



January 2026 Newsletter

Good Afternoon Parents,

Happy New Year from our family at Stars Academy! The start of a new year correlates with our classes starting new units of study. This month the Tiny Stars will be exploring “clothes.” Two-year-olds often enjoy picking out their own clothes and show interest in what others are wearing. This topic is an opportunity to explore colors, patterns and material, while learning about buttons, zippers, and snaps. Our Little Stars will be completing their unit on “clothes” and will culminate with an in-class “fashion show.” From the moment your children wake up in the morning until they go to bed at night, they use light to live, learn, play, and move around safely. In January, the Rising Stars will begin their investigation of light. They will identify objects that make light, understand how light is used, and what happens when it is blocked. They will be exposed to evaporation and transparency!!

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is currently underway. The seats for the classes are quickly filling. Please return your registration form and deposit as soon as you can. I anticipate there may be a waiting list for some of the classes. We have already had our first Open House, with our next one scheduled for January 14th. Please help spread the word to family and friends about Stars Academy, where every child shines!

Please take special note of the highlights for the month:

- January 5** – Students return to school
- TBD** – Vasilopita Cake cutting (Nut free – students only)
- January 14** – Frosty the Snowman Day
Open House – 7:00 PM
- January 19** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School closed
- January 30** – Church Attendance for 3 Hierarchs Day

The Department of Health and New York State required all students (under age 5) to have the annual influenza vaccine by December 31, 2025. To ensure compliance with this guideline, please make sure you have provided the school with documentation that your child received the vaccine. Warning letters from the Department of Health will be sent out to those who have not complied with this requirement. For families that owe physicals and dental forms, please make sure they are sent in as soon as the forms are completed.

As the weather gets colder, it is imperative that you send hats and gloves to school every day as the children will continue to have outdoor activities when the temperature is over 42 degrees. Please use your discretion with scarves, as they can be a choking hazard to young children.

As always, I thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Please remember that tuition is due by January 5th.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful and restful holiday season and are as eager as we are to welcome 2026!

Regards,

Cathy Helfrich, Education Director