

Dear Parents,

We welcome the Season of Advent and the month of December with wonder and patience as we prepare together for Christmas. Know that as we gather each week in prayer we will be praying for each of you.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Thank you to Mrs. Jill Cianciola-Malloy and Mrs. Holly Horne for coordinating our food drive this year. We are very grateful to those that donated food, turkeys, hams and money to help us feed ten families during the holidays.

Candy Collection

Our "Sharing is Caring" was a huge success, thank you for bringing in 155 pounds of candy! Your generosity helped us to distribute candy to Sojourner House, Homes for Kids and Sr. Jerome for her Ministry.

Advent Prayer

We will gather each week as a school to celebrate the season of Advent. A flame will be added to our candles each week to remind us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Feast of St. Nicholas

The official St. Nicholas Day is Dec. 6th. It is a custom to place a shoe out on the Eve of this Holy Day (Dec. 5th.) While the children are sleeping St. Nicholas leaves a treat in their shoes. We will be celebrating this feast day on Dec. 2nd & 3rd.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th is a Holy Day for Catholics. We celebrate Mother Mary's Feastday with a special lesson and prayers to Mother Mary.

Buckeyes

Thank you to Nicole Billak, Lori Rodinsky and their committee for rolling 5,500 buckeyes! They filled 323 dozen preorders, outstanding!

Craft Show

Our 27th Annual Craft Show is **Saturday, December 5th from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Christy Durham and her outstanding committee have been working very hard for many months. Christy's ability to organize this great event continues to be tremendous gift to UPSK for eleven years. We

thank Christy and her committee that includes current parents and Alumni parents for their dedication. We thank ALL of you for your donations and support. Please spread the word about the outstanding raffles. **Tickets are on sale during school hours beginning Monday, Nov. 30th.**

Preview Night

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 1st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for Preview Night. Your child will have the opportunity to meet Santa and tell him all of their wishes. Treats will be provided. This has become a family tradition for many UPSK families. Be sure to bring your cameras and invite a friend!

Craft Show Bake Sale

We are known for the BEST holiday Bake Sale in the area. This has been made possible because of very generous and talented UPSK bakers! Please consider donating to the Bake Sale. We are in need of all items: cookies, pies, cakes, breads and snack items. Thank you for helping us continue this fine tradition. *Deliver items by 10:00 a.m., Fri., Dec. 4th.*

Pretzel Day

On Wed., Dec. 2nd the moms will be gathering to make wonderful pretzel creations. Please join the fun in The Center Auditorium during school hours. We are in need of many moms to: dip, sprinkle and bag!

Craft Show Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, December 4th beginning at 8:30 a.m.. **Reminder: NO SCHOOL for PRESCHOOL CHILDREN on Dec. 4th. TK & K CHILDREN HAVE A 12:00, NOON DISMISSAL. NO AFTER CARE, this is due to set up for the Craft Show.** Before Care is available from 7:30 -8:15 for TK & K children. We need volunteers for clean up on Sat., Dec. 5th starting at 4:00 p.m. We are still in need of people (especially dads/grandpas) to help direct parking on Craft Show Day. We promise to provide you with hot coffee. Please stop in and volunteer even an hour!

TK & K Field Trip

The children will attend "Miracle On Easy Street" on Thurs., Dec. 17th at 9:30 a.m.

The First Christmas Play

We invite you to begin the season with the TK and K classes on Thursday, Dec. 10th at 7:00 p.m. in The Center. They are sure to help you know the REAL reason for the Season of Christmas. All parents, friends and relatives are invited. Refreshments will be served. **TK & K will be dismissed at 12:00 on Dec. 10th, at 12:00 p.m. After Care will be provided for the children.**

Four Year Old Christmas Programs

Children in the Four Year Old classes will entertain their parents, relatives and friends with a short Christmas Program on Friday, December 11th at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm in The Center Auditorium.

Polar Express Day for TK & K

On Friday, Dec. 11th the TK & K children will wear their pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal to cuddle with for Polar Express Day.

Christmas Parties

Thank you to the parents assigned to plan the parties for the various classes. Teachers will make parents aware of the party times.
December 17th: Three's Party Day
December 18th: Four's, TK & K Party Day

Buckeyes

A special thank you to Nicole Billak, Amy Brinsko and all the moms that help to roll 4,426 Buckeyes! If you did not preorder, the famous buckeyes will be sold at the Craft Show Bake Sale.

BOXTOPS for Education

Please continue to save BoxTops. The BoxTops Robot is always hungry. Extra forms are in the office if you need them.

Preschool Enrichment

The children continue to enjoy learning through many investigative activities. Visit and talk with Mrs. Conti about her program, only a few openings.

TK Enrichment Christmas Vacation

An extension of the TK Program, Mrs. Gilson engages the children in activities to extend the curriculum. Parents in our TK Classes may want to consider adding this. Talk to Mrs. Shindle about the flexible schedule.

Christmas Vacation

The last day of school is December 18th. Vacation officially begins on Monday, December 21st. School resumes on Monday, January 4th, 2016.

Parent Teacher Conferences for 3 & 4 year old

The parents of the Three Year old children will have conferences on Thursday, Jan. 14th. The parents of the Four Year old children will have the opportunity to conference on Wed. Jan. 20th. All conferences will be in the Play Center. Teachers will post sign up sheets. If you have a concern or questions, do not wait for conferences. Teachers are always available to talk with you.

Ursuline Preschool Resgition: 2016-2017

We are anticipating a large enrollment for next school year. Our "IN HOUSE" registration will begin for our current families on Monday, January 11, 2016. You will receive the needed enrollment papers in your child's folder. *Our Morning Classes fill up very quickly!* Our Open House for the Public is Sunday, Jan. 24th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring your family and friends to see our beautiful school and enjoy the art work that is displayed. Thank you for recommending us to your family, friends and neighbors. YOU are our BEST advertisement!

Cancellation/Delays due to Weather

We will always contact you through "One Call Now" as early as possible. **In the event of a 2 hr delay, there will be NO Morning Preschool classes. Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Preschool Enrichment will begin at 10:30 a.m. Afternoon classes will be as scheduled.** We will also be on the local news stations listed as: Ursuline Preschool and Kindergarten.

May your Advent and the season of preparation be filled with many wonderful family moments and memories to cherish. We wish you, your family and those you love a very holy, healthy and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

*Mrs. Mary Ann Critell, Principal/Director
and
Staff of Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten*

