



# December 2019

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*  
2 Corinthians 9:15

## Family Faith Friends

If you are interested in sponsoring a cross before the end of the calendar year, there's still time. Please fill out a form (that can be found online and attached to this newsletter) and send it in to the office.

We will purchase a cross and hang it on display in our lobby.

A special thank you to our newest cross sponsor:

*The Pachowicz Family*

## 2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment

### VIPP Enrollment

VIPP Enrollment is underway and will end December 19!! This is a time set aside for our current families (including siblings) to register for the 2020/2021 school year. If you are considering our 2s program, your child must be 2 by May 31, 2020.

Class placements will be posted on your Sandbox Portal under the Child Info tab this week!

### Legacy Enrollment

We are excited to announce that we will now be offering Legacy Enrollment!

We appreciate our families both past and present and understand our success is built on their support.

Any family that has had a student enrolled at Prairie Pals and would like to enroll a sibling can do so from December 9 - December 19.

If you know someone that has had a student here in the past and would like to enroll a sibling let them know to give us a call.

### Open Enrollment

Enrollment will be open to the public starting January 6.

Enrollment forms will be available on our website mid November.

As always we offer referral incentives, please contact us for information.

## Chick-Fil-A

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Chick-Fil-A Night! It was a great turnout and we appreciate your support!



## AMAZON SMILE

The holidays are almost here!! If you shop on Amazon.com, please consider visiting [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) the next time you click to order and select Oswego Christian Foundation as the charity of your choice.

You will earn money for our school shopping for the things you are already planning to buy! It costs nothing more!

## Christmas Parties

This year our Christmas Parties will be held on Tuesday, December 17 (TT) and Wednesday, December 18 (MWF/M-F 4s/PreK). Classes will begin at their normal times and the parties will be the last 45 minutes of class.

Please remember no food items/candy at the parties. As usual 3 confirmed volunteers will be at each party.

Volunteers will need to provide a photo ID when they check in for the party.

## Christmas Program

*The Polar Express will be pulling into Prairie Pals on Thursday, December 19!*

*We are so excited to be sharing this evening with you and your children. Everyone has been busy planning and practicing.*

*Information will be sent home soon so please be on the lookout.*

## SNOW CLOSINGS

With snow in the forecast, we want to remind our families that Prairie Pals Preschool follows Oswego School District 308 for school district closings.

If Oswego School District 308 is closed, Prairie Pals Preschool is closed, as well.

For up to date information on school district closings due to inclement weather, please check local radio/television stations or the District 308 website.

## Preschool Contacts

### Office:

Ms. Leslie, Director: msleslie@prairiepals.org

Ms. Sheridan: frontdesk@prairiepals.org

Ms. Stephanie: finances@prairiepals.org

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Ms. Mary: msmary@prairiepals.org

Ms. Pam: mspam@prairiepals.org

Ms. Wendy: mswendy@prairiepals.org

## January Tuition Reminder

**Please remember that even though we don't return from Christmas Break until 1/6/2020, January Preschool tuition is still due on January 1st!!**

**You are welcome to pay online via the PayPal link on our website, leave a check in the drop box outside of our main entrance or send it with your student before Christmas break begins on 12/19.**

## Preschool Reminders

- Please do not block the entrances or exits with the car line. Staff, childcare and preschool vehicles are entering and exiting.
- As the weather gets colder please have your child ready to exit the vehicle when our staff member comes to gather them for preschool. Coat on, backpack ready to go, shoes on and ready to exit out the passenger door. Thank you for your support and understanding. There are up to 30 cars in each line and we want to keep our staff safe from the elements.
- You do not need to send your child to school in snow pants and/or boots. Boots are very hard to walk around in school and play in the large motor room. If there is every a time your class will go outside to play in the snow you will be notified beforehand to be prepared.
- Please remember to empty your child's backpacks. Lots of backpacks are full of art projects, information from school and curriculum pages. We are having a hard time fitting items in and there is a great deal of information coming home in the next month.

## Childcare Contacts

### Office:

Ms. Becky, Director:

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Ms. Sheridan: frontdesk@prairiepals.org

Ms. Stephanie: finances@prairiepals.org

If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact us, we are happy to help you in any way we can!

## 2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment

VIPP Preschool Enrollment began on Monday, November 25th.

Any childcare families taking advantage of our VIPP enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year please make sure you are

talking to Ms. Becky regarding childcare classroom availability if you are wanting to switch your childcare days and times to work with your planned preschool enrollment.

## Outside Play

Weather permitting childcare will be going outside in the winter months. Please have warm clothes for your children (coats, hats, gloves and boots). Ensure all your child's winter gear is labeled with their name. Have them practice putting these items on/off as well to foster independence.

