

Jan/Feb Dates

**No School on
Monday, Jan. 16
for Martin Luther
King Holiday**

Thursday, Jan. 19th

**Manatee Viewing
Center Field Trip
4 year old classes
(see more info on
the back)**

**Priority Registration
for current
NTCA families
begins Monday,
January 30th**

**Suncoast Smiles
will be here on
Feb. 1 and 2 for
class, individual,
and graduation
pictures.**

**Valentine's Day
Exchange will be
on Monday, Feb. 13
& Tuesday, Feb. 14**

**No School on Mon-
day, Feb 20th for
President's Day**



Parent Newsletter

January/February 2017



One of our favorite things about the new year, is noticing the changes that always seem so dramatic after Christmas break. The children know their classroom routines so well, and the confidence and skills they have developed really begin to shine.

It is a good reminder to start planning for the next step in your child's development. Our school registration for the 2017-18 year will begin soon. The priority registration for current NTCA families will be Jan. 30–Feb 3, 2017. A one page registration form and fee of \$160 is required to secure a spot in one of our classes for the 2017-18 school year. The registration forms will be available beginning January 23 in the school office and by email. We will offer two, three, and five day classes for children in pre-K-2 and 3. Our pre-K-4 will have both a four and a five day option. I would like to address some frequently asked questions regarding registration below.

What are the tuition costs for 2017-18?

The monthly tuition prices for 2016-17 are as follows: all 2 day classes \$185.00, all 3 day classes \$245.00 and all 5 day classes \$355.00. There will be a 4 day option for Pre-K-4 only and that cost is \$290.00.

Is the \$160 registration fee refundable?

No, we maintain our small student-teacher ratio by closing classes when maximums are reached based on the registration forms and fees received. It is essential to our planning and budgeting to collect the non-refundable registration fees.

Why do we need to register now for classes beginning in August 2017?

We register students on a first come, first served, basis and as you know we have limited enrollment. Some of our classes will reach the maximums quickly. We suggest that you register early to get your first choice of classes.

What if the class I want is already full?

We maintain a waiting list for all classes and are sometimes able to accommodate children on the waiting list. We may be able to expand class offerings or families may have to make changes in their plans enabling us to enroll children from the waiting list.

May I request a teacher or classmate for my child?

Requests for a particular teacher or classmates are accommodated when possible. Please make this request on the registration form. If you would like to visit one of the classes in order to get to know a teacher,

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you may do so by contacting the school office. All requests may not be able to be honored as there may be staffing and assignment changes prior to August.

What discounts are available?

A 25% sibling discount is offered to families enrolling two children. The discount will be taken on the tuition of one sibling. Members of our sponsoring church, Tampa Bay Presbyterian, are also eligible for a 25% discount. A referral discount is given to a family who refers a new student to the school. The amount of the discount is 10% of the tuition paid by the new student and continues for as long as the referred child attends up to one school year. The family referred must indicate on the registration form the name of the referring family.

Is there any discount for paying tuition annually?

We do accept lump sum tuition payments, but there is no discount for making a lump sum payment. If I have not addressed your question, or if I can assist you in any way, please call or e-mail the office.

973-2443 or
ntca@newtampachristianacademy.org

Thank you for your support of Metropolitan Ministries. In the month of December we collected 168 pounds of food and a \$25 gift card (for a ham/turkey) for those in need!



Please mark your calendar!
**Class Picture Day is
February 1 and 2.**

They will also be taking individual and graduation pictures.

Fours Field Trip

Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Knox invite their K-4 students and their families to travel to Apollo Beach to the Tampa Electric Manatee Viewing area. The chance to observe manatees playing in the warm waters of the discharge canal at the Big Bend Power station is just one reason this has become a favorite field trip of our K-4 classes. The cooler weather and resulting cooler water temperature in Tampa Bay brings the manatees into the warmer waters and in full view of guests on the observation platform. In addition, a stroll down the tidal walk provides a great opportunity to observe a wide variety of plant life, coastal creatures, and birds. The K-4 classroom will be empty on Thursday, January 19, but the class will be in session in one of our area's best natural learning environments



Tax Time

Yes, it is just around the corner! If both parents are employed, or actively seeking employment part time or full-time, your NTCA tuition costs may be tax deductible. If you would like a summary statement of tuition paid in 2016, just request a statement from our office by e-mail ntca@newtampachristianacademy.org or phone at 973-2443, and we will be happy to supply one for you.