



St. Christopher's Montessori School December Newsletter

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News and Updates:

December 10 **Christmas Village:** 12-2:30 pm.

- Please bring in your items and bags for donation to the parent room.
- Sign your child up for a shopping timeslot on the sheet on the front door.
- Please email the school asap if you are interested in being a parent volunteer elf!
- More info below.

December 19 **Red and Green Day:**

- Last day of regular classes.
- Children dress in red and green.
- There will be special Christmas activities for the children throughout their school day.

December 20 **Christmas Play:**

The children have been working hard preparing to tell the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus.

- Dress 3 year olds in white or light colours.
- Due to space limitations, **audience attendance is limited to 2 ADULTS per child.**
- **PLEASE LEAVE SIBLINGS AT HOME** as this distracts from the performances.
- See schedule below.

December 21 **Winter Break:**

- Clear out your boot boxes so they can be cleaned over the holidays.
- Enjoy a Christmas, Hanukkah and a New Years full of love, joy and peace.

January 8 **School Begins – Welcome Back!**



Queenswood Montessori Society

Thank you to all our members. Our amended constitution and bylaws have been approved and filed.



Christmas Nativity Play Wednesday December 20

Fireplace Morning Class

Children are dropped off at 8:30am

Play 9:00-9:30am. Dismissal after the play.

Buttercup Morning Class

Children are dropped off at 10:00am

Play 10:30-11:00am. Dismissal after the play.

Fireplace Afternoon Class

Children are dropped off at 12:00pm

Play 12:30-1:00pm. Dismissal after the play.

Buttercup Afternoon Class

Children are dropped off at 1:30pm

Play 2:00-2:30pm. Dismissal after the play.



St. Christopher's Annual Christmas Village, Sunday December 10th from 12 to 2:30 pm

The Christmas Village is a school tradition which provides an opportunity for our students and their siblings to participate in the ritual of Christmas giving by allowing them to select, wrap and give gifts by themselves, as well as providing a social event for our school community at Christmas.

Participating is easy!

1. Sign up children in your household for a shopping slot on December 10th between noon and 2:30 pm. Sign-up sheets will be posted near the front door of the school on Nov 27th.
2. Prior to December 10th, drop off at least the number of gift bags and gently used household and personal items corresponding to the number of gifts your child plans to buy. There is a bin in the parent room to place donated items, shopping bags and tissue wrapping.
3. On December 10th come to St. Christopher's in time for your child's appointed shopping time and enjoy Christmas baking with other families in the Buttercup room while your children choose their special gifts upstairs. Please bring \$2 for each item and gift tags made out for each person your child is choosing gifts for. Your child will be paired with a volunteer parent Elf who will escort them upstairs to select their gifts and then help wrap them in the Fireplace room.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of items you have no use for knowing they will become cherished treasures for someone else. Items donated in the past include ties, socks, golf balls, books, playing cards, soaps, jewelry, picture frames, kitchen tools, and toys, toys, toys for kids.

Our children love to participate in the giving aspect of Christmas and parents will be amazed at the thoughtful things their children select and the excitement they experience from giving a special gift. Ask your child at Christmas why they selected a particular gift, as their reasons are often surprisingly delightful!

Siblings, alumni and other children in your household are most welcome to participate in this event and our entire school community is welcome to join us for Christmas baking and socializing.



We look forward to seeing you all on December 10th!

With love, the Christmas Village Elves

