



St. James Lutheran Church Early Learning News

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Dear Friends and Families,

It seems to have taken forever for the Fall weather to arrive, but thankfully, it is finally beginning to feel like fall! With the cooler weather, there are so many traditions and fun fall activities to plan and attend. At St. James, we have planned for Fall Harvest Festival, Pajama Day, and a pre-Thanksgiving dinner for the children.

Unfortunately, due to Covid19, we must cancel our traditional Family Thanksgiving Covered Dish Lunch. However, the Feast must go on and we are planning a Thanksgiving lunch for the children. Memories from my childhood included helping my Nanny create a feast that we all looked forward to each year. From pie baking to homemade dinner rolls, the preparation would take days to complete. To make things more special this year and to create some memories of our own, we will have the children help us to make applesauce, butter, and pumpkin pie! Exchanging one memory for a new memory as we navigate another year full of challenges.

Like in years past, we will continue with our Fall Harvest which will be held on Monday, November 29, during our morning center time. The Kids Club program will plan some activities for each classroom. They will enjoy activities such as pumpkin bowling, Fall Harvest Bingo, and "Hayrides" through the center. So, as you can see, falling into autumn can still be fun, as we create new memories together!

As the weather gets colder, our days get shorter, holidays approach, and as many are starting to plan for the upcoming season; we will start our gift card fundraiser soon. I want to thank you for being part of our St. James family. Your children bring us love, joy, and much happiness! Wishing you all a Grateful and Happy Thanksgiving!

Important Dates and Information:

10/29/2021 – Parent Surveys will be emailed out. Please send your responses by Friday, November 5, 2021.

11/02/2021 – Election Day – do not forget to Vote

11/5/2021 – **The Giving Spree Event** – drop-off donations can be made between the hours of 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please spread the word to support our program (Code #81) to families and friends that are looking for end-of-the-year tax deductions. Thank you for sharing!

- Giving can be done three ways: Drop off gifts at the Gettysburg Times on November 5 from 1 pm to 5 pm.
- Mail gifts using the donation form to arrive by November 5.
- Online at ACCFGivingSpree.org on November 5.

11/07/2021 – Time to fall back – set your clocks back one hour to enjoy one more hour of sunshine in the evening.

11/24/2021 – Pajama Day! Wear your jammies to school today and enjoy a restful and relaxing day!

11/25/2021 & 11/26/2021 – Center Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!

11/29/2021 – Fall Festival – children will participate in house during their daily activity time.

11/29/2021 – 12/03/2021 - Parent/Teacher Conference



Older Toddlers created their own fall collage using real materials they found on their walk!