## Holiday Attendance

Holiday attendance sheets went up November 1. Please look for them in your child's room or ask Ms. Becky for the information if you haven't already filled them out!

If you plan to submit a vacation request, please remember that they must be submitted **2 weeks** in advance for approval!

## Childcare Reminders

- Please remember to empty your child's cubby. Many are full of art projects and information from school. There is a great deal of information coming home in the next month.
- The weather is officially cooler, please make sure all of your child's outerwear is labeled with their name and that they can identify their belongings. We want everyone to go home with the correct items. We are noticing lots of hats, gloves and coats without names on them.
- Please work with your children on putting on their coats, hats and gloves. It is a skill we are working on at school to supplement what you are doing at home.
- If your student wears boots to school during inclement weather, please make sure there is a pair of school friendly shoes in their backpack. Boots are tricky to maneuver at school, especially while playing in the Large Motor Room.
- Please ensure your children have a change of clothes in their backpacks. It's a good time to check to see if they are the correct size and weather appropriate.

# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Tuition Due</b>	2	3	4	5 <i>Spirit Wear Day</i>	6 <i>Spirit Wear Day</i>	7
8	9 <b>Legacy Enrollment</b>	10	11	12 <i>Dress-Up Day, Red / Green</i>	13 <i>Dress-Up Day, Red / Green</i>	14
15	16	17 <i>Christmas Parties, TT</i>	18 <i>Christmas Parties,</i>	19 <i>Preschool Christmas</i>	20 <b>No Preschool, Christmas</b>	21
22	23 <b>No Preschool, Christmas Break</b>	24 <b>Center Closed, No Preschool</b>	25 <b>Center Closed, No Preschool</b>	26 <b>No Preschool, Christmas</b>	27 <b>No Preschool, Christmas</b>	28
29	30 <b>No Preschool, Christmas Break</b>	31 <b>No Preschool, Christmas Break</b> <i>Childcare to close at 3 pm</i>				

## December Schedule of Events

- \* 12/1 - **Tuition Due**
- \* 12/5 - Spirit Wear Day, TT / All PM
- \* 12/6 - Spirit Wear Day  
MWF / M-F AM
- \* 12/9 - Legacy Enrollment Begins!
- \* 12/12 - Dress-Up Day,  
Christmas - TT / All PM
- \* 12/13 - Dress-Up Day,  
Christmas - MWF / M-F AM
- \* 12/17 - Christmas Parties, TT
- \* 12/18 - Christmas Parties,  
MWF / M-F / PreK
- \* 12/19 - Christmas Program
- \* **12/20 - 1/3/20 - No Preschool, Christmas Break**
- \* **12/24 - 12/25 - Center Closed, Merry Christmas! No Preschool or Childcare**
- \* **12/31 - Childcare closes at 3 PM, Happy New Year!**

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Tuition Due</b> <b>Center Closed, No Preschool or Childcare, Happy New Year!</b>	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Welcome Back to Preschool! Open Enrollment</b>	7	8	9 <i>Dress-Up Day, Pajamas</i>	10 <i>Dress-Up Day, Pajamas</i>	11
12	13	14	15	16 <i>Spirit Wear Day</i>	17 <i>Spirit Wear Day</i>	18
19	20 <b>No Preschool, District Closed, MLK</b>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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- \* **1/1 - Center Closed, Happy New Year!**
- \* 1/6 - Welcome Back to Preschool!  
Open Enrollment Begins
- \* 1/9 - Dress-Up Day; Pajamas  
T/TH & all PM classes
- \* 1/10 - Dress-Up Day; Pajamas  
MWF & M-F AM 4s
- \* 1/16 - Spirit Wear Day  
T/TH & all PM classes
- \* 1/17 - Spirit Wear Day,  
MWF & M-F AM 4s
- \* **1/20 - No School, District Closed Martin L. King Day**

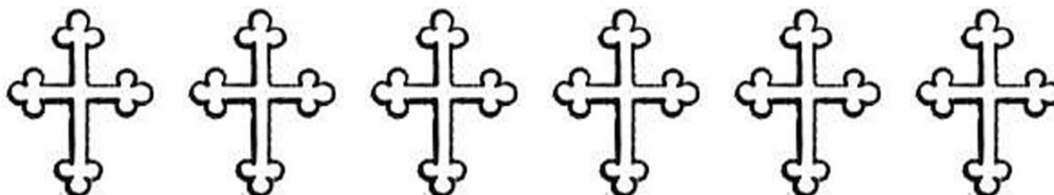
# FAMILY FAITH FRIENDS

Our families mean the world to us! We understand that you are the foundation to which we base our daily ministry. We are excited to announce a unique opportunity for our families to place a cross on our Faith Wall.

This collection of crosses will be a showcase for all to see. The relationships we have shared and the children that have come through our doors will be honored for years to come.

