

December 2011 Newsletter



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Carla's Desk

Hello Everyone,

Welcome in Old Man Winter. It is time to bundle up. We only have two activities this month due to families traveling out of town . I hope to see you there.

Semester reports are due February 1st. You have 2 months to get them ready. They are located at www.calvary-school.org on the "Forms" page at the bottom of the page. If you need them mailed to you, contact me ASAP so that I can get them to you in time.

If for any reason you do not receive a monthly newsletter, please contact Carla Floyd at Calvary School as soon as possible. I will have it corrected shortly. As always the newsletters will be posted on Calvary's website www.calvary-school.org .

Please feel free to check out the web links that are listed on Calvary's website. There are many fun and educational sites for parents and students. If anyone has any websites that they would like to share. Please email them to calvaryschool_carla.floyd@yahoo.com . I will review them and post them. They do need to be educationally based or informational to homeschooling parents. The more fun the better!!!

December Birthday's

Kaleb Johnson	12-1
Zachary Levans	12-8
Brenna Shaw	12-13
Candice Dailey	12-17
Kahrli Powers	12-18
Chelsea Perkins	12-21
Tabitha Arnell	12-22
Rebecca Miller	12-25
Atlee Barrow	12-26
Bentley Watson	12-27
Amanda White	12-27
Jesse Buckley	12-28
Lacey Barrett	12-29
Nicholas Ballard	12-29

Community Information

Christmas Fest, 29th Annual

Bay Minnette

Dec 2

9am - 9pm

Arts, Crafts, Food, and Christmas Parade!

Christmas in the Park

Foley

John B Foley Park

Dec 2

6pm

Christmas Village, tree lighting, Christmas caroling, arrival of Santa. 6:00

p.m.

Downtown Florence Open House and Festival of Lights

Florence

Dec 2

5pm until

Florence businesses and Wilson Park will be decorated for Christmas. Shop while listening to music on the street corners and the jingle of bells on horses giving carriage rides. Also, enjoy holiday music in Wilson Park.

Chili Country Christmas

Brundidge

Dec 2 - 3

We Piddle Around Theater, Brundidge

6:30pm

www.piddle.org

The Chili Country Christmas features storytelling by nationally acclaimed storytellers, traditional Christmas music and a country Christmas dinner under the canopy of the town's 50-year old string Christmas lights. Prior to the storytelling event everyone is invited to the Johnston Mill Old Country Store for cider and teacakes.

Kris Kringles Candlelight Christmas

Huntsville

Dec 2 - 3

2-8pm

The star-lit mountain will be mirrored by more than 600 flickering candles, adding to the dreamy, nostalgic feel of Candlelight Christmas. You'll find music everywhere on the Mountain; cider, cookies and tasty figgie pudding will warm you up, and children of all ages will enjoy the old-fashioned art of stringing cranberries and popcorn. The evening wouldn't be complete without a visit from Kris Kringle, and children will get to decorate and eat sugar cookies and have fun creating other crafts. It's Christmas the way it's supposed to be. www.burritonthemountain.com

Christmas Through the Ages

Dauphin Island

Dec 3

9am - 5pm

Join the soldiers as they celebrate a non-commercial Christmas of yesteryear. Watch cooking, candle-dipping, and blacksmith demonstrations. Children can make Christmas ornaments with seashell and other old-time decorations.

Christmas in Rogersville

Rogersville

Dec 3

One block North of Hwy 72 in Old Town enjoy an old fashioned Christmas with Santa, parade and wonderful shopping. Very unique shops and quaint eateries. Yule log service with music, storytelling, bonfire and cider and cookies; carriage rides through Old Town as music and lights permeate the air.

Christmas on the River

Mobile

Grand Mariner Marina on Dog River

Dec 3

Dusk - 8pm

www.grandmarinermarina.com

Alabama's Official Tall Ship, the Joshua, will lead festive decorated boats down Dog River in Mobile's oldest boat parade. The boats circle and pass Dog River Bridge as treats are thrown to the cheering crowd. Dusk-8 p.m.

Cookies With Santa

Albertville

Albertville Depot

Dec 3

9-11am

Join the Albertville Chamber as we welcome Santa to town by train to the historic depot. Kids can see Santa, register for prizes, and have cookies. Parents... bring your cameras. Santa is coming to town.

Downtown Christmas Dothan

Dothan

Foster Street

Dec 3

9am - 3pm

www.thedowntowngroup.com Enjoy a day of free family fun on Foster Street in Downtown Dothan. Let the kids play in the snow, visit with Santa, ride the train, roast marshmallows, decorate cookies and make ornaments for the family tree. Families will delight in the horse and buggy rides and rows and rows of vendors with delightful Christmas crafts and gifts for sale. Most activities free, thanks to the generosity of local businesses who sponsor the venues. For information call The Main Event at (334) 699-1475

Let It Snow!

Foley

Heritage Park

Dec 3

11am - 3pm

Family-oriented event with lots of SNOW, games, prizes, music, storytelling, food, children's art village, train rides and more. Begins immediately following the Christmas parade.

