

Day School News

Passover, Easter and Earth Day

Spring is finally here, I think. It just took an extra few weeks. I hope that you and your family are enjoying it.

Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher in March for the spring parent-teacher conference.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to share some reminders.

DELAWARE CHILD RESTRAINT REGULATIONS

(a) Every person shall be responsible, when transporting a child through the age of 7 and up to and including the weight of 65 pounds in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets or highways of this State, for providing protection of the child by properly securing the child in all seating positions, according to manufacturer's instruction, in a child safety seat or booster seat meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards, and that is appropriate for the child's weight and height. Every child who has either attained the age of 8 or a weight in excess of 65 pounds and has not yet attained the age of 16 shall, in all seating positions, wear a properly secured seatbelt while in a motor vehicle operated on the roadways, streets or highways of this State. The duty imposed by this subsection shall not apply to any operator or passenger of a motor bus, limousine or taxicab as defined in § 1801 of Title 2.

(b) (1) No child who is 65 inches or less in height and who is under 12 years of age shall occupy the front passenger seat of any vehicle equipped with a passenger-side airbag that has not been deliberately rendered inoperable in conformity with federal law. This subsection shall not apply to vehicles equipped with a passenger-side airbag specifically designed or modified by the vehicle's manufacturer for use by children and small adults

- ◆ **Please sign your child in and out.** This is very important for security reasons, so that we know who is here.
- ◆ **Arrive on time!** We know that mornings can be hectic getting everyone out the door to work and school, but missing the start of the day can be disconcerting for your child.
- ◆ **Please be sure that the entrance doors close firmly behind you.**
- ◆ Remind your child to use the bathroom (or at least try) first thing in the morning. You can use the bathrooms in classrooms 1-4 or the bathrooms that are near rooms 5 & 6.
- ◆ And, when you are in the bathroom, use soap and water to wash their hands!
- ◆ Please check the extra clothes in their cubbies—for fit and for the season. The children have grown so much!
- ◆ Sunscreen is a topical medication. If you want your child to have it on, please send in a labeled container and complete a medication form. Sunscreen can be stored in the classroom (but not in the cubby!).

If your child is moving on to kindergarten (or leaving St. David's for another school) and you need records sent, please make that request through the school office. In this way, we can be sure that it is received.

Check out the calendar for May that is on the last page of this newsletter. We have field days, Mother's Day teas, and the end of the year picnic coming up. It will be a busy last month of the year!

Janet Leishman



Chapel - An Engaging Worship Experience

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



Holy Week Schedule at Saint David's Church

<i>Maundy Thursday, April 2</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
<i>Good Friday, April 3</i>	<i>12 Noon and 7:00 pm</i>
<i>Holy Saturday, April 4</i>	<i>8:00 pm</i>
<i>Easter, April 5</i>	<i>8:00 am and 10:15 am</i>
<i>Hospitality Hour and Easter Egg Hunt</i>	<i>11:30 am</i>

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

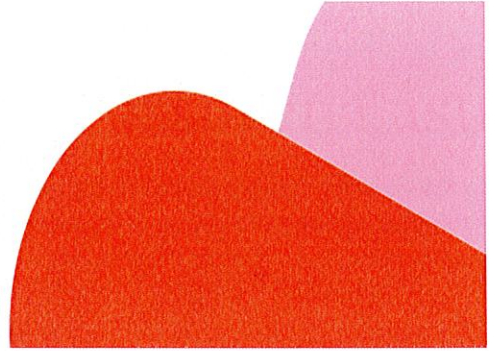
April Chapels

Thursday, April 2 ,	9:10
Wednesday, April 15,	9:10
Thursday, April 23	9:10
Wednesday, April 29	9:10*

*The Right Reverend Kevin Brown, Bishop of Delaware will join us at Chapel!



HIGHMARK | Bright Blue Futures



Join us for the Wilmington walk on Saturday, May 2, 2026 when **St. David's Steps Up** to support Friendship House.

The Wilmington community showed incredible support in 2025, raising an impressive **\$207,915** for local nonprofits. Let's build on that success!

Join us on May 2, 2026, at Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park for a day of walking, fundraising, and community engagement. Support the organizations working tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of our neighbors

Here is the link to join our team:

<https://secure.walkforahealthycommunity.org/p2p/fundraising/394011/team/St-David-s-Steps-Up/en-CA>

This is a fun, well-organized community event that starts at Tubman Park and follows the Riverfront down to the DuPont Environmental Education Center and back. You can choose between a 5K walk or a shorter 1 mile walk. Parking is available at the Wilmington Train Station across the street from the park.

