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# THE PARENTS' PRESS

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Duke Memorial Weekday School | December 2023

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## Mark your Calendars:

Dec 1: Book Mobile  
Dec 4-8: Duke OT students on site  
Dec 6: PC meeting  
Dec. 6: Kindergarten Open House 12:15pm, Registration Required  
Dec 11 & 12: Christmas Story in the Sanctuary  
Dec 12: Dining Out at Pop's Backdoor 5-9:30 PM  
Dec 13: Tower Bells Concert  
Dec 14-15: Y'all Need Cookies Holiday Cookie Order Distribution  
Dec 15: Board Meeting  
Dec 18: Staff Meeting/No Lunch Bunch  
Dec 20-Jan 2: Holiday Break-NO SCHOOL  
Jan 3: DMWS resumes operation

## Looking ahead:

Jan 15: MLK Day - NO SCHOOL  
Jan 22 & 23: Parent-Teacher Conference Days

Dear Parents,

Wow- December is a busy time at DMWS! There will be cooking experiences/gift making/art projects as well as the opportunity to hear the church tower bells play and hear the Christmas Story in the Sanctuary.

Planning for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. On December 6, DMWS will host a Kindergarten Open House at 12:15pm. Please RSVP to the school office if you plan to attend. The Open House is for adults only. In January, we will hold Parent Conferences on January 22 and 23. Teachers will share information about your child's progress. Look for information about conference sign-ups from your child's teacher. If you know of any families who may be interested in our program, please encourage them to schedule a tour of DMWS so they can learn more.

Please remember that our carline is a CELL FREE ZONE. Please refrain from exiting your vehicle into traffic when your car is parked for drop-off or pick-up. Children are unloaded/loaded from the passenger side of vehicles. Also remember that blocking the intersection of Chapel Hill and Duke Streets is unsafe.

Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday,

Julie Allen

Director DMWS



# Important Registration Information for 2024-2025

Registration for next year officially begins on January 24. In order to hold a spot for 2024-2025 at the time of registration, you will pay a registration fee. **All registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

During the week of January 16-19, you will receive an application for each of your currently enrolled children through their school folder. Applications for siblings may be requested from the office.

Priority for registration is as follows:

- Current Students
- Siblings of current students
- Children of church members/ministerial staff
- Children and grandchildren of DMWS faculty/staff
- Siblings of former DMWS students
- Children and grandchildren of DMWS alumni
- Children of current PMO teachers and DMUMC support staff
- General Public

In order to retain priority, your completed application must be received by the February 2nd deadline.

Tuition rates and registration fees for 2024-2025 will be set by our Board of Directors in December.

Class offerings for each age level are determined by initial enrollment numbers. We may be able to offer the following:

- Kindergarten (5 days)
- Pre-k (5 and 4 day classes)
- 3's (5, 4, 3, and 2 day classes)
- 2's (5, 3, and 2 day classes)

## DMWS Tuition Payments

Tuition payments are due each month on the first and past due on the tenth. Payment options include check, cash, credit card (on-line via website) and automatic draft. Checks and cash payments are encouraged because our school does incur additional fees to process the credit card and ACH payments.

## Remind Texting Service

Remind is a free messaging tool to help education 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)394-2094**. Parents can unsubscribe at any time.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Ms. Critcher, assistant teacher with 2 day 2's (Ludwig) and 3 day 3's has taken a job as a social worker with Durham Public Schools.
- Students from the Duke University OT program will complete fall semester capstone projects at DMWS the week of December 4.
- Our students have been cooking- apple fritters, corn bread, pumpkin muffins, etc. One class even churned butter!
- On November 21, our kindergarten class invited the pre-k classes to join them for a Friendship Feast. In addition to having snack together, students enjoyed some movement activities, songs, and special stories.
- Payments for tuition and lunch bunch are due by the tenth of each month.

## Partnership with Duke OT Students

DMWS is thrilled to announce a partnership with students in the Occupational Therapy Program at Duke University. As part of their capstone experience, the students end the semester in a community placement so they can apply their knowledge and skills while supporting the Durham community. DMWS is honored to be able to provide a pediatric placement opportunity for these students during the week of December 4-8. Pairs of students will be assigned to each classroom to collaborate with our teachers. What a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other and share insights and strategies that will impact our students!

## DMWS is Hiring!

Ever wanted a fun part-time job with amazing co-workers? DMWS has an opening for a 5 day assistant teacher with 2's and 3's. For additional information or to submit a resume, contact [julieallen@dmws.org](mailto:julieallen@dmws.org).

## WANT TO ADVERTISE?

If you have a business you want to promote to the school community, consider an advertisement in the monthly Parents' Press. Quarter page ads are \$10/month.

Email [dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:dmwsparentscouncil@gmail.com) for more information.

## December Fundraiser: Y'all Need Cookies

Keep an eye out for more information on the Y'all Need Cookies fundraiser. Cookie kits will be on sale Dec 6 - 12, and the kits will be distributed Dec 14 & 15.

Y'all Need Cookies is a small business run by an ex-DMWS Parent. Here is the link to order: [Holiday Cookie Sale Orders](#)



## December Dining Out

Our December Dining Out event will be held on Tuesday the 12th at **Pop's Backdoor** located at **3710 Shannon Road**. We will get 10% of all sales made from 5:00-9:30 on that day. Any order is eligible, too (dine in, take out, phone order and delivery!), so send your friends and family and have a pizza night!

