

Day School News



A New Year, A Shared Purpose

Coming Up!

September 3

Visitation Day

September 8

Welcome to School!

September 9

Parent Orientation,

6-7:30pm

Adults Only

September 13

Blessing of the School

Totes Service

10am in the Nave

September 15

BTS Picnic

4-year-old Program,

5-7pm

September 16

BTS Picnic

3-year-old Program,

5-7pm

September 17

Chapel begins, 9am

BTS Picnic

2-year-old Program,

5-7pm

September 18

Soccer Shots

6-week Program begins!

September 24

Chapel, 9am

September 25

Soccer Shots

Here we are at the beginning of a new school year! I can't be the only one giddy with excitement and full of nervous butterflies at the same time.

As we welcome all of you into this new year, I want to begin by celebrating the incredible teachers and staff who make our school so special. I have witnessed their talents, creativity, and dedication in countless ways through their work this past summer and in the way they are joyously preparing the rooms for each of your children. They are very aware that the work they do here goes far beyond the classroom, and I am grateful for the commitment they bring to their calling.

As we navigate this year of transition, one thing will remain unwavering: your children are at the center of everything we do. Their education, growth, development, and well-being are our greatest priorities. Every decision we make and every goal we pursue should ultimately contribute to helping our students enjoy learning and flourish.

This year carries a responsibility of stewardship. I recognize that I have been entrusted with a school with a rich history and reputation, a dedicated staff, and a community of families who have placed their trust in

us. It is my intention to honor that trust by preserving the integrity of our school while looking for meaningful ways to strengthen and enhance it. My hope is that, when the time comes for new leadership, the school will be in an even stronger position to continue moving forward.

None of this can be accomplished by one person or one group alone. We are a community!

We all want our students to bring their curiosity and energy to an environment filled with the joy of discovery and learning. Your partnership matters. That means communication matters. Encouragement matters. Grace matters. Showing up for one another matters. When we work together with a shared purpose, we accomplish far more than we ever could on our own.

Let's begin this school year with confidence, gratitude, and a spirit of partnership. Let us celebrate what is already strong, embrace opportunities for growth, and remain committed to giving our children the very best experience possible.

Welcome! We are so glad you are part of this community.

Denise Gilliam, Interim Director

IMPORTANT!

Security System

For the safety of our students and staff, all exterior doors will remain locked throughout the school day.

Parents and guardians will receive a security code for entering the building on the first day of school. Please do not share this code with anyone who does not regularly bring your child to school. This helps us maintain a secure environment and ensures that we know who is entering our building. Office personnel will provide access to specialists, therapists, and other approved visitors as needed. Thank you for helping us protect the safety and security of everyone in our school community.

Signing In and Out

Parents and guardians are responsible for signing their students in and out each day. A Kindle is available at the school entrance for your convenience. QR codes will also be available on the entrance door, throughout the large bulletin boards, and at the Welcome Desk in the Great Hall.

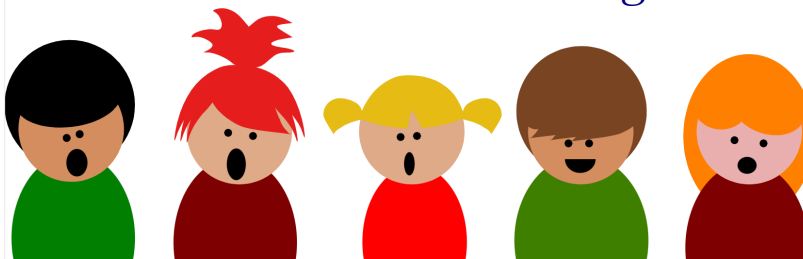
We understand that arrival and dismissal can be busy times of day. Even so, we ask that you please take a moment to complete the sign-in or sign-out process each time. Accurate attendance records are an important part of maintaining a safe environment and ensuring we know which students are in our care at all times.

The safety and well-being of our students is always our highest priority. Thank you for partnering with us to keep them safe!

About Nap Mats

The school is no longer purchasing nap mats. Nap mats are available for a nominal fee at Amazon, Target, Walmart, and other retailers. While the fluffy mats with pillows are adorable, we recommend a thinner, lightweight mat that rolls up and fastens easily. These mats are easier for little ones to manage independently, which supports the independence and self-help skills we encourage as children grow. Thank you for helping us make nap time a comfortable and empowering part of your child's day!

NEW Children's Choir Forming This Fall



All children ages 4-8 are welcome to join this new group. Rehearsals will be on Sunday morning following the 10:15am service. Kids will have a few minutes to go grab a snack at Hospitality Hour before choir rehearsal begins at 11:40am, ending promptly at 12 noon. We hope to instill in the children a love of music and a desire to share their gifts with the congregation. If you have any question, please email Steven Weatherman, our Director of Music. (trinity223@aol.com) We look forward to welcoming your young one(s)!

FALL SOCCER!

September 18—October 30

Location: St. David's Campus



Soccer Shots®

Soccer Shots is an engaging children's soccer program taught by fully-trained coaches. Join us this season on Soccer Island for soccer skills, character-building curriculum designed specifically for kids, and a whole lot of FUN!



3- and 4-year old programs

\$108 for 6-week season

Fridays at 12:00PM / 12:40PM / 1:20PM

Enroll: www.ss-newcastle.soccershots.com

Meet Our Curriculum Coordinator

My name is Gina Zarfilli. I am excited to begin my 10th year at St. David's Episcopal Day School! This year, I will continue in my role as Curriculum Coordinator, while also serving as the Room 6 classroom teacher.

I earned my Bachelor's Degree from West Chester University in Early Childhood Education and Children's Literature. Throughout my years in early childhood education, I have developed a passion for creating meaningful learning experiences that support each child.

As Curriculum Coordinator, my role is to support not only our students, but also our teachers, staff, and Day School families. I strive to help create an environment where children are supported academically, emotionally, socially, cognitively, and physically.

In my role, I help support the Day School by planning and coordinating developmentally appropriate extracurricular activities, staying current with effective teaching practices and early childhood education research, and helping our classrooms

remain well-equipped with engaging materials. This includes selecting and ordering books, art supplies, manipulatives, and other resources that encourage exploration, creativity, and hands-on learning.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year and am always here to support you and your child(ren) throughout the school year.

Warmly,

Gina Zarfilli

Curriculum Coordinator & Room 6 Teacher
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Gustaf Q—9/1
Jacob O—9/3
Grace P—9/9
Logan P—9/9
Lucy P—9/9
Charles O—9/17
Charlie H—9/18

Violet H—9/20
Capri P—9/23
Charlee H—9/23
Reese K—9/23
Zev H—9/23
Ethan K—9/26



St. David's Episcopal Church

FALL KICKOFF

September 13th

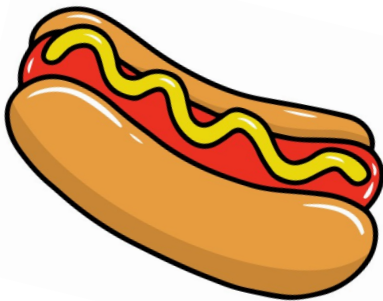


Join St. David's Episcopal Church, Day School, and our local community for community fellowship!

Sunday Worship in the Church at 10:15am
Includes a Blessing of the Bags/Totes for Children

Kickoff Party in the back parking lot! 11:30—2:00pm
Party includes music, hamburgers & hot dogs, drinks, side dishes, and dessert!

Inflatable Obstacle Course for kids!



RSVP by scanning the QR Code



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