

December 2020

CARR LANE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
1004 N. Jefferson Ave, St. Louis, MO 63106
St. Louis Public Schools



THE SPIRIT

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St. Louis Public Schools
Winter Break
Dec.21-Jan 3, 2021
Classes Resume
Tuesday, January 4, 2021

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 18
Record Keeping Day
No Classes

Dec. 21- Jan. 3, 2021
Winter Break

Happy New Year!!!!
Jan. 4, 2021
Classes Resume

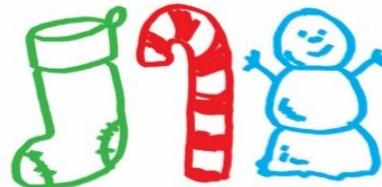
Jan. 11
In-Person Middle School
Classes resume for those families that want in person.
Virtual classes will continue

Jan. 15
Professional Development
No Classes

Jan 18
Dr. King Holiday
No Classes

*As we move toward winter break and the end of our first semester, I want to take the time to thank students, parents, and teachers for their continued support of Carr Lane VPA middle school this year. Everyone, and I truly mean everyone, has worked incredibly hard to make academic growth and achievement the priority so that our students have the very best education possible. Enjoy the holidays and I hope you all are able to spend time with loved ones.
Happy Holidays,*

Mr. Young,
Principal



SCHOOL MOTTO: "Where We Get Smart Through The Arts"

December is a very happy month. Children are happy about what may happen during this month and also a new year approaching. Consider the following 10 words to bring **"Holiday Joy"** to your family. Think about how these words make you feel.

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| 1. Generosity | 2. Peace | 3. Others First | |
| 4. Hope | 5. Faith | 6. Story | |
| 7. Joy | 8. Celebration | 9. Love | 10. Promise |

Keep these safety tips in mind while preparing for the holidays:

If you have a real tree, make sure the tree stand is always filled with water so the tree doesn't dry out and pose an increased fire hazard. If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is made from fire-retardant material. Make sure the stand is flat on the ground, and decorate the tree to equally distribute weight.

1. Do not leave children alone in a room with lighted candles, matches, lighters, fireplaces or any other sources of flame or heat.
2. Keep decorations out of reach of children and secured to the wall. Any object small enough to fit through a toilet paper tube can obstruct the airway of a child.
3. Keep mistletoe, holly berries and poinsettias out of reach of children as each is toxic when ingested.
4. Use power strips with built-in circuit breakers. Avoid putting too many plugs into one electrical outlet. Keep cords out of the way or behind furniture, and insert electrical outlet covers into any unused outlets.
5. Closely supervise your child if he or she is helping you decorate, especially when handling lighting, ornaments and breakable objects.
6. Purchase lights with the UL Listed mark which certifies that the product has been tested to meet safety requirements.
7. Make sure your children's toys are age-appropriate and the batteries cannot be easily removed. Batteries shaped like disks, or button batteries, pose a choking risk to young children.
8. Avoid placing gifts under the tree that contain glass, perfume or cologne, poisonous substances or sharp materials.
9. Keep adult beverages out of reach of children. Quickly clean up leftover beverages.
10. Dress your child properly for the weather, making sure that their hands, feet and heads are covered.
11. Supervise children and make sure they wear the correct safety gear for sledding, skiing, snowboarding, ice skating and other outdoor activities.

Carefully inspecting your home and taking care of any safety hazards can ensure you and your children have a happy, safe holiday season.