If you would like to sponsor a cross on our Faith Wall please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to Prairie Pals.

Thank you for your support and Faith in Prairie Pals Christian Preschool and Childcare.



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Family Name (to appear on name plate) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Crosses sponsored \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \$25.00 (per cross) \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check (made out to OCF)

PayPal will not be an option

# December Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Pears</b> <b>L: Pasta &amp; Meat Sauce</b> Peas Mandarin Oranges <b>PM: Cheez Its &amp; *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room)</b>	<b>B: Cinnamon Toast</b> <b>AM: Graham Crackers</b> <b>L: Meatballs</b> Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fruit <b>PM: Chex Mix</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Apples &amp; Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room)</b> <b>L: Mac &amp; Cheese</b> Broccoli & Cauliflower Mix Pears <b>PM: Oyster Crackers &amp; *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room)</b>	<b>B: Bagels &amp; Cream Cheese</b> <b>AM: Caramel Quakes</b> <b>L: Diced Ham</b> Tater Tots Pineapple <b>PM: Goldfish</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Bananas</b> <b>L: Fish Sticks</b> Carrots Peaches <b>PM: Vanilla Wafers</b>
<b>B: Toast &amp; Jelly/*Wow Butter</b> <b>AM: Teddy Grahams</b> <b>L: Hot Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</b> Green Beans Mandarin Oranges <b>PM: Veggie Straws</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Applesauce</b> <b>L: Cheese Quesadilla</b> Peas & Carrots Peaches <b>PM: Pretzels &amp; *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room)</b>	<b>B: Bagels &amp; Cream Cheese</b> <b>AM: Yogurt</b> <b>L: Meat Ravioli</b> Broccoli Pears <b>PM: Chips &amp; Salsa</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Orange Slices</b> <b>L: Taquitos</b> Peas Mixed Fruit <b>PM: Cheese Quakes</b>	<b>B: NutriGrain Bar &amp; Banana</b> <b>AM: Crackers &amp; *Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room)</b> <b>L: Pancakes &amp; Sausage</b> Hash Browns Blueberries <b>PM: Oreos</b>
<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Bananas</b> <b>L: Chicken Marinara</b> Cauliflower Applesauce <b>PM: Cheese Veggie Straws</b>	<b>B: Yogurt &amp; Apple Slices</b> <b>AM: Sun Chips</b> <b>L: Meatballs</b> Mashed Potatoes Pears <b>PM: Wheat Thins</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Pears</b> <b>L: Chicken Casserole</b>  Pineapple <b>PM: Cheese &amp; Crackers</b>	<b>B: Cinnamon Toast</b> <b>AM: Cheez Its &amp; *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room)</b> <b>L: Cheese Pizza</b> Mixed Veggies Peaches <b>PM: Teddy Grahams</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Vanilla Wafers</b> <b>L: Chicken Patty Sandwich</b> Carrots Mixed Fruit <b>PM: Crackers/Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room)</b>
<b>B: Bagels &amp; Cream Cheese</b> <b>AM: Veggie Chips</b> <b>L: Cheese Quesadilla</b> Green Beans Mandarin Oranges <b>PM: Pears</b>	<b>B: Prairie Pals Closed</b> <b>AM:</b> <b>L:</b>  <b>PM:</b>	<b>B: Prairie Pals Closed</b> <b>AM:</b> <b>L:</b>  <b>PM:</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Graham Crackers</b> <b>L: Taquitos</b> Broccoli Strawberries <b>PM: Bananas</b>	<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Apples &amp; Wow Butter(no wow butter in I/T room)</b> <b>L: Chicken Nuggets</b> Peas Pears <b>PM: Rice Krispy Treats</b>
<b>B: Cereal</b> <b>AM: Pretzels &amp; *Raisins(no raisins in I/T room)</b> <b>L: Cheese Pizza</b> Green Beans Mixed Fruit <b>PM: Lunchmeat &amp; Crackers</b>	<b>B: Cinnamon Toast</b> <b>AM: Cheese Veggie Straws</b> <b>L: Grilled Cheese</b> Cauliflower Peaches  <b>PM: Prairie Pals closes at 3:00</b>	<b>B:</b> <b>AM:</b> <b>L:</b> <b>PM:</b>	<b>B:</b> <b>AM:</b> <b>L:</b> <b>PM:</b>	<b>B:</b> <b>AM:</b> <b>L:</b> <b>PM:</b>

**B: Breakfast, AM: AM Snack, L: Lunch, PM: PM Snack**

Milk and/or water is served with every meal. A bread item is served with lunch. Milk and Juice is served with breakfast.

\*Raisins and Wow Butter will not be served in the Infant/Toddler room, they will be served the listed snack stated minus these items