

## Academy Calendar For

### December/January

12/16 Annual Christmas Program (9:30 a.m.) Dismissal After Program  
12/19—1/2 Christmas Break  
1/3 Classes Resume  
1/10 Academy Open House (All Grades 2K—5th)  
1/13-16 No School— Parent Conferences & MLK Jr. Day

### Field Trips

12/9 3rd Grade to Peace Center  
1/11 3rd Grade to Peace Center  
1/18 K5/K6/1st Grade to Peace Center

# The Academy



# BUZZ

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## Christmas & the Academy's Mission

I'm sure most of you noticed the "Christmas" items that appeared in Home Depot, Lowes, Wal-Mart and a host of other stores even before the Halloween items went on display. And I hope you noticed that none of that "stuff" had anything to do with the real reason for the season. Our society has ignored or marginalized the events at Bethlehem, but as Christians we need to accept the reality that God has sent a Savior and respond with thankful hearts and conduct our lives in a manner that demonstrates that gratitude. This is ultimately what we seek to do at *the Academy*. We want to help our students know that this baby, born two thousand years ago, wrapped in rags and born in a stable, is the only way to achieve a productive and joyful life. If our students leave this school with a solid relationship with Christ and a firm grounding in the Biblical worldview, we will have been partners together in impacting the world for our Lord. I am most thankful that the Holy Spirit led me into Christian education. I hope that this Christmas season, each of you will consider the magnitude of God's Christmas gift to you and to your children: the gift of Christ and the gift of an education that is rooted and grounded in the absolute and unchanging truth of Holy Scripture.

## Winter Weather & School Closing Procedures

As we prepare for winter to arrive with all of its erratic behavior – 24 degrees and snow/ice one day and 55 degrees and sun the next, here is what you need to check out so that you do not arrive at school to find the building empty! WYFF TV, channel 4, will be notified as early as possible when inclement weather forces the cancellation of school or a delayed opening:

Generally the first notification will be available on our web site at [www.theacademysc.org](http://www.theacademysc.org).

It is my desire and intention to give all of you as much advanced notice as possible when school will be closed or when we need to have a delayed opening. However, sometimes the weather is both unpredictable and uncooperative! In these times, please be patient and forgiving, we will make the decision to close or delay school opening in as timely a manner as possible.

Blessings, and may you have a joyous celebration at the birthday of our Savior, *Michael*

### Academy Open House

**When: January 10, 2012  
9-11 a.m. & 4-7 p.m.**

**For current students and all your friends, neighbors and co-workers who have children ages 2 through 5th Grade.**

**Look for invitations to give out when we return from Christmas break!**

**We hope to see everyone at this special event!**

### Annual Christmas Program

Be sure and mark your calendar for the *Academy* Christmas Program: December 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Students will be dismissed after the program from their classroom.

### Hat & Mitten Tree

is ready to be decorated with hats and mittens to be donated to the Greenville County Foster Parent Association

Last Day to donate:  
December 16th.

### Annual Fund 2011

**We hope you have received the annual fund appeal from John and Wendy Burnett, parents of two of our students. In order to provide financial, need-based, assistance to a number of our families and to provide professional development opportunities for your child's teachers, we need your help. Please consider a tax deductible gift to the Academy this Christmas season. Remember: Every gift counts, no matter what the amount, and every gift will make a difference!**

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# the Pto newsletter

The Academy at First Presbyterian Church

*Joy  
to the  
World*

## Fall Festival Report

Again, a HUGE thank you to all that supported Fall Festival 2011! Because of you, we raised \$2,200.

## Book Fair...A Recap

4,500 Scholastic Dollars

- Book Return Bin
- Book shelves
- Listening Stations
- Books & teacher resources
- Computerized reading program "Scholastic Reading Counts"

## Simple Saving for EPA

Use a Publix Parnters card when grocery shopping. Please see Claudette if you do not have one.



## Night Out for The Academy

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012, 7PM

*At the Upcountry History Museum*

Parents you don't want to miss out on the biggest event of the year! It is going to be an amazing evening of food & fellowship while supporting THE ACADEMY. Put it on the calendar now!

**PTO meeting**  
Tues., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>  
@ 5:30 pm

**Marty Flynn**  
Fri., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Author  
-in-  
Residence

**Lunch & Learn**  
Fri., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>  
11:30a-1p  
All parents invited.  
Look for details in  
the New Year.

## **Box tops & Labels for Education**

Keep clipping for collection in the Spring



Earlier this year our kindergarten students performed at the Poinsett Club for a fund-raising event to benefit the Harvest Hope Food Bank.

Its not likely that the Pilgrims ate pigs-in-a-blanket for Thanksgiving, but our 2nd-4th graders had their own version with the "bite-size-feast!"

