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JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

For so many of us, 2018 brings an opportunity for a fresh start (so long 2017!). We certainly have a lot to look forward to so be sure to check out the calendar below! Love, Candice

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 8 th -12 th	Dads and Doughnuts!
Jan. 15 th	TLS, YS & MDPC closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 16 th & 17 th	Class pictures
Feb. 2 nd	Yellow School placement letters go out
Feb. 8 th	Online registration begins!!! - (current families)
Feb. 8 th -16 th	Placement for currently enrolled families
Feb. 17 th	Placement for MDPC members and Legacy families
Feb. 19 th	TLS, YS & MDPC closed - Presidents Day
Feb. 20 th	Placement for new families
Feb. 20 th & 21 st	Individual pictures

REMINDERS

- **Now that we have colder weather (finally!), please remember to send a jacket and a warm change of clothes!**
- **Please remember that tuition is due by the 10th of the month!**

REGISTRATION & PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Amazingly enough, it is time to begin registration for Fall 2018! As in prior years, you will be able to register online beginning at 6:00 AM on February 8th. If you have any questions, please let me know. The placement and registration dates are:

Currently Enrolled Families

- Online 2018-2019 registration begins February 8th (Friday) - 6:00 AM - (after Yellow School placement)
- Placement begins on February 8th and will be completed by the 16th
- Online SUMMER registration will begin March 9th

CHAPEL CHAT

Happy New Year! We trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas with your precious children; they are truly gifts from God! During the month of January we will be learning that God sent us the greatest gift of all in Jesus, and that He loves each and every one of us. Jesus is God's own Son, and He was a baby, toddler and a 'tween' too! We will hear how the wise men came in search of the Christ child and how Jesus grew and called His disciples from the books of Matthew, Mark and Luke.



Class Pictures January 16th and 17th



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## Parents' Night Out

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

4:00 to 8:00 PM

Hosted by Child Care Plus - this program is for children 3 months through 10 years, Space is limited, so register early! The cost is \$25 per child/\$15 for each additional sibling. Your child will enjoy an evening of pizza, crafts and a movie. Registration is at [mwells@mdpc.org](mailto:mwells@mdpc.org) (Mimi Wells).

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Dads and Doughnuts

Mark your calendars for Dads and Doughnuts the week of January 8th! That week, from 9:00 to 9:45 in the playroom (room 120), Dad will bring your little one on one of the days and do a cute project, meet the other dads and have doughnut holes and fun. It's a great way for dad to start his day and catch a glimpse into his little one's world. The children love to show off their dads to their friends and teachers! I will also take pictures for your memory book!

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## 20 Realistic New Year's Resolutions for Moms (Courtesy of Parents.com)

When it comes to New Year's resolutions, I'm as guilty as the next mom of being a teensy bit overambitious. (And honestly, I'm not even sure it's possible to learn Italian, get a bikini body, and pay off a lifetime of debt in twelve short months anyway.) Rather than setting myself up to fail by January 3, this year I'm going to beat the system by striving for goals that are actually doable. Join me?

1. "I will drink less wine." Notice I didn't say less than *who/what*.

2. "I will cultivate patience." Cultivating takes time, people. Rome wasn't built in a day.

3. "I will stop making impossible New Year's resolutions." See #4.

4. "I will work on [reducing stress](#)." Impossible New Year's resolutions stress me out.

5. "I will save money." Not buying that new car I want will save us 50 grand! You're welcome, dear.

6. "If I pin it, I will make it." [deletes all pins and closes Pinterest account]

7. "I will drink more water." You can't make coffee without water, right?

8. "I will put on workout clothes twice a week." It's not a guarantee I'll go, but it *is* a necessary first step.

9. "I will go to bed earlier." Honey, put the kids to bed, wouldja?

10. "I will stop wasting so much time on Facebook." Instagram is better anyway.

11. "I will not let the kids talk me into [getting another dog](#)." PLEASE SEND BACKUP.

12. "I will not sweat the small stuff." Just don't try to tell me that anything involving my kids, my job, or my hair is small stuff.

13. "I will try to maintain my current weight." Beats gaining!

14. "I will stop catering to my children's bottomless list of food whims." I'm not being selfish; I'm building better eaters.

15. "I will try something new every week." (I'll also try to make sure that something isn't a new type of wine more than 50 percent of the time.)

16. "I will read more." Considering the last book I finished was in 2011, this shouldn't be too hard.

17. "I will stop saving fortune cookie fortunes." But they'll still come true, right?

18. "I will be kinder to myself." This should come in handy after I gain weight and console myself with a wine-and-Facebook bender.

19. "I will strive for balance." I'm actually not even sure what this means, but it doesn't sound particularly daunting, so there you go.

20. "I will practice more yoga." I'll just be over here corpsing if anyone needs me.