



# The Christ Courier

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## 2011-2012 School Year Begins . . .

Audrey Russell, Head of School

It is hard to believe summer activities have come to an end and school activities have begun!!! On behalf of the board, faculty and staff of Christ Episcopal School, I welcome all returning and new students and their families. We are so pleased to be your partner in the education of your children.

I want to share a few things with you that help make our partnership successful:

1. parents of students in Preschool, check your child's *tote bag* EACH DAY for teacher and school communications as well as student work
2. parents of students in Kindergarten to grade 5, check your child's *Agenda* each day for teacher notes, assignments, and reminders
3. parents of students in Kindergarten to grade 5, check your child's backpack for his/her "take-home" folder which will contain school notes and student work - sometimes requiring your signature and a return
4. communicate, via phone or email, with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns
5. call **me** if you have a question or concern about ANYTHING
6. be involved, at any level, in your child's classroom and school activities.

Our promise to you is that your child will never "fall in the cracks" and that you will never have a "surprise" about your child's progress-academically, socially, or spiritually. The entire faculty and staff are committed to your child's successful educational experience.

### Mission Statement

Christ Episcopal School is a diverse community of learners who participate in an enriched academic program in a nurturing Christian