ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Day School News



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Coming Up!

Nov 1: Daylight Saving Time
Nov 3: Election Day!
Nov 4: School Pictures
Staff Meeting close at 5pm
Nov 5: School Pictures
Chapel 9:10am
Bring canned Fruits
Nov 11: Veteran's Day
Music School
Nov12: Music School
Nov 12: Chapel 9:10am
Bring canned Veggies
Nov 13: SCHOOL CLOSED
Observing Veterans Day
Nov 14: St. David's Craft Fair
Nov 19: Chapel 9:10am
Bring canned Soup
Nov 22: Wreath Making
Nov 23: Parent Conferences
Extended Care Only
Closing at 4:45pm
Nov 24: Parent Conferences
Extended Care Only
Closing at 4:45pm
Nov 25: Thanksgiving Break
SCHOOL CLOSED
Nov 26: Thanksgiving Break
SCHOOL CLOSED
Nov 27: Thanksgiving Break
SCHOOL CLOSED
Nov 30: Scholastic Book Fair
Begins

Everyday Blessings

This month reminds us that we certainly have much to be grateful for. Every day is a gift! Here at school, all of the holiday projects, crafts, and conversations with the children are centered around gratefulness.

Recently, I found myself searching for a deeper meaning of thanksgiving and gratitude. As always, God did not disappoint. He directed my attention to what is right in front of me every day, our children. Then, a scripture came to mind, Matthew 19:14: "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus places great value on children, pointing to them as an example of something significant about the kingdom of heaven. In Matthew 18:3–4, He further teaches His disciples about becoming like little children. That certainly bears more thought!

Spend a few moments with preschoolers, and you will see how easily they find joy in little things. A fresh crayon, a butterfly at the window, a glimpse of the moon, or five more minutes on the playground can make their day. Their wonder reminds us that gratitude is not just for extraordinary occasions, it grows from noticing the everyday goodness we often overlook in our busy lives.

What if gratitude is not just about counting our blessings, but learning to recognize them? When we stop noticing, what once amazed us becomes ordinary. The blessing has not changed; our awareness of it simply needs refreshing.

May God make us more aware of the goodness He has woven into our everyday lives. May we once again see the world through our children's eyes.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with joy, meaningful moments, and rediscover of the little things ever before us!

Denise Gilliam
Interim Director

Spotlight: Our Twos Program








Well, our Terrific Twos have certainly turned a corner since those first days of school, and it has been such a joy to watch them thrive! The decision to add the two-year-old program to the preschool 2014 was wise. What began as a single class quickly grew into two as we responded to the needs of our community. We feel very lucky to have this group of children.

Our goal is to create a safe, nurturing, and engaging place where children can learn and grow through play, exploration, movement, hands-on experiences, and meaningful relationships. These little ones are discovering something new every day! We focus on helping them develop language and communication skills, build social and emotional awareness, strengthen physical abilities, and gain confidence in becoming more independent. So much of this growth happens naturally through play and the loving connections we build with each child and family.