Check in/registration : 7:45 AM

5K Walk begins: 9:00 AM

1 Mile Walk begins: 9:10 AM

If you are not able to walk, but would like to support our team and the Friendship House, a donation of any size would be greatly appreciated. Register to walk to day or make that donation through the link!

Many thanks.

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Curriculum Coordinators' Column - Gina Zarrilli

Spring is here! April is **National Garden Month** and also the month we celebrate **Earth Day!**

Celebrating our beautiful Earth can be simple and fun! There are many ways to explore what nature has to offer. Creating a bird feeder or making a craft out of recyclables is an easy way to help your child understand the resources our planet provides.

Spending time outside and working with their hands is incredibly important for preschoolers. Nature encourages children to stay curious, ask questions, and explore the world around them. Digging in the dirt, planting seeds, and observing plants and animals helps children build problem-solving skills, strengthen their senses, and develop a deeper appreciation for the environment.

Playing "**I Spy**" or going on a color nature walk outside is a great way to support the discovery process. Ask your child what they can **see, hear, or smell** in nature. You might notice birds, bugs, flowers, or even the feeling of the wind. These small moments help children slow down and notice the world around them.

Gardening with your child is also a wonderful sensory experience. It helps children understand what plants need in order to grow and thrive—**soil, water, and sunlight**. You can explain that plants grow and change just like people do! Let your child help dig, plant seeds, and water the garden. Children absolutely love getting involved when we work in the garden at school.

Over the next few weeks, please send your child in clothes that can get **messy**, as we will be spending more time outdoors in the warmer weather. Make sure their spring clothes still fit!!

Here are some simple ideas you can try at home to help care for our planet:

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

Explain the difference between trash and recyclables. Recyclables are items like paper, cardboard, and certain plastics that can be reused. Containers must be clean and dry before placing them in the recycle bin.

Talk About NOT Littering

Explain why littering is not a good choice and how trash makes its way into rivers and oceans. If you have protective gloves or grabbers, you could walk around your neighborhood, a park, or your church or school and help pick up litter.

Conserve Energy

Talk about ways to save energy at home. For example turning off the water while brushing teeth and turning off the lights when leaving a room.

Read or Watch The Lorax

This is a wonderful story that helps children understand why it is important to care for our Earth.

Creating habits like these while children are young, helps them develop respect and care for the environment as they grow.

Happy Spring!

Gina Zarrilli

April 2026 - Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Palm Sunday Services 8, 10:15	30 PTPA Mtg. 9	31	1 All School Sing Passover Begins at	2 Chapel, 9:10 Maundy Thursday	3 CLOSED Good Friday Services 12 and 7pm	4 Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
5 Easter Services at 8 and 10:15 Easter Egg Hunt	6 National Tartan Day	7	8 CPR Class, 6pm	9 Unicorn Day	10 Caterpillars Shipped to St. David's!	11 National Pet Day
12	13 Peach Cobbler Day	14	15 Chapel, 9:10 National Banana Day	16 All School Sing 9:10	17 Soccer Shots	18
19 St. David's Annual Mtg., 9:30	20 BSD Closed Board 7pm	21	22 Music School 6,4,1,2 EARTH DAY	23 EDR Chapel, 9:10 Trash Can Dan 9:30 2's 3's 4's	24 Soccer Shots	25 National Telephone Day
26	27	28 Blueberry Pie Day	29 Chapel 9:10 Bishop Brown Visits!	30 Music School 1,2,3,5	1 Soccer Shots	2

April 2026-Morning Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Water is Always Available	1% Milk Served 100% Fruit Juice	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 Easter Parties Or Chef's Choice	2 Passover Easter Parties Or Chef's	3 CLOSED Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK						
12	13 Diced Peaches Shortbread Cookies	14 Chef's Choice	15 Peel Your Own Banana & Multi-Grain Cheerios Milk	16 Vanilla Smoothie Giant Goldfish	17 Animal Crackers Fresh Fruit	18
19	20 Breakfast Cookies Applesauce	21 Graham Crackers Chocolate Milk	22 EARTH DAY SNACK	23 Fresh Veggies Hummus Naan Bread	24 DIY Animal Toast	25
26	27 Strawberry-Banana Smoothie Teddy	28 Apple Nachos	29 Mini Muffin & Fresh Fruit	30 Fresh Fruit Cheese Crackers	Food is Peanut And Tree Nut Free	

