 Health Appraisal form. The 2025-2026 Financial Policy is now there.

On the March 2026 Calendar



Sunday, March	1	St. David's Day
	2	EC Closes 5 pm; Staff Meeting
	3,4	"Aladdin"
	4	CPR/First Aid Class, 6pm
	5	Chapel, 9:10
	11	Chapel, 9:10
	15-21	PTPA Silent Auction & Raffles
	16	Board Meeting, 7pm
	19	Chapel, 9:10
	21	PTPA Wrap-up Party, Time TBD
	25	Chapel, 9:10
	26	Spring Conferences, Preschool Closed
	27	Spring Conferences, Preschool Closed
		Extended Care Open Normal Hours
		Both Days
	29	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April	2	Chapel, 9:10
	3	Good Friday, SCHOOL CLOSED
	6-10	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK

Weather Permitting, Soccer Shots starts for Children of Rooms 3,4,5,6 on March 20, 2026