

# CHAMBLEE METHODIST KINDERGARTEN

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable holiday with your families and friends. When January arrives, we begin to see the growth and maturity that has taken place over the last few months. The challenges and opportunities in our classrooms will increase in pace yet still be filled with fun activities.

As noted in the handbook please be aware that our school will abide by the decision of the DeKalb County School District pertaining to closing due to bad weather that may pose a safety concern for transportation and roadways. If we should have snow or ice, check the TV, email or internet to see if our school is open. If for any reason DeKalb County announces a delayed school opening or an early release time (rather than a cancellation), please check your e-mail for a message regarding our CMK schedule.

During the beginning weeks of being back together in school please review our health standards for school attendance in the handbook. Children with fever or vomiting should remain at home for at least 48 hours symptom-free. Thank you for monitoring your child's symptoms carefully. We also strongly recommend handwashing upon arriving home each day.

We'd like to thank all the parents who helped with our Christmas parties. We had truly wonderful and creative refreshments and activities. Thank you for your extra efforts at a very busy time of year! I am personally grateful for the many cards, family photos, and homemade treats, you gave me at Christmas. On behalf of our staff, may your new year be filled with God's richest blessings!

Lastly, we want to thank a church member who made and donated the knit stocking with a candy cane for all our children. This church member is truly a special friend to the preschool.

With Gratitude,  
Mellie

## CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Wednesday, January 4   | School reopens, No enrichment classes this week   |
| Thursday, January 5    | Chapel, 9:15 in the sanctuary   |
| Sunday, January 8      | Open House for prospective parents 2:00 – 4:00 pm   |
| Tuesday, January 10    | PreK informational meeting, 9:15 in sanctuary   |
| Wednesday, January 11  | Kindergarten informational meeting, 9:15 in sanctuary                                     |
| Thursday, January 12   | The Puppet Guy visits CMK   |
| Thursday, January 16   | NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)  |
| Wednesday, January 18  | Chapel, 9:15 in the sanctuary   |
| Thursday, January 19   | Registration for current families and church members in Fellowship Hall – 8:45am - 9:15am |
| Thursday, January 20   | Staff meeting from 12 -2 pm, <b>NO Lunch bunch</b> (Kindergarten stays until 1:00)        |
| Wednesday, January 25  | Registration for Alumni families 8:45 am – 9:15 am  |
| Thursday, January 26   | Registration for community/ New families – 8:45am -9:15am                                 |
| Thursday, January 26   | Staff meeting – NO LUNCH BUNCH; K dismisses at 12:45                                      |
| Thursday, February 2   | Chapel, 9:15 in the sanctuary   |
| Monday, February 6     | Dentist visits CMK  |
| Friday, February 17    | NO SCHOOL – President's Day weekend   |
| Monday, February 20    | NO SCHOOL – President's Day weekend   |
| Wednesday, February 22 | Chapel, 9:15 in the sanctuary; Ash Wednesday  |
| Thursday, February 23  | Staff meeting from 12 -2 pm, <b>NO Lunch bunch</b> (Kindergarten stays until 1:00)        |

## INSTAGRAM

Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten and Preschool is on Instagram! Starting in January we will post pictures of activities taking place in classrooms, on the playground and at chapel. This is a great way to stay informed, connected and learn more about our day at CMK.

Go to Instagram and be sure to follow us @ChambleeMethodistKindergarten

## TOY DONATIONS

Cross Cultural Ministries was very grateful for all the toys, books, and games that our families donated; your generosity certainly made the holidays much brighter for many families and truly exemplified the spirit of giving. Thank you so much to the families of CMK!

## INFORMATION MEETINGS ABOUT PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN AT CMK

We will have two special one-hour meetings in January for all parents (both current and new) who want more information about our PreK classes and our Kindergarten class. The information meeting to learn more about PreK will be on **Tuesday, January 10** at 9:15 am. The information meeting to learn more about Kindergarten will be on **Wednesday, January 11** at 9:15 am. Please mark your calendars now since these meetings will happen shortly after school re-opens in January. Also, feel free to invite neighbors and friends who may be interested in our private faith-based school for PreK and Kindergarten. Our small class size and low student-teacher ratio are great benefits of our program. If you do not have a rising pre-k or kindergarten student but wish to attend either of these meetings to get an early idea of what to expect in the future, you are more than welcome!

### REGISTRATION NEWS

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins on **Thursday, January 19**. On this day, church families and current families will register. You may pick up your child's packet that morning in **Fellowship Hall** between 8:45am and 9:15am (no "early birds" please; we will not give out any packets until 8:45am). **Be sure to bring your checkbook or cash to pay the nonrefundable/nontransferable registration** fee of \$75.00 per child for Church members, \$115.00 per child for non-church members and \$85.00 per additional child (non-church members.) We will accept cash or a check made payable to Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten (CMK).

### TUITION FEES FOR 2023-2024

In the fall, the Kindergarten Board met and approved these tuition rates for next school year. They reflect no change in tuition fees from this year. Below is the fee schedule for the 2023-2024.

| Number of Days Attending Per Week | Tuition Payment Amount | Annual Tuition Total |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 days                            | \$255.00               | \$2,295.00           |
| 3 days                            | \$310.00               | \$2,790.00           |
| 4 days                            | \$345.00               | \$3,105.00           |
| 5 days                            | \$380.00               | \$3,420.00           |
| Kindergarten                      | \$425.00               | \$3,825.00           |

### REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN (5 YEAR OLDS)

If you intend to register a student for kindergarten, we'll send these packets home with all PreK children; there is no reason to come in on the morning of January 19, unless you want to since this one class is not first come, first served. When we have more applicants than available spaces in the **kindergarten class** for 5 year olds, registration will be based on how long the student has been at CMK, how long the family has been at CMK, and church membership. So that we can send you confirmation as soon as possible, we are asking you to register for this class by **Wednesday, January 25** for first consideration.

### SPREAD THE WORD

As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have about our school. We appreciate you recommending our school to friends and neighbors and are always glad to have parents call or visit to get information. We sometimes hear that some new families believe that it's just "too hard to get in CMK," so please let your **friends know that we expect to have spaces for new families in all classes. Be sure to mention the Open House on Sunday, January 8 from 2:00 pm -4:00 pm as an opportunity to learn more about our school.**

### PARENTS' MORNING OUT (PMO)

As you register your preschooler for the 2023-2024 school year, please remember that PMO will register on the same day, January 19 for all currently enrolled families. PMO is for children ages 9 months to 23 months as of 9/1/23. Contact Erin Smith at [pmo@chambleeumc.org](mailto:pmo@chambleeumc.org) to answer any questions you may have. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Please let your neighbors know that PMO is a great entry point for the early childhood education programs at Chamblee First United Methodist (new families may register on January 26).