

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

December 2024  tnlcenter.com

THIS MONTH

Thurs Dec 12:

Visit from Santa Claus 9-noon

Fri Dec 13:

Parents invited to watch
dance class

Staff Cookie Exchange -
donations needed

Thurs Dec 19:

Christmas Program 4:30pm -
Bees through Pre-K
participate, all families invited,
reception afterwards

Fri Dec 20:

WEAR PJS TO SCHOOL for
Polar Express Day

Mon Dec 23:

LCPS Closed, NLC Open for
School's Out Drop-in Day

Tues Dec 24 & Weds 25:

NLC CLOSED

Thurs Dec 26 - Fri Jan 3

(except Jan 1):

School Age Winter Camp

Weds Jan 1:

NLC CLOSED



'TIS THE SEASON FOR THE NLC STAFF COOKIE EXCHANGE

Help spread good cheer and warm wishes to our staff! We are asking volunteers to sign up to bring 3 dozen of their favorite homemade or store-bought goodies for the staff to take home to enjoy! Please include your recipe (unless it's a family secret of course!).

Please click here to sign up.

Please drop off items by 10am on Friday, December 13th.

SCHOOL'S OUT

LCPS is closed for Winter Break Monday December 23 through Friday January 3. We have cozy fun days planned for school-agers!

- Monday the 23rd drop-in day is at the normal rate of \$50 or currently enrolled students, \$70 for non-enrolled.
- After Christmas, the rates are \$25/day for currently enrolled students, \$65 for non-enrolled.
- *NOTE: Regular tuition applies regardless of attendance.*

Email Ms Ally if you would like to sign up your school-ager.

Staff Birthday

Dec 7:

Ms Jennifer

Santa is coming to the NLC! 12/12 9a-noon

A volunteer takes lovely photos of the children with Santa, then sets up a link which will be emailed to parents so they can view and download the photos of their child(ren) they would like to keep. These photos are free thanks to the generosity of this former NLC parent, Amy Lovelady.



Christmas at St Andrew

Children's Pageant: All Kids Welcome (birth through high school!!)

- Rehearsals after the 10am worship services on Dec 1st, 8th, & 15th (a snack is provided)
- Performance during the 10am worship service on Sunday, Dec 22
- [Click to sign up](#), or just come to rehearsal (it's ok if you can't come to them all)



Watch for St Andrew in the Purcellville Christmas Parade!
- December 14th at noon -
The men of the "Dad Joke Express", sporting their ugly Christmas sweaters, will be passing the mic to share groan-inducing Dad Humor!

Adult Advent Study

It is time to quiet our minds and hearts, preparing for the birth of our Lord, Jesus. Who are we kidding - it's hard to find an hour for a weekly bible study in December...heck, it's hard to find time to brush your teeth every day and walk the dog! But we make time for things that matter...and Jesus matters.

Join us as we explore Kara Eidson's, "Stay Awhile: Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality" during this month of anticipation. Copies of the study may be picked up in the front entry but note that NO READING IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE! Come for discussion and fellowship.

Wednesdays - December 4, 11, 18 - coffee and treats starting 8:15 am, study starting 8:30 am, Pastor's office

Sundays - December 3, 10, 17, 24 - coffee and treats starting 9:00 am, study starting 9:15 am, Fellowship Hall

Contact Ally with questions!

*Weekly Worship:
All are welcome!*

- Sunday School* for youth (middle & high school) and adults at 9am
- Service at 10am, also streamed on YouTube
- Children's Church*: pre-k thru 3rd grade go downstairs for their own church after the Children's Moment
- Childcare for infants through age 3 is available from 9am-noon

**except for 12/22 & 12/29*

HOW TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE GIVING TREE

1. Visit the "Giving Tree" in the main entry
2. Take a tag (or two)
3. Shop for the gift or gift card
4. Bring gift cards back to our sealed drop-in jar
5. Bring gifts back (with the tag from the tree attached) to our drop-off bin

