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# December 2018 Wings Newsletter

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# Heaven Sent Nursery School



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## Upcoming Events

**December 1-**December Tuition Due

**December 10/11-**Creative Family Fun Projects Due

**December 14-**Family Christmas Chapel 11:30am & 12:30pm

**December 19-**Intent to Return forms due

**December 20/21-**Class Christmas Celebrations

**December 24-January 1-**Winter Break-No School

**January 2-**School Resumes  
[Public Registration Opens for 2019-2020 School Year](#)

## HEALTH ALERT

Does your child have a slight fever? A runny nose? A bad cough? Are you wondering whether to keep him/her home? You probably should. We do have a definite rule here at Heaven Sent: if your child has had a fever, diarrhea or been vomiting, he/she cannot come to school until 24 (fever-free, diarrhea-free, or vomit-free) hours have passed. Thanks-from all of us!



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are entering that time of year which is on almost everyone's list of favorite holidays. In the rush and bustle of Christmas preparations (those things that we all complain about having to do, but wouldn't dream of eliminating from our celebrations), let's take time to remember the deeper meaning of the season. Here at Heaven Sent we will be discussing in detail the story of the nativity with your children, even as we also talk about Santa and elves and presents and those things dear to little ones' hearts. We will be hoping to also make shepherds and angels and of course, Baby Jesus, dear to their hearts as well. I found that my children, even when they were very small, loved to play with our nativity sets. There are plenty of inexpensive ones available that your children would enjoy using. Take advantage of an Advent calendar which will help lead up to the joy of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All of the Heaven Sent staff wish you and your family a most blessed holiday season and a very happy new year!

~Jennifer Bujno

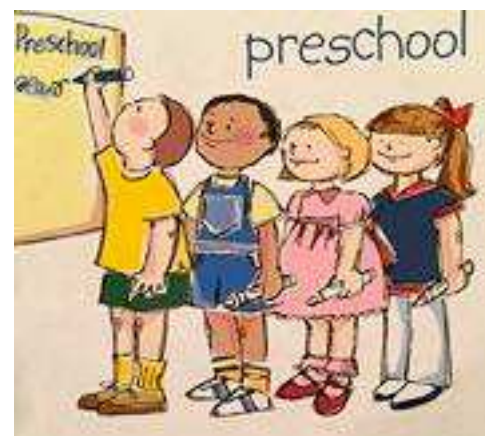
*December Bible Verse: "You will name Him Jesus."*

*Luke 1:31*



# REGISTRATION NEWS

December is the month that we begin registration for next September's admissions. You have received an "intent to return" form earlier this month. If you intend for your child to be a part of our program next year, it is imperative that you fill out the form and return it by the December 19th deadline listed on the form. This will be your ONLY guarantee of a space in our classes next year. Your request will be honored on a first-come first-served basis. Open enrollment will begin on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and our classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note: if your child is currently enrolled in our program, there is NO registration fee for a second year, unless your child is age-eligible for kindergarten, but returning to Heaven Sent for one more year. (If you have a child who IS age-eligible for kindergarten, please see Mrs. Marsh for information about the registration fee for those students.) We will also accept enrollment of siblings this month, which is due December 14<sup>th</sup>.



If you have a younger child whom you would like to enroll in Heaven Sent for our 2.5, 3 year old or 4 year old classes, please see Mrs. Marsh to fill out a sibling intent form. We will keep it on file until December of the year preceding his/her entry into our program. We currently have a file for siblings who will not be enrolling until September 2021, so it is never too early to sign up!

## **Do you love Heaven Sent Nursery School?**

**We will give a \$25 gift card to those who refer a new family that enrolls their child for the 2019/2020 school year. We are so grateful for our wonderful families who spread the news about our school!**

## DELAYED OPENINGS

### **Q) When do you close school or call a delayed opening?**

A) We issue a delay or closing when weather conditions make transportation dangerous. We usually follow the Hackettstown School District for delays and closings.

### **Q) How will I know if school is delayed or closed?**

A) Call the school's answering machine after 7:30 am and a message about the status of school will be on it. You will receive an email and a Remind text if school is delayed or closed. You can also check out the school's Facebook page.

### **Q) What are school hours for a delayed opening?**

A) For both 3 yr old and 4 yr. old AM classes, school will open at 10:15 and close at 12:15 pm. Our afternoon 4 year old class will begin at 12:45pm and end at 3pm. Lunch Bunch on Delayed Opening days will be from 12:15-2:00 pm.

### **Q) What if I can't get in to school?**

A) We understand if you prefer not to drive in inclement weather.

## Teaching our little Angels:

Teaching children to be patient is so very difficult. Little ones want what they want when they want it! That's why this month is a great teaching tool for parents! With Christmas only four weeks away, this is a great time to help your kids learn to wait for something. When they want a toy NOW!! it is a perfect opportunity to tell them to put it on their list for Santa, and perhaps he'll bring it. Learning to wait patiently is hard for us all, and as such it is something that must be learned. Why not try to use this month to teach it? Avoid those "extra" or unplanned purchases this month. It's a valuable lesson, one that our kids will be better for having learned.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY CHAPEL

On Dec. 14 at 11:30 am (morning classes) and again at 12:30pm (4 yr. old afternoon class), we will be holding our annual Family Chapel for our 4 year old angels. The children will be sitting with their families that morning. We hope that you and any other family members who would like to join us will be able to join us for this very sweet time of celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus.

Our family Christmas Chapel will be held in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church.

### Christmas Celebration Information

Our Christmas celebrations will be great fun! After class time, we will enjoy a celebration snack and craft, assisted by our "Christmas moms and dads." We will then share holiday happenings for the rest of the morning, including, the most exciting: a visit by the Christmas elves for 4 year olds, and a visit from Rudolph for 3 year olds! The children won't see them, but they'll know they were here by the sound of bells and the sight of glitter from the elves, or Rudolph's footprints on the floor. Please don't "prepare" your children for this- we'd like it to be a BIG surprise! If you have older children who have experienced our "elf or Rudolph visit," please, please, please, enlist their help in NOT telling their younger sibling about this fun. It's much more amazing for our angels if they don't know what's going to happen!

**Mrs. Cogan's Chickadees will have their celebration on the 20<sup>th</sup> and her Ducklings and Blue Birds will have their celebration on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Cash's Tadpoles will have their celebration on December 21<sup>st</sup> and Mrs. Bujno's Bear Cubs will have their celebration on December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

As far as exchanging gifts or cards with friends, if your child has a special friend in class, we would ask that you have a private party or lunch after school one day, or figure out another way to handle gift giving to friends. **Please do not send gifts or cards or goodie bags for friends or EVEN THE WHOLE CLASS into school. We will not be able to distribute them.**

#### IF YOU NEED TO ADDRESS A CONCERN...

If you have a concern about our program here at Heaven Sent, it can always be addressed by contacting our Board of Trustees. Because they cannot be answered, we regret that unsigned or anonymous letters will not be considered. Letters can be sent to:  
Heaven Sent Board of Trustees  
c/o First Presbyterian Church  
298 Main Street  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

#### ARE YOUR CHILD'S TOYS SAFE?

You can check for hazardous toy and other safety information, including recalls, by logging onto:  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/>  
The site will help you to learn about toy, health, safety, and other information from the  
US Consumer Product Safety Commission  
We use the site here at Heaven Sent to be sure that what  
We are using is not hazardous to our angels.