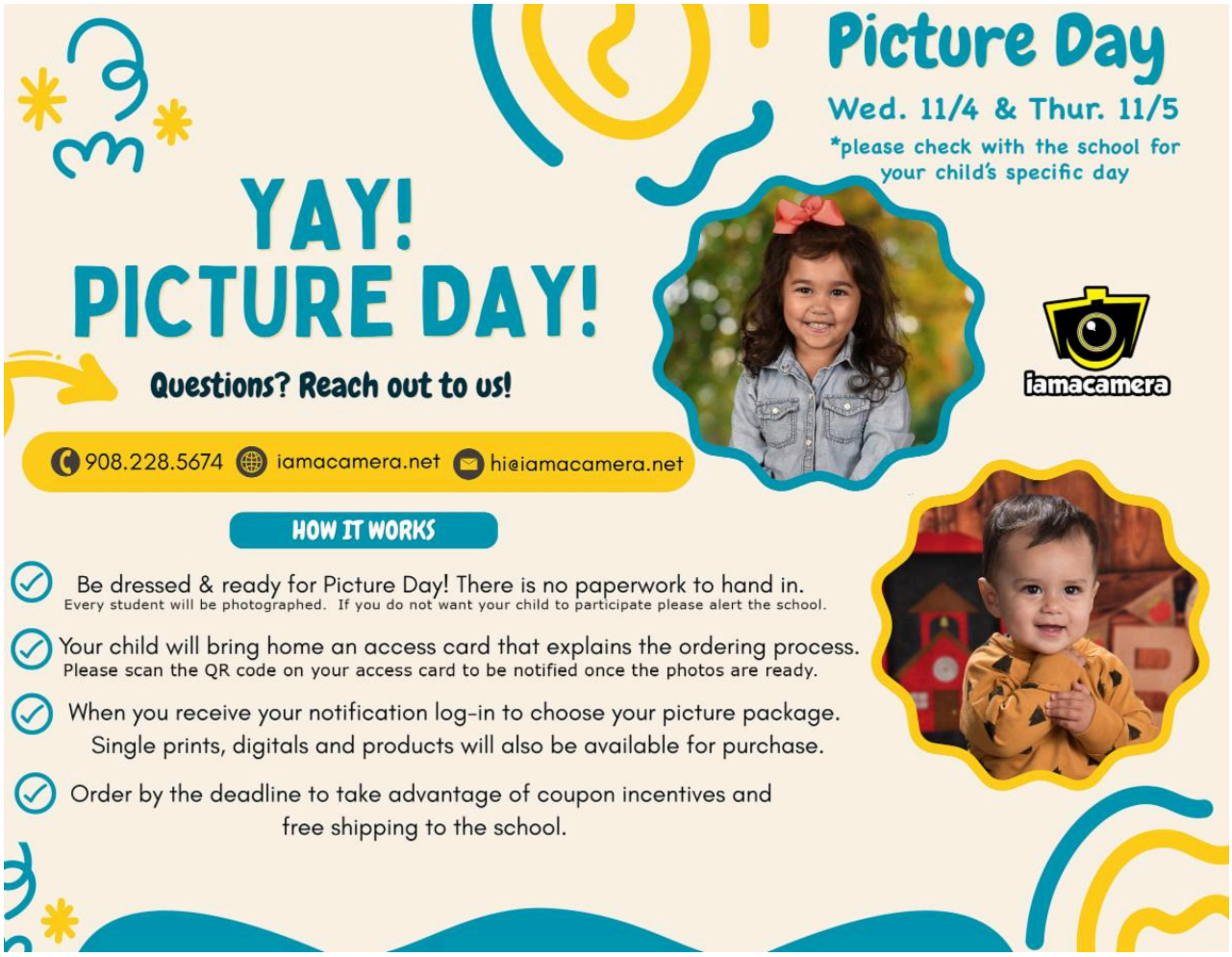
Our two classrooms also love coming together for special activities and celebrations! From our apple tasting party and pumpkin hunt to our upcoming Thanksgiving feast and Grinch Day, there is always something fun to look forward to. We share gym time once a week and enjoy plenty of time together on the playground each day. It's a wonderful way for the children to make new friends and build connections beyond their own classrooms.

Our children bring so much joy to each day through their curiosity, enthusiasm, laughter, hugs, silly antics, and excitement over even the simplest things. Ask anyone on our Twos Team, and you'll hear the same thing: "Every day with a two-year-old is an adventure filled with laughter, love, and surprises!"

Tara Chetty, Allyson Jacobs, and Arielle Wooden
Celie Viering, Holly Osman, and Natalie Williams

IMPORTANT UPDATES & INFORMATION

- We were able to raise $215 for Breast Cancer research. Thank you for everyone who participated. We will be sending a check to the Susan G Komen Foundation.
- Parent Conference days are on November 24th and 25th for Extended Day students only. Please choose a day and time outside your child's classroom. There will be no Preschool. Please take note that there has been a change in closing time on those days. School will close an hour early at 4:45. Please make arrangements to pick up on time.



School Pictures

Below, you will find the schedule outlining which day and in what order students will be photographed. The photographer will follow this schedule with assistance from the teachers.

Have more than one child? No worries! Your oldest child will be scheduled on the same day as your youngest child so they can take sibling photos together.