Thank You



A few of
the things
for which
we are
thankful



December 2024

<p>^Sundays at St Andrew - All are welcome! 9am: Sunday School for youth (MS/HS) & adults 10am: Worship service, with Sunday School for younger kids during the service 9am-noon: Childcare available for infant to age 3 <i>The worship service is also streamed on YouTube</i></p>			<p>School's Out! LCPS is closed for Winter Break Monday, December 23 - Friday January 3. We have lots of fun things planned for school-agers! Monday the 23rd drop-in day is at the normal rate of \$50 for currently enrolled students, \$70 for non-enrolled. For December 26-January 3, excluding the days when the NLC is closed, the rates are \$25/day for currently enrolled students, \$65 for non-enrolled. NOTE: Regular tuition applies regardless of attendance.</p>			
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Worship^ service 10am <i>MS/HS Youth 6-8pm</i>		Chapel 9:45am	~Wee Little Arts		Mercier School of Dance'	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Worship^ service 10am <i>Minis (grades 4&5) after the service, plus</i>		Chapel 9:45am	~Wee Little Arts	North Pole Day with Santa! 9am-noon Photos will be taken and shared with families	Mercier School of Dance': Parents invited to come watch! NLC Staff Cookie Exchange - donations needed!	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Worship^ service 10am <i>Session mtg after the service MS/HS Youth 6-8pm</i>		Chapel 9:45am		NLC Christmas Program 4:30pm Bees through Pre-K participate & all families invited; reception after NLCBdMtg6:30p	Polar Express Day with Conductor George! Wear PJs to school	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship^ service 10am <i>Food on the 4th - bring a food donation</i>	LCPS Closed NLC Open for School's Out Drop-In Day Class Birthday Parties for Jesus	NLC CLOSED for Christmas Eve 7pm Candlelight Service	NLC CLOSED for Christmas Day	School's Out Winter Camp for School-Agers		
29	30	31	<p>EXTRACURRICULARS: 'Mercier School of Dance - Creative Dance & Ballet, Fridays 9:50-10:20am, 2.5-6yrs, \$68/mo Sep-May, enrollment fee of \$20 Register at: www.mercierschoolofdance.com/registration ~Wee Little Arts-Session 1:The Elements of Art! Wednesdays until 12/11, pre-K 2:30-3:15pm, 3-yr-4 3:15-4pm,\$150. Register at http://weelittlearts.com</p>			
Worship^ service 10am (no Sunday Schools)		Chapel 9:45am Class New Year's Eve Parties	School's Out Winter Camp for School-Agers			

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The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ December Menu 2024

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Dec. 2 - 6	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	Yogurt [^] Granola* Water	Turkey Sausage Patty* Biscuit* [^] Water	WG Pancakes* [^] Berries Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	
	Lunch	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce* [^] Salad w/ dressing [^] (T) Cucumbers Peaches Milk	Chili* [^] Cornbread* [^] Pears Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets* [^] Peas Pineapple Milk	Mac N Cheese* [^] Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	Chicken & Rice* [^] Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	
	Snack	Animal Crackers* [^] Applesauce Water	Pretzels* Hummus* (T) Crackers Water	Graham Crackers* [^] Bananas Water	WG Corn Chips* Salsa (T) Crackers Water	Pudding [^] Vanilla Wafers* [^] Water	
Dec. 9 - 13	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	Bagels* [^] Cream Cheese [^] Water	Chip Beef Gravy* [^] Biscuits* [^] Water	Muffins* [^] Bananas Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	
	Lunch	Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes* [^] WG Roll* [^] Pineapple Milk	Taco Salad* [^] Corn WG Roll* Peaches Milk	Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Carrots* [^] Crackers* Applesauce Milk	WG Fish Nuggets* [^] Peas Pears Milk	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla* [^] Salad w/ Dressing [^] (T) Cucumbers Mixed Fruit Milk	
	Snack	Crackers* Pepperoni* Sliced Cheese [^] Water	Fig Newtons* Yogurt [^] Water	WG Homemade Trail Mix* [^] Water	Veggie Straws* Raisins* Water	Goldfish Crackers* Mandarin Oranges Water	
Dec. 16 - 20	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk	Sausage Gravy* [^] Biscuits* [^] Water	WG Waffles* [^] Fruit Water	Yogurt [^] Granola* Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	
	Lunch	Beef Stew* [^] Crackers* [^] Pears Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets* [^] Peas Pineapple Milk	Beans & Franks* [^] WG Roll* [^] Corn Applesauce Milk	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce* [^] Salad w/ Dressing [^] (T) Cucumbers Peaches Milk	Meatball Subs* [^] WG Roll* [^] Peas & Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk [^]	
	Snack	Gingerbread Cookies* [^] Bananas Water	Pretzels* Hummus/Dip* [^] (T) Crackers* Water	Graham Crackers* [^] Bananas Water	Pudding [^] Vanilla Wafers* [^] Water	Polar Express Snack* [^] Water	
Dec. 23 - 27	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	NLC CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY!		Turkey Sausage Patty* Biscuit* [^] Water	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	
	Lunch	Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Carrots* [^] Crackers* Peaches Milk			WG Fish Nuggets* [^] Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	Pizza Day! Salad w/ Dressing [^] (T) Cucumbers Pears Milk	
	Snack	Cake for Jesus Birthday* [^] Applesauce Water			Goldfish Crackers* [^] Sliced Apples (T) Applesauce Water	Fig Newtons* [^] Yogurt [^] Water	
Dec. 30 - Jan. 3	Morning Snack	WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	Chipped Beef Gravy* [^] Biscuits* [^] Water	NLC CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY!		WG Cereal* [^] Milk [^]	
	Lunch	Chicken Alfredo* [^] Broccoli Pineapple Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets* [^] Peas & Carrots Pears Milk			Taco Salad* [^] WG Roll* [^] Corn Peaches Milk	Corn Dogs* [^] Green Beans Applesauce Milk
	Snack	Applesauce Cookies* [^] Bananas Water	Pudding [^] Vanilla Wafers* [^] Water			WG Trail Mix* [^] Water	Graham Crackers* [^] Cream Cheese [^] Water

Whole milk is served to children under 2 and 2% milk is served to all others. Menus are subject to change.

*May contain eggs ^May contain milk (T)=Toddlers WG = Whole Grain