Parade of Lights

Decatur

Riverwalk Marina

Dec 3
Parade of Christmas lights on boats on the Tennessee River.
256-355-7101

Christmas on the River
Demopolis
Various locations
Dec 1-4

www.christmasontheriver.com

2011 is the 40th consecutive year of Christmas on the River. This festival is jam packed with 4 days of activities for all to enjoy. Christmas in the Canebrake, the Alabama State Championship BBQ Cook-off, Children's Day Parade, 5K Jingle Bell Run, a Nautical Parade with fireworks extravaganza, and Lighting of the Love Light Christmas Tree are some of the components.

The Gospel According to Scrooge
Fayette
Civic Center
Dec 2-4

Fri and sat 7pm, Sun 3pm

www.dogwoodproductions.org

Musical presentation of play derived from Charles Dicken's, A Christmas Carol. Instead of the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future appearing to Scrooge, three angels appear to him. The play consists of music, dancing and drama and is one that will appeal to all ages.

Cirque Dreams Holiday
Birmingham
Dec 2-4

Fri 8pm | Sat: 2pm & 8pm | Sun 1pm & 6:30pm Cirque Dreams Holiday

At The BJCC Concert Hall! Celebrate Christmas in a new way! Cirque Dreams Holiday comes to the BJCC Concert Hall in Birmingham, AL, December 2-4, 2011, to celebrate the holiday season with spectacle, imagination and whimsical dreams. From the creators of the groundbreaking BROADWAY HIT, CIRQUE DREAMS JUNGLE FANTASY, comes a new holiday musical of season's dreamings hailed by the New York Daily News as... "charm, sparkle and talent by the

sleighload" and "a jaw dropping winter wonderland" by the Atlantic City Press.

The Legend of ToyLand
Phil Campbell
Northwest-Shoals Community College-Phil Campbell Campus
Dec 2-4

www.nwscc.cc.al.us

The Legend of Toyland, a holiday theatrical performance that traditionally opens the season of music, dance and fun, commemorates a 30-year run with public performances beginning Friday, December 2, 2011 in the gymnasium on the Phil Campbell Campus of Northwest-Shoals. This enchanting production has attracted audiences of all ages from all over the state and is expected to be viewed by over 10,000 people. Toyland is the longest running Christmas musical in the state of Alabama and has been viewed by over 300,000 people. The production is put on by students from Northwest-Shoals Community College.

Christmas at Arlington
Birmingham
Dec 3-4

Sat 10am - 4pm, Sun 1-4pm

If you're looking for an old-fashioned Christmas, you can't get more old-fashioned than stepping back in time at Arlington. Visitors will be able to experience true Southern hospitality and charm. Come and enjoy the beautifully decorated rooms and taste the delicious Southern fare on this special weekend. Each room is decorated by a renowned local decorator in the true style of the Old South. This event, hosted by the Arlington Historical Association, will be the perfect way to start your Christmas season! Hailed as a gift to people from the city of Birmingham, admission is free both days.

Plantation Christmas
Tuscumbia
County Road 53
Dec 4

1-5pm

www.VisitTuscumbiaAl.com

Holiday event reminiscent of the "Old South" with traditional live decorations, period Christmas music, vintage ballroom dancers, and refreshments. Belle Mont, built C.1828, is one of Alabama's most distinguished homes.

Teddy Bear Tea
Auburn
Arrias Piccolo
Dec 8

December 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23 (Piccolo) Piccolo's warm and cozy atmosphere is the place to be this holiday season as it hosts the second annual Teddy Bear Teas during the month of December. Children and parents alike are invited to gather around the fireplace for tea sandwiches, sweets, tea and hot cocoa. A real live Teddy Bear will also be there for everyone to snuggle up to. Each child will also be presented with a special teddy bear to take home with them. For additional information about the Teddy Bear Tea, please call (334) 844-5140.

Visit Santa at the Southern Museum of Flight
Birmingham
Dec 3-10
10am - Noon

Birmingham Visit Santa at the Southern Museum of Flight 205-833-8226.
www.southernmuseumofflight.org. Admission charged. Southern Museum of Flight--10 a.m.-noon.

Christmas on the Coosa
Wetumpka
Gold Star Park and the Courthouse Veranda
Dec 10

Christmas extravaganza with arts and crafts, parade, food, quilt show, classic car show, entertainment and activities on the Coosa River culminating with a spectacular fireworks exhibition at dusk.

Civil War Christmas at Fort Morgan
Gulf Shores
Dec 10
4-7pm

Experience a Civil War Christmas at Fort Morgan. Living history interpreters will portray the life of the men and women of the Confederate garrison during this special candlelight tour.

Spirit of Christmas Past Homes Tour
Huntsville
Twickenham Historic District
Dec 10

5-9pm

Each December the Twickenham Historic District comes to life with the Spirit of Christmas Past event! Visitors walk along luminary lined streets short distances between the beautifully decorated homes that are open for the public to tour. Enjoy holiday music and entertainment and refreshments from 4-6 pm at First United Methodist Church.

