

SMS Adventures

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Calendar

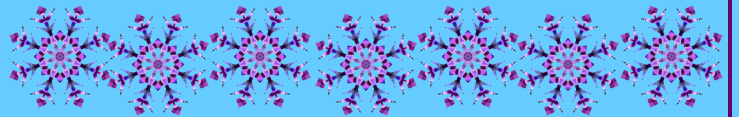
Jan.	08	Wed.	7 & 8 Basketball Game at Weavertown
	13	Mon.	End of 2nd Quarter
	20	Mon.	NO SCHOOL- Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00-8:30 PM
	23	Thurs.	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 PM
	27-31	M.-F.	Missions Week
	29	Wed.	WWW: Construction Dress-up Day
Feb.	01	Sat.	Bible Quiz-a-Thon @ LAMS
	04	Tues.	Open House 9-11 AM, 6:30-8:30 PM
	05	Wed.	Open House 9-11 AM
	12	Wed.	WWW: Grandparent's Day
	14	Fri.	Bible Quiz Regionals
	17	Mon.	NO SCHOOL- Snow Make-Up Day
	19	Wed.	5th Grade Class Chapel
	24-28	M. -F.	Color Week
	27	Thurs.	Bible Quiz-a-Thon @ Calvary
Mar.	11-13	W.-F.	Bible Quiz Retreat
	16	Mon.	5-8 Science Fair @ 1:30 PM
	18	Wed.	3rd Grade Class Chapel

❄️ Winter Gallery ❄️

As you enjoy the winter activities, we would like to enjoy them with you. Please share your pictures with us and help us create a gallery wall of winter fun. Email photos to secretary@shalommennoniteschool.com.



Snow Much Fun



It's time for sledding, building snowmen, hot cocoa, and perhaps, more indoor activities than usual.

Winter Activities for Kids

Outdoor

- 1) Make Swedish snowball lanterns.
- 2) Send the kids on a winter scavenger hunt
- 3) Host a backyard winter Olympics



Art

- 4) Make glue resist snowman paintings
- 5) Microwave puffy paint snowflakes and snowmen
- 6) Try a Jan Brett inspired winter art activity
- 7) Make a stained glass bunting
- 8) Build colored ice sculptures
- 9) Paint snow with spray bottles
- 10) Paint the snow with paint brushes
- 11) Make glowing snow paint
- 12) Try snowy day tissue paper art
- 13) Paint with ice



Crafts

- 14) Cut and color coffee filter snowflakes
- 15) Create a nature ice wreath
- 16) Make and paint ice lanterns
- 17) Make your own crystal snowflakes
- 18) Sew paper plate snowflake yarn art

Indoor

- 19) Build snowmen out of playdough
- 20) Build and play with a lighted cardboard dollhouse
- 21) Have a game night

Construction

- 22) Build an indoor fort
- 23) Make an igloo out of sugar cubes



Books

- 24) Check out winter books from the library

Check out <https://artfulparent.com/winter-activities-for-kids/> for links to projects and a complete printable list.

Christmas Program

We hope that the Christmas program was a blessing and a reward to you as parents just like it was to us as staff. Thanks again to Mr. Swanson & Ms. Sensenig, each homeroom teacher, and the students for a job well done!

The total of the offering from the evening was \$4,526.50. This amount was applied to the year-end matching fund.

Due to copyright laws, SMS will have only one digital copy available on loan for those who were unable to attend the program. Please contact the school office if you would like to loan the digital copy.



SMS Staff Christmas Gift Fund

Parents, your generosity blows me away! I am so grateful to be working alongside you in the education of your children. This Christmas season, I want to say thank you for your support through monetary gifts. I pray that God heaps abundant blessings on your heads for blessing the SMS staff so generously through the Staff Christmas Gift Fund.

Happy New Year and Thank You! ~Ms. Martin

Matching Fund Update

Thank you to everyone who assisted SMS by giving to the year-end matching fund. The amount given as of this printing is \$43,335.50, which exceeded our \$30,000 goal. A final number will be reported in the March quarterly newsletter. We praise the Lord for contributors who want to see the operating needs met.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Monday, January 20 and Thursday, January 23**. Your appointment card will be sent home next week in your child's Monday Folder.

Association Applications

If you were hoping for voting privileges at the annual association meeting this spring, please turn in your association application by **Wednesday, February 19, 2020**. Applications are available from the office.

Open House

The greatest asset to SMS is patrons, and more patrons are better! We ask you as a current patron to promote SMS's open house to friends in our local community who could benefit from an SMS education. Additional invitations for the event are available from the office.

Potential patrons, interested persons, and current patrons are welcome to attend our Open House. Mark your calendar: **Tuesday and Wednesday, February 4 and 5, 2020**. On Tuesday, visitors are welcome from 9:00-11:00 AM as well as 6:30-8:30 PM. On Wednesday, open house will be from 9:00-11:00 AM.



Winter Activities at SMS

Missions Week

Monday, January 27 - Friday, January 31 is Missions Week at SMS. Students can look forward to chapel presentations highlighting God's work around the world.

Wonderful Winter Wednesdays (WWW)

A highlight of every winter for students and staff are Wonderful Winter Wednesdays. A few days are planned with "out of the ordinary" activities to add some fun to the winter days at school! **A WWW schedule is enclosed with further details.**

The 2020 dates are outlined below:

- *January 15: Pizza Party & National Hat Day
- *January 22: Chapel Group Activities & Switch Room Day
- *January 29: Construction Dress-up Day
- *February 5: Open House & Snack Day
- *February 12: Grandparent's Day (invitations enclosed)
- *February 19: DEAR Cozy Day
- *February 24 - 28: Color Week

