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Silverline Montessori School News December 2017

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**Important Events**

*Dec. 8th* **Winter Program**

 *Toddler 1, 2, & 3*

Dec. 12th **Winter Program**

  *Pre K through 3rd Grade*

Dec. 15th **Winter Holiday Party**  Dec.18th – Jan. 8th **Winter Holiday Break**

 N*on-academic days/Free dress*

**Dec. 22nd, 25th & 26th Building Closed**

**Jan. 1st Building Closed**

**Winter Holiday Break**

***Students that attend from 8am-3pm*** will be out of school from Monday, Dec. 18th through Monday, Jan. 8th.

***Students that attend extended day***

***6:00am-6:30pm*** will have non-academic days from Monday Dec. 18th through Monday, Jan. 8th . These days will be free dress.

**The building will be closed Friday, Dec. 22nd, Monday, Dec. 25th  , Tuesday, Dec. 26th for the Christmas Holidays and Monday Jan. 1st**

**for New Year’s.**

We will reopen on Tuesday Jan. 2nd 2018 at 6:00am.

***First day back for all students will be Monday, Jan. 8th . Uniforms are required that day.***

**Winter Holiday Break**

*Students that attend from 8am-3pm* will be out from Mon. Dec. 21 thru Jan. 1st. If you choose for your child to come during this time there will be an additional fee. Classes will resume on Mon. Jan. 4th.

*Students that attend extended day 6am-6:30pm* will have non-academic days from Mon. Dec. 21st thru Fri. Jan. 1st. The building will be closed Thursday and Friday for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Friday Jan 1st for New Year’s Day. The building will reopen on Mon. Jan. 4th at 6:00am.

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**Holiday Parties**

*We will be having our Winter Holiday Parties on Friday, Dec. 15th. Each teacher will be posting a signup sheet on their classroom doors along with more details.*

Winter Program

Because of our growing school, the number of students, and family members, we will have two preformance dates and times for the Winter Program.

* Friday, December 8th at Silverline Montessori Pre School Cafeteria will be for our **Toddler Classes.**

***Friday , December 8th Scheduled Program time:***

 ***9am –*** *Toddler 1*

 ***9:30am-*** *Toddler 2*

 ***10am-*** *Toddler 3*

* Tuesday, December 12th at the Second Baptist Church Auditorium will be for our **PreK, Kindergarten and 1st through 3rd Grades.**

***Tuesday, December 12th Scheduled Program times:***

***5:00pm to 5:45pm*** *Pre K 2, 3 & 4*

***5:45pm to 6:30pm***

Pre K 1, 5 & 6

**6:30pm to 7:15pm**

*Kinder 1, 2, 3, & 4*

***7:15pm to 8:00pm***  *1st, 2nd, & 3rd*

***This years Winter Program attire is :***

**Boys** Toddler through 3rd Grade need to wear black slacks, long sleeved white, red, or green button down shirts, and black shoes

**Girls** Toddler through 3rd Grade need to Holiday Dresses in either red, green or white, red bows in their hair, white stockings and black shoes.

 ***Friday, December 8th.*** *All students should be dressed in their Christmas Program attire and should be at school by 9:00am.*

***Tuesday, December 12th.*** *All students should be dressed in their Christmas Program attire and be at the church at least 15 minutes before their scheduled program time.*

Reminder

We will be closed Monday Jan. 1st for New Year’s.

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## The Montessori Corner

**Does Montessori Prepare Students for the Real World?**

 Every day, I spend time with parents who are thinking about enrolling their child in a Montessori program as we walk through the building, observing classrooms and admiring facilities, we talk about the needs and interests of their child.

How will my child benefit from this?
How will the teachers work with my child?
Will her strengths be nurtured?

Parents, from the first visit, need to know how we plan to work with their child. It is easy for parents to observe in our school. As we visit toddler, preschool, and elementary classrooms, parents see for themselves the hands-on interactive style of learning. They watch children pouring sand and water in practical life. They see them practice number and counting skills with the golden bead material. They hear children engaged in conversation and witness growing social skills. Parents sense the focus and independence that are common when children in Montessori classrooms love their work! One of the best parts of my job is watching parents decide for themselves that this is the educational experience they want for their child. Inevitably though parents also want to know:

What happens after this?
Where do your children go from here?
What will happen to my child when he gets to the "real" world?
How can she survive after the loving and nurturing environment here?"

Even though the benefits of process-oriented, non-competitive education and a nurturing environment are evident in the daily Montessori experience of each child, parents still tend to be goal oriented when it comes to their children. They need to know that their child will be ready for "the next step," whatever that may be.

 I can't help but comment on the self-confidence that I see in our students and a willingness to try just about anything when it comes to learning. Students are just as comfortable working out a complicated mathematical problem as reciting lines from Shakespeare on stage. I know that gentle guidance from our talented teachers, in hands-on Montessori classrooms, is responsible for the development of these qualities. All of our children love learning and coming to school. And the motivation for learning is internal rather than external. It's what they want to do! I believe that these skills will serve our children well, whatever comes next for them.

 I also know that my children will leave our school with certain values. They have a deep respect for the needs and capabilities of other people and an appreciation for diversity in all forms. They are concerned for the environment and are becoming advocates for social justice. This might have happened in other school environments, but I am proud and grateful that it has happened for our children in a Montessori.

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End of the year statements will automatically be sent to your email address on file by Jan. 15th 2017. If you have any other questions about your child’s account, please contact Ms. Donna McNeill. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15am–5:15pm.

You can call the school or email her at

nhicks@endeavorschools.com

The Staff at Silverline Montessori School would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Safe Holiday Season and Best Wishes for a Wonderful New Year.