Star of Bethlehem: Second Saturday Space Safari
Jacksonville
Jacksonville State University
Dec 10

7-8:30pm

<http://epic.jsu.edu>

Travel through space and explore planet Earth during these exciting programs for families and children.

Christmas on Sand Mountain
Birmingham
Virginia Samford Theatre
Dec 2-11

7:30pm and 2:30 Sunday

www.virginiasamfordtheatre.org

An original fun-filled musical by Norton Dill. You'll laugh your socks off and tap your toes to sights and sounds of the Dill Pickers as they bring over 28 different characters to life in this third play of Norton's Sand Mtn. series. This Christmas play is the perfect way to start your Holiday season. Tickets are \$20.00 and available through the Virginia Samford Theatre in Birmingham. 205-251-1206

Twas the Night Before Christmas

Birmingham

Dec 3-11

10am and 12pm Sat, 2pm Sun

www.bct123.org

It's Christmas Eve, all is quiet in the house and everyone is sleeping... or at least we thought they were! Welcome the holiday season with this adorable adaptation of the classic Christmas Eve poem and introduce your children to new types of literature. This story has been shared as a Christmas tradition for generations and can now be experienced like never before in this enchanting, LIVE production! "Now, dash away, dash away, dash away ALL!"

Roald Dahls Willy Wonka

Birmingham

Dec 3-11

2pm Sat and Sun

www.bct123.org

"Oompa Loompa, Doompadee Doo!" Charlie Bucket has found one of the prized golden tickets and he is ready to see where Willy Wonka makes his delectable sweets! You will be thrilled by a scrumptious stage presentation featuring musical favorites "Pure Imagination" and "Think Positive!" during Charlie's adventure in the chocolate factory. This incredibly imaginative holiday treat based on the work by Roald Dahl sends a timeless message of valuable character lessons: honesty, patience, and the importance of listening. Don't miss this one, or else you might be turned into a blueberry!

The Nutcracker

Birmingham

Oak Mountain High School Performing Arts Center

Dec 10-11

Sat 2:30 and 2pm, Sun 3pm

www.aladance.com

The North Pole Express

Calera

Through Dec 18

Fri-Sun 5, 6:30 and 8pm

www.HODRRM.org

A magical train ride to the North Pole, for kids of all ages! Visit with Santa and his elves, sing Christmas carols, enjoy cookies and milk, and receive a Christmas gift! Wear your pajamas! ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED .

Santas Village

Huntsville

Nov 25 - Dec 23

Nightly, 5-9pm

www.earlyworks.com

Young & old alike will delight in visiting Santa & Mrs. Claus' home, the reindeer in their stable & elves in their toy shop working busily to create special memories for you & your family in the village Santa calls home.

The Living Christmas Tree

Huntsville

First Baptist Church

Dec 15-18

First Baptist Church will present the 27th annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree Thursday, December 15 thru Sunday, December 18, 2011 in the church's sanctuary. Long hailed as a Huntsville Christmas tradition, the 2011 Living Christmas Tree will feature a choir of more than 175 singers as well as a 60 piece orchestration. The Living Christmas Tree is truly an impressive structure. Standing 39 feet tall, the tree weighs 6,000 pounds, is dressed with more than 7,500 pieces of greenery and features 13,500 sparkling lights.

Christmas Parades

- Dec 1 Albertville, Eutaw, Arab, Columbiana, Courtland, Opp, Athens
- Dec 2 Altoona, Boaz, Montgomery, Fairhope, Moulton, Sheffield
- Dec 3 Luverne, Ardmore, Abbeville, Alabaster, Selma, Millbrook, Evergreen, Grant, Monroeville, Prattville, Weaver
- Dec 4 Autaugaunville, Excel
- Dec 5 Alexander City, Decatur, Scottsboro, West Alabama
- Dec 6 Sylacauga
- Dec 8 Butler, Greenville, Vincent

- Dec 9 Leeds
- Dec 10 Center Point, Atmore, Ozark, Clay, Hueytown, Dutton, Guntersville, Pennington, Pleasure Island (Orange Beach), Westover, Trussville, Vernon
- Dec 12 Anniston
- Dec 17 Chelsea

Field Trips & Activities

Mon. Dec. 12, 9:00am EarthFare 5900 – C University Dr NWHuntsville, AL. Come see behind the scenes at Earth Fare, learn about healthy eating and even get to taste a variety of foods. Group size is limited for this activity. Please RSVP by Dec. 9th with total number of attendees to Karalee Arnell 256-325-6609. (If we have more interest in this activity than space then we will schedule a second tour date to accommodate everyone.)

Fri. Dec. 16, 11:00-1:00 am Cookie Swap and Giving Box
Monrovia Community Center 254 Allen Drake Dr. Huntsville, Al. Bring 2 dozen cookies, or favorite Christmas treat and a drink to share. You'll get to take a few of each kind of cookie to take home (and maybe try a one or two). Don't forget a container to take your goodies home in. We'll also have a box to collect non-perishable food, cleaning and personal hygiene supplies for 305 8th Street House, a home for mentally challenged adults.

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