

SEAS Preschool

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Dear Preschool families,

Happy New Year everyone!! We hope everyone was able to spend quality time with family and friends. As we continue to move forward with our school year, we will continue to pray with Jesus and ask for his guidance for our students.

January brings celebration of our patron saint, St Elizabeth Ann Seton. We will celebrate her this first week of January. The K-8 school will be hosting a mass on **Thursday January 4th at 1 PM** with **Archbishop Hebda**. Please join us in celebrating all of her work and praying for all of those who follow her mission.

Jan 9th I will be joining other Early Childhood programs at the Hastings Area Youth Expo and Preschool Fair. The event will take place at the **Hastings High School Commons Area** from **5 pm to 8 pm**. This will be a great opportunity for me to talk about our program!!!

This month we will have a few middle school students stopping over to visit. So if you see them please say hi!

The Student Council will be participating in an event called **Super Kids-Super Sharing program**. This program is collecting new and used books, sports equipment, school supplies, games, used cell phones and cell phone accessories. We will have a bin here at the Preschool as well as one at the K-8 location. We will be collecting items **Jan 3rd to Jan 17th**. They will deliver the items on Jan 18th.

A new program will be starting this spring **called Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL)**. This program was founded by Joanne and Alan Foley through the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The goals of the program are:

- To provide parents with tools and opportunities to teach their children the Catholic faith.

Upcoming Events

Jan 4th – All School Mass

1 PM at K-8 School with Archbishop Hebda

Jan 11th – Visit from Father Dave

Jan 15th – No School

MLK Day

Jan 26th – No School

Training Day for teachers

Jan 28th-Feb 3rd – Catholic Schools Week

- To strengthen the faith of parents and enhance their knowledge of the Catholic faith through active personal involvement in faith formation and through the witness of other faith-filled families.
- To develop relationships and connections with other Catholic families through small group discussion of Catholic topics of interest to parents.
- To grow our Catholic preschool enrollment.

Happy New Year everyone!

Blessings,

Shauna Thilmany – Preschool Director

Tip Corner

5 New Year Family Resolutions

1. **Pray together as a family.** Introduce/reintroduce family prayer prior to meal times or bedtimes. Continue to bring the support of Jesus within your home.
2. **Create a family game night!** Get crazy and create a game of your own!!
3. **Cook meals together.** It is never too early to teach our children how to cook. Start with having them wash fruits and vegetables and move on to more age appropriate tasks. The conversations created will not disappoint you!
4. **Get outside!** Whether it's sledding, skiing, a nature hike or a snowball fight, allow yourself to enjoy the outdoors. If the weather does not cooperate bring the outdoors inside with having a pretend snowball fight, bringing snow inside in large bins or creating a winter's fort!
5. **Create an Act of Kindness Jar.** Teach and create an environment of kindness by encouraging kindness through your family actions. Write them down or keep track of them and read them off each week or every month.



Wyatt – Jan 1st

Alex – Jan 2nd

Natalie – Jan 5th

Stella N – Jan 6th

Audrey- Jan 8th

Justin – Jan 13th

Josie L – Jan 19th

Mari – Jan 30th

Half Birthdays

Caleb – Jan 4th

Charlie – Jan 10th

Hazel – Jan 12th

Bennett S and Henry – Jan 17th

Owen – Jan 23rd

Story – Jan 24th

Nickolai – Jan 30th