December 4, 2024

Dear Parents:

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to the thankful for and now we get the privilege to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The next few weeks will be very busy for most of us, and our students are getting excited about Christmas. We would like to invite all of you to attend both of our Christmas programs. Our preschool program will be on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. in our main sanctuary. The elementary program will be on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. in our main sanctuary. Teachers will be getting out more information as to the times that your child will need to be here for the program. Please invite family and friends to come with you and watch our students perform. They have worked hard on these programs and are looking forward to performing for you. On Friday, December 20 we will be letting out at 12:00 noon. There will be no lunches served that day as the classes will be having their Christmas parties earlier in the morning. There will also be no aftercare that day as well, so plan on picking up your child at noon on that day.

Now that we have seen a few flakes of snow, and some colder temperatures, we know that winter is here. As a reminder, whenever we must cancel school, we contact the Springfield television stations along with sending out an electronic message to you. We will try and get this out between 5:30 and 6:00 in the morning. On days when we do a delayed start, we will give a new start time and there will be no before care on that morning. On days when the weather turns bad after we are in school, we will contact you and let you know if we are releasing early. When we release early, there will be no after care. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Please remember to send your child’s coat, hat, and gloves when it is cold outside. We try to go outside as much as possible to get some fresh air, even if it is a little cold!

Christmas is a very special time of the year and Westside Baptist Church will be having a special service on December 22. There will be one worship service at 11:00 a.m. with no Sunday School that morning. On December 24 at 6:00 p.m. we will be having a Christmas Eve candlelight service. We would love to have you attend these services.

The staff of WCA would like to thank you for allowing us to teach your child and be a part of their life. Thank you very much for bringing in over 120 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These were added to the over 1400 boxes that were brought in by the church. This is a wonderful ministry that not only gives a child a gift at Christmas but tells them about the most important gift of all, Jesus Christ! We hope that all of you will have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing everybody back on January 6, 2025. May all of us at WCA reflect His glorious light to you, God Bless each of you!

**John 12:46 – “I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me would not remain in darkness.”**

David Hartley Elaine King Jackie Morrison Principal Asst. Principal Preschool Director

PS: We know it is a few months away, but please try not to make any morning appointments for your child from April 7-17. We will be doing our annual Iowa and CogAT testing during the mornings for grades K-12.

