



# The Christ Courier

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## A Christmas Wish . . .

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As we move closer to the celebration of Christ's birth, we are in the church's liturgical season of Advent. The word **advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Him as Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, and of longing.

May this season of Advent hold for you its true meaning and purpose—celebrating the birth of Jesus the Christ and anticipating the return of Christ the King. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Christ Episcopal School, I wish you a blessed and safe Advent and Christmas.

### NOTICE OF CALENDAR CHANGE

Please make a note on your calendars the addition of a teacher training day on Friday, January 13th that is NOT noted on the current school year calendar. There is **NO SCHOOL** for students on Friday, January 13th. Teachers are participating in Mimio training to enhance your children's learning experiences. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding of this change.

## Parent Association BBQ and Western Day

CES students and their families enjoyed the recent Parent Association sponsored BBQ and Western Day held on Friday, November 11th. Many cowgirls and cowboys showed up to enjoy a lunch with their guests. Our thanks go to Kim Jones, Tara Rollins and Brad Bohanon who made the event possible.

CES students and their families enjoy a meal and fellowship during the recent BBQ and Western Day.



These students are all smiles as they participate in the fall Presidential Physical Fitness program.

Some of our fourth and fifth grade students pose outside the King Tut exhibit in Houston, one of their featured field trips this school year.



### Mission Statement

Christ Episcopal School is a diverse community of learners who participate in an enriched academic program in a nurturing Christian environment which fosters a dedication to service to others and a love of lifetime learning.



Fourth and fifth graders provide a choir chime musical offering during a recent Chapel service.

## Second Six-Weeks Honor Roll

### Third Grade

A/B Honor Roll: Jakob Cuevas and Cela Wigington

A Honor Roll: Lily Choi, Hagan Crumpton, and Adrian Pitts

### Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll: Nathan Carver, Maisi Kennedy, Catherine Meisenheimer, Cosette Potter, Sydney Rankin, Jake Smith, and Jack Summers

### Fifth Grade

A/B Honor Roll: Mackey Marlow

A Honor Roll: Katherine Blough, Caroline Deal, Brad Fults, Miriam Galan, Henry Gibson, Evan Leonard, Sabrina White, Triston Chidester, and John Yarbrough

## What You Really Need to Know !

1. Prayers—Please pray for Zella Unger (Kindergarten teacher) and her family as they grieve the loss of her mother this week.
2. Christmas Declamation Rehearsal at Sacred Heart Church for Kindergarten to grade 5, 9:00-11:00 am., Tues., Dec. 13th
3. Christmas Declamation Service, 7:00 pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, PreK-3 to grade 5, Tues., Dec. 13th, Arrive 6:45-6:50 pm
4. Progress Reports sent home for grades 3-6, (grades 1 & 2, if necessary) Wednesday, Dec. 14th.
5. Thursday, Dec. 15th—Last day for hot lunch service until Wednesday, January 18th.
6. Friday, Dec. 16th, *Christmas Around the World* “feast” in the Parish Hall hosted by Kindergarten to Grade 5 parents.
7. Early Dismissal, Friday, Dec. 16th, 11:30 am for ALL students. No Extended Day service available.
8. School Closed, Mon., Dec. 19th to Fri., Dec. 31st.
9. Christmas Services at Christ Episcopal Church—Saturday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, 6:00 and 10:30 pm  
Sunday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, 10:30 am
10. Classes Resume, Monday, January 2nd
11. Hot Lunch Program—The hot lunch program will resume Wednesday, January 18th. Hot lunch participants, bring a sack lunch from January 2nd to January 17th.
12. Milk Program—The milk program is NOT affected by the Hot Lunch Program. Milk is available at all times.



Parent Association volunteers distribute cookie dough orders.

### Parent Fundraiser Benefits School

The school's cookie dough fundraiser, sponsored by the Parent Association, was a big success. So far this year, funds raised have made it possible to purchase new soccer goals for the P.E. program, custom outdoor mats at entrances, new indoor mats for the hallways, and Texas Bluebonnet books for the library. Thank you parents!

## Christmas Declamation Service

**All** students in **PreK-3 to Grade 5** participate in the Christmas Declamation Service on **Tuesday, December 13th** at **7:00 pm**. Due to the amount of space needed, the service is being held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

**Students wear dress clothes, Christmas dress clothes, or Chapel uniform shirts (no t-shirts or shirts with writing or sports' teams info.)** and arrive between 6:45 and 6:50 pm. Please mark your calendars NOW.