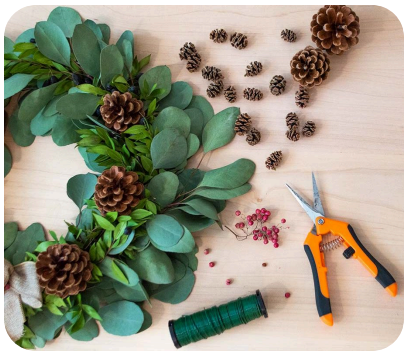
November 4th - Room 1, Room 4, and Room 6
November 5th - Room 2, Room 3, and Room 5



MUSIC SCHOOL OF DELAWARE VISIT

We are excited to welcome the Music School of Delaware to our school on November 11th and 12th with their special brand of music engagement! These visits will offer our preschoolers an opportunity to experience music in a new and engaging way through interactive activities designed to spark creativity, encourage exploration, as well as nurturing a love for music. We can't wait to share the fun!



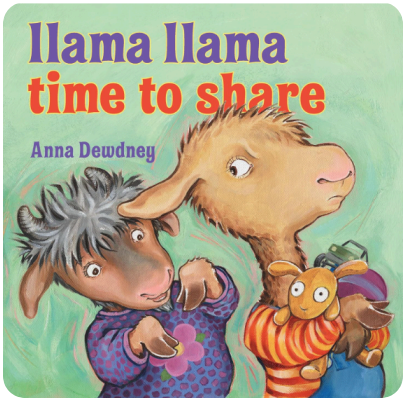


WREATH

All are welcome to come out for an evening of fellowship to make an Advent Wreath for your home on Sunday, November 22. At 5 pm, we will gather in the Great Hall to design and construct unique Advent Wreaths to mark the days leading to Christmas. Then, at 6 pm, we will display our wreaths and sit down to enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner. Folks who want only to share the meal may do that, as well! Click on the sign-up link below to let us know you would like to make a wreath and if you can bring a food item to share. Please be sure to bring enough food to share with 8 to 10 people. Categories are: Lasagna, Salad, Bread, and Cookies/Brownies. We look forward to seeing you there.

Advent Wreath Making Sign-Up

Curriculum Corner - Kindness Begins With Us



Sharing, caring, giving, and thankfulness are words we hear often during the month of November. From an early age, we begin teaching children the importance of good manners, such as saying “please” and “thank you,” sharing with others, taking turns, and using kind words. As educators and parents, we hope these small gestures grow into lifelong habits that help our children become thoughtful, compassionate, and caring individuals.

Encouraging Sharing at Home
One way to encourage your child to share is by talking about why sharing is important and how it makes others feel. Point out moments when you notice others sharing, and be sure to praise your child when you see them sharing with friends or family members. Celebrating these small moments helps reinforce positive behavior and encourages children to continue practicing kindness.

Giving to Others
During Chapel this month, the children will have an opportunity to practice giving by bringing in canned fruits and vegetables to donate to those in need. Giving, however, does not always have to involve material items. We can teach our children that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference!

There are many simple ways to practice giving at home. Children can help set the dinner table, carry grocery bags inside from the car, or lend a helping hand with everyday tasks. We can also encourage them to give through kind words and gestures, such as complimenting someone by saying, “I like your smile!” or simply sharing a smile of their own. A little kindness can brighten someone’s day and bring joy to both the giver and the receiver.

Books About Sharing
Reading together is a wonderful way to introduce conversations about friendship, kindness, and sharing. Here are a few books to enjoy with your child:

- *The Rainbow Fish*
- *Should I Share My Ice Cream?*
- *Llama Llama Time to Share*
- *Too Many Carrots*

Games That Encourage Taking Turns
Playing games together is another fun way to practice patience, cooperation, and taking turns. Try playing Connect 4, Candy Land, or soccer, or organize a simple ball toss with three or more people. These activities help children learn that taking turns and playing together can be just as rewarding as winning!

I hope some of these ideas inspire you to find meaningful ways to practice sharing, caring, and giving with your child throughout the month. By working together, we can help our children discover that kindness comes in many forms and that even the smallest acts can make a big difference.