April 2026-Lunch

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Water is Always Available	1% Milk Served 100% Fruit Juice	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 Pasta Marinara Parm Cheese Broccoli Rolls, Apples Mini Peeps Treats!	2 Passover Fish Sticks Smiley Fries Veggies/Dip Applesauce Frozen Treat	3 CLOSED Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK						
12	13 Meatball Monday Pasta, Sauce Broccoli Garlic Bread Pears Brownies	14 Chicken Fries Emoji Fries Green Beans Pineapples Oreos	15 Cheesy Melts Veggies/Dip Veggie Straws Fresh Apples Frozen Treat	16 Fr. Toast Bacon, Syrup Grape Juice Bananas Yogurt Cups	17 Pizza Party Pepperoni Side Salad Ranch Dress. Fresh Orange Cookies	18
19	20 Mac & Cheese Monday Bacon Bits Peas, Rolls Pineapple Cupcakes	21 Beef Sliders Roll, Cheese Pickles Peas Tater Tots Ice Cream	22 Pancakes Turkey Sausage Syrup Bananas/ Berries Go-Gurts	23 Picnic Lunch DIY Sandwich Meat, Cheese Mayo/Mustard Veggies/Dip Chips, Apples	24 Hot Dog "Coins" Baked Beans Carrots/Dip Roll Oranges	25
26	27 Waffles, Syrup Bacon Berries Orange Juice	28 Cheese Quesadillas Yellow Rice Salsa, Sour Cream Corn Fresh Fruit	29 Pasta Meat Sauce Parm. Cheese Veggies/Dip Roll Peaches	30 Cheesy Bagel Bites, Sauce Pepperoni Green Beans Apples	Food is Peanut And Tree Nut Free	

April 2026-Afternoon Snack

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Water is Always Available	1% Milk Served 100% Fruit Juice	Menu is Subject to Change Without Notice	1 Veggie Sticks Hummus Pretzels	2 Passover SunButter/Jelly Graham Sandwiches	3 CLOSED Good Friday	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
CLOSED EASTER BREAK						
12	13 Goldfish Apple Slices	14 String Cheese Ritz Crackers	15 S'Mores Trail Mix Milk	16 Gluten Free Snack	17 Cheese Puffs Fruit Juice	18
19	20 Pretzels Cheese Cubes	21 Veggie Snack Plate Ranch Dip Crackers	22 Peel Your Own Mandarin Orange Grahams	23 Chee-zits Grape Juice	24 Frozen Treat!	25
26	27 Corn Chips Salsa Juice	28 Bagels & Cream Cheese	29 Jello Cups Vanilla Wafers	30 Chef's Choice	Food Served is Peanut And Tree Nut Free	

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ST. DAVID'S
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Save the Date!

End of Year All-School Picnic!

Tuesday, May 19th from 5pm - 7pm
at Fox Point State Park, Wilmington

Join us to celebrate this wonderful year!

Food, Face Painting,
Ice Cream & More!

(Rain Date 5/20/26)



From The PTPA

- ◇ Thanks to all who purchased Gertrude Hawk goodies - the net from the sale was \$ 1517.95!
- ◇ Thanks to all the volunteers who planned, decorated, tallied sales, purchased raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, bid and won silent auction items, and attended the Y2K Parents' Night Out. The net from the event was close to \$ 6,000.00! **WOO HOO!!!!**
- ◇ Be sure to patronize our sponsors of the evening!
- ◇ **Be sure to return your child's STAR to the box near the office as soon as you can. Thank you if you already did. If you can't find your child's star, stop in the office for another one!** You can also leave the teachers a personal card there too.
- ◇ The tri-fold in the hallway with all the little donation slips for Staff Appreciation Week has already had some of the "slips" refilled! Thank you for your continued generosity. The trifold will be available until Friday, April 24th at noon.



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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. 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 2025-26 Family Handbook is posted there.

On the May 2026 Calendar . . .

April 27-May 1	Staff Appreciation Week
May 4	PTPA Meeting, 9:00 Extended Care Closes 5:00 pm
5	Quiver Farm Visits
6	All School Sing, 9:10 CPR/First Aid Class, 6pm
7	Chapel, 9:10 Mother's Day Tea, Room 5
8	Mother's Day Tea, Room 6 Final Soccer Shots
12	Rooms 5 & 6 Field Trip "Pout, Pout Fish"
13	Chapel, 9:10 Field Day #1
14	All School Sing Field Day #2
16	St. David's "All In Auction," 1pm
18	Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm
19	All School End of the Year Picnic, Fox Point Park 5:30—7:30
20	All School Sing, 9:10 Rain date for EOY Picnic
21	Chapel, 9:10
25	Memorial Day, CLOSED
27	Chapel, 9:10
28	All School Sing, 9:10
29	Last Day of School—Closing 12 Noon Staff Meeting/Luncheon