

### Catholic Identity

During December we will celebrate the season of Advent. Advent means coming. We will be preparing for the coming of Jesus by practicing for our Christmas play on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have an Advent Wreath on the bulletin board in the hallway. There are four weeks in Advent. We focus on hope, love, joy, and peace. We are also making a "Kindness Tree" to record acts of kindness.

Our scripture for the month of December is, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God." Luke 1:30

Also, please join us in prayer on a **ZOOM Rosary on December 6th,** at 7:00 P.M. We are praying for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Jackson. Look for the link in your email.

#### December Themes

Gingerbread, Advent, Christmas

Advisory Council Approved addition to the Parent Handbook: "St. Paul Early Learning Center has an extensive waiting list for the Nursery Class. It may be necessary to pay in advance of your child's attendance to hold your child's spot. The Early Learning Center's budget is based on all student positions filled throughout the year." November 15, 2023

# St. Paul Early Learning Center December 2023 Newsletter Christ-centered. Quality care. Early education. For the whole child.

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#### St. Paul Annual Christmas Program

St. Paul Early Learning Center Christmas Program is Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 in the St. Paul Catholic Church.

Please park in the back or front parking lots. No breakfast is served on this day. The children will have a snack after the program.

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair. We earned \$1000.88 and \$280.62 in Scholastic Dollars.

## Winners of the Pumpkin Contest

1st Place - "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" - Pizza Party for the Walkers 2nd Place - "Three Little Pigs" PK3 and "Elmo" O2 will have Special Snack. \*Pumpkins are on display at the Reservoir Library.

#### Discover Catholic

<u>Schools</u> -We had ten prospective families visit the Learning Center.

#### School Calendar 22-23

The Learning Center will be closed on:

- -December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27th
  Christmas Holidays
  2024
- -January 1st-2<sup>nd</sup>
  New Years Holidays
- -Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King, Jr.
- -Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> Professional

Development Day

- -Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
  Spring Break Holiday
- -Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
  Good Friday
- -Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day
- -Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Last Day of 2023-2024

#### 2024-2025 -Reminder

Our new school begins June 1, 2024. If your child is graduating or going to a new school, his/her last day will be Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.