Gina Zarrilli, Curriculum Coordinator

Amazing athletes
Educational Sports Programs

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL
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CLASSES BEGIN ON TUESDAY NOV. 10

AGES 3 - 5 YRS

ENROLL FOR THE FALL/WINTER SESSION



Enrollment Now Open! Amazing Athletes multi-sport program sets kids on a path to an active & healthy lifestyle by teaching them the basics of 10 sports, health and nutrition. **SIGN UP TODAY!**

PLAY

- BASKETBALL
- FOOTBALL
- VOLLEYBALL
- TENNIS
- SOCCER
- HOCKEY
- GOLF
- BASEBALL
- LACROSSE
- TRACK + FIELD

LEARN

INTRODUCTION TO NUTRITION

+

MUSCLE IDENTIFICATION

PERFORM

- BALANCING
- CATCHING
- JUMPING
- RUNNING
- THROWING
- KICKING

CLASS OVERVIEW

WARM UP

ACTIVE EDUCATION

SPORT ONE

SPORT TWO

COOL DOWN

CLASS DETAILS

Class Day & Time: Tuesdsay mornings & early afternoons

Location: St. David's Episcopal Day School

Ages: 3-5

Session: Begins on November 10 and ends on January 26 (9 weeks)

The Amazing Athletes Difference: Every week your kids do different warm-ups, obstacle courses, power food discussions and, of course, different sports. This keeps our Athletes engaged, challenged, and entertained.

Pricing: $17.50 per class plus a $35 annual registration fee (free tee-shirt with enrollment). You can pause or cancel your enrollment at the end of any month.

SCAN TO ENROLL

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT US:

Amazing Athletes of Lower Delaware Valley
908.227.2284 | LDV@amazingathletes.com
amazingathletes.com/LDV

Scan this QR code or register at amazingathletes.com/LDV. Then go to Find a Class & select St. David's Episcopal Day School.

PTPA NEWS

PARENT TEACHER PARISH ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER

TUES NOV 3	9 AM	***Monthly PTPA Meeting*** *An in-person meeting with coffee & light refreshments to discuss our* ***Christmas Party; in the Memorial Room***
MON NOV 16	8PM - 8:30PM	***ZOOM PTPA Meeting*** *Discuss the details of the upcoming Christmas Party*
SAT DEC 5	5PM - 7PM	***St. David's Christmas Party!*** *Join us for pizza, a cookie pot-luck, & a special visitor from the North Pole!*

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED THIS MONTH

Volunteer to help with the Christmas Party!

- We had over 250 people attend the Christmas Party last year... WOW! We need more help! **Come to a meeting or email us to get involved.**

Sponsor a Child for our Adopt-A-Foster Child Gift Drive!

QUESTIONS? Contact us at

saintdavidspta@gmail.com

ST. DAVID'S ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS

ADOPT-A-FOSTER-CHILD GIFT DRIVE

NOV. 1 - DEC.2

St. David's Church and Day School are again providing Christmas to foster children in New Castle County! We invite each child to pick out and bring a gift to school to share with a child in foster care. This is a wonderful way to help your children experience the joy of giving and sharing with others.

WHAT WE NEED

New, ***unwrapped*** gift suitable for a child
(e.g., small toys, books, mittens/hats, stuffed animals, outfits, coats, onesies, shoes)
Gift receipts are not necessary | Suggested $5-20 price range



MORE INFO & SIGN UP

Sign-up link will be live 11/15

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL
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Saint David's

ST. DAVID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

JOIN US FOR PIZZA, A COOKIE POT-LUCK,
& A SPECIAL VISITOR FROM THE NORTH POLE!

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

5-7PM

EVENT IS $5 PER PERSON
(UNDER 2 ARE FREE!)

PURCHASE IN ADVANCE SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH PIZZA TO PROVIDE!



November 2026—AM Snack

Menu items are subject to change without notice based on product availability and operational needs. All meals and snacks served are peanut and tree nut free. Children are served 1% milk and 100% fruit juice as part of the meal program. Water is always available.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 *Animal Crackers* *Fruit Cup*	*3* *Healthy Snack Plate*	*4* *Goldfish* *Apple Slices*	*5* *National Donut Day!*	*6* *Go-Gurt and Grahams*
9 *Breakfast Cookies* *Fruit Smoothie*	*10* *Tortilla Chip* *Cheese Cubes* *Salsa*	*11* *Animal Crackers* *Orange Slices*	*12* *DIY Turkey Snack*	*13* *SCHOOL CLOSED*
16 *Pumpkin Pie "Dip"* *Pretzels*	*17* *Mini Muffins* *Fresh Fruit*	*18* *Happy Birthday Mickey Mouse!*	*19* *Mini Pizza Bagels* *Pepperoni*	*20* *Giant Goldfish* *Grahams* *Mandarin Oranges*
23 *Parties or CHEF'S CHOICE* EXTENDED DAY ONLY NO PRESCHOOL	*24* *Parties or CHEF'S CHOICE*	*25* CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	*26*	*27*
30 *Pizza Bagels*				

