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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | November 2020

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## Mark your Calendars:

Nov 4- Parents' Council Meeting  
Nov 11- Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL  
Nov 17- Dining Out at QShack  
Nov 24- Christmas Market donations due  
Nov 25-27- Thanksgiving Holiday - NO SCHOOL

## Looking ahead:

Dec 2- Kindergarten Open House  
Dec 21- Jan 1 - Christmas Holiday

Dear DMWS Family,

Autumn is here! DMWS has certainly been a busy place recently. We've had a fire drill, pumpkin and leaf activities, outdoor individual photos and our annual Halloween Parade X 3! The children have celebrated the change of season with art projects, movement activities and cooking experiences. On October 15 and 16, our staff worked in the classrooms to prepare activities for the children. We also did some cleaning in our storage areas.

Many thanks to all of you for helping us adhere to the new health screening guidelines. Your commitment to our new protocols allows us to be open for your children. We appreciate your patience in carline each morning as we conduct health checks. As the weather cools, remember that running your car heater on high may impact the temperature reading for your child. Try to keep your vehicle warm but not hot.

Parents of our pre-k classes are invited to attend a virtual Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, December 2 at noon. This gives parents an opportunity to learn more about our kindergarten program. Print information will go out soon.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday!  
Julie Allen  
DMWS Director



## Remind Texting Service

Remind is a free messaging tool to help educators communicate with parents. Parents can opt in to receive texts from the school in the event of an emergency (fire, etc). It will also be used in the event of school cancellation/delay in addition to email notification.

To receive text messages, parents should text @dukemem to 81010 or (828)394-2095. Parents can unsubscribe at any time.

## Playground Reminder

DMWS Shares the playground with PMO. DMWS students use the playground from 9-noon each day while PMO uses it from noon until 12:45pm.

## Carpool Reminder

For the Safety of the children, please keep the following in mind:

1. Carpool line is a cellphone free zone.
2. Do not exit your car from the driver's side while your car is in a loading/unloading position. After you pull up to buckle, you may exit your car if needed. Memorial Drive is a city street and is used by many cars daily.

## Kindergarten Virtual Open House Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Noon\*

DMWS will hold an Open House for parents to learn more about DMWS kindergarten. There will be an opportunity to see the classroom, speak with the lead teacher, and ask questions.

Please call the office at 919-688-5130 or send an email to [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org) to attend virtually. You will be sent the link prior to the open house.

# Duke Memorial Christmas Market

The Duke Memorial Christmas Market is a low-cost holiday shopping event for Durham families with limited financial means. It gives parents an opportunity to give Christmas gifts to their children and honors their dignity by letting them do the shopping themselves. It gives donors a chance to share God's love and experience the true meaning of Christmas. While the market will look very different due to Covid this year, we are doing our best to ensure it will happen. In order to best accommodate social distancing, there will be hold two events- Saturday, December 5, from 2pm-5pm and December 12 from 10pm-1pm in Whitford Hall. *This year there will be no gift wrapping, child care, or refreshments. Other logistics may change due to the pandemic and are subject to change.*

Our shoppers are families who receive services from our partner agencies such as Urban Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Families Moving Forward, etc. Partners distribute shopper passes to families (1 pass per child) based on need and circumstance. A Shopper's Pass is required for entrance to the Market. New items are sold at deep discounts (75% off). Each pass allows the shopper to buy three gifts. The Christmas Market is not a gift giveaway program; shoppers **purchase** items at very low cost, **cash only**. Proceeds from the Market go back to the agencies that distribute the Shopper's Passes, a "bonus" gift for everyone involved.

We have **gift registries** at three stores this year: [Amazon](#), [Target](#), and [Walmart](#). You can use these registries online and in stores. If you use these gift registries, you can ship your gifts directly to the church.

- If you still want to shop in person, that's okay too! Remember that places like Ollie's, Big Lots, and TJ Maxx are great places to get more bang for your donated buck! Our [Giving Guide](#) can be downloaded from the web and is great for ideas on the fly!

All gifts purchased online (whether from registries or elsewhere) should be delivered to the church by Nov. 24th. Gifts may be sent to DMWS via carline.

Donate cash or checks to Duke Memorial UMC with "Christmas Market" in the memo line. Our elves will do the shopping for you!



# Thanks for Wearing Your Mask!

Face Coverings help keep us healthy. Please remember to send your child to school in a mask each day. Note that cloth masks should be washed regularly.

## How to clean your mask

### *Washing machine*

- You can include your mask with your regular laundry.
- Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask.

### *Washing by hand*

- Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing, may not be suitable for disinfection.
- Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:
  - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) of 5.25%–8.25% bleach per gallon of room temperature water or
  - 4 teaspoons of 5.25%–8.25% bleach per quart of room temperature water
- Soak the mask in the bleach solution for 5 minutes.
- Discard the bleach solution down the drain and rinse the mask thoroughly with cool or room temperature water.
- Make sure to completely dry the mask after washing.

## How to dry your mask

### *Dryer*

- Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry.

### *Air dry*

- Lay flat and allow to completely dry. If possible, place the mask in direct sunlight.

# Advertise with Parent Press

Parent press would love to help DMWS community get to know your business and what you sell or do. If you are interested in putting an advertisement in the monthly parent press it's only \$10 per 1/6th of page and 10% of the proceeds be given donated back to the school. Please contact mandy Wilkinson at [aswilkinson10@gmail.com](mailto:aswilkinson10@gmail.com) or Ericka Sowers [erickasowers@gmail.com](mailto:erickasowers@gmail.com).

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