November 2026—Lunch

Menu items are subject to change without notice based on product availability and operational needs. All meals and snacks served are peanut and tree nut free. Children are served 1% milk and 100% fruit juice as part of the meal program. Water is always available.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 *Fish Sticks* *Tater Tots* *Carrots* *Pears* *Cookies*	*3* *National Sandwich Day!* *Deli Meat, Cheese* *Potato Chips* *Veggie Dip* *Bananas*	*4* *Mini Pancakes & Syrup* *Turkey Sausage* *Oranges* *Apple Juice*	*5* *Pasta & Marinara* *Parmesan Cheese* *Salad w/ Dressing* *Hawaiian Rolls*	*6* *National Nachos Day!* *Beef, Cheese, Salsa, Corn, Sour Cream* *Apples*
9 *Chicken Nuggets* *Smiley Fries* *Corn* *Pineapple* *Cookies*	*10* *Friendsgiving!* *Turkey Breast, Mash Potatoes w/ Gravy* *Green Beans* *Cranberry Sauce, Rolls* *Mini Cupcakes*	*11* *Cheese Tortellini, Marinara* *Broccoli* *Hawaiian Roll* *Peaches* *Oreos*	*12* *Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Peas* *Crackers* *Pears* *Jello*	*13* *SCHOOL CLOSED*
16 *Mac & Cheese Monday* *Bacon* *Broccoli* *Apples* *Frozen Treat*	*17* *Waffles and Syrup* *Bacon* *Apple Sauce* *Orange Juice* *Go-Gurts*	*18* *Sliced Hot Dogs* *Smiley Fries* *Green Beans* *Pineapple* *Cookies*	*19* *St. David's Lunchables* *Deli Meat, Cheese* *Fresh Veggies w/ Dip, Bananas* *Fruit Roll Ups*	*20* *Pizza* *Pepperoni* *Salad w/ Dressing* *Peaches* *Brownies*
23 *Chicken Tenders* *Tater Tots* *Peas* *Apples* *Pumpkin Treat*	*24* *Pasta Marinara* *Parmesan Cheese* *Fresh Veggies w/ Dip* *Roll* *Mandarin Oranges*	*25* CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	*26*	*27*
30 *Fish Sticks* *Tater Tots* *Green Beans* *Oranges* *Oreo's*				

November 2026—PM Snack

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 *Cheez Its*	*3* *Golden Oreos*	*4* *Gluten Free Snack*	*5* *Vanilla Wafers* *Pudding Cups*	*6* *Fresh Veggies* *Ranch* *Pretzels*
9 *String Cheese* *Craisins* *Crackers*	*10* *Apple Straws w/ Caramel Dip*	*11* *Frozen Treat*	*12* *Apple Sauce Cups* *Grahams*	*13* *SCHOOL CLOSED*
16 *Deli Meat* *Cheese* *Crackers*	*17* *Fritos* *Cheese Dip*	*18* *Jello Cup w/ Fruit*	*19* *Pumpkin Spice Milkshakes* *Cookies*	*20* *Autumn Trail Mix*
23 *CHEF'S CHOICE* EXTENDED DAY ONLY NO PRESCHOOL	*24* *Special Holiday Treat*	*25* CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING	*26*	*27*
30 *Frozen Treat*				



November Birthdays

Ava B - 11/2
Ms. Viering - 11/8
Esme M - 11/2
Lucy W - 11/11
Olivia H - 11/12
Hannah G - 11/13
Laine D - 11/13
Felicity H - 11/15
Mrs. Osman - 11/16
Sophiana W - 11/17
Colin M - 11/20
Hannah O - 11/21
Luca M - 11/30

Saint David's

Worship is central to our life together. Through worship, we:

- Open ourselves to the sacred mystery that is God
- Join with love and purpose to those around us
- Receive strength hope for our daily life



Our hope is that the experience in worship increases our awareness of God's abiding presence in our daily life through:

- Scripture readings
- Prayer
- Meditation
- Music
- Holy Communion
- Relationship

Worship With Us:

Sunday, 10:15am Holy Eucharist with music.
Nursery/Childcare 10:00 – 11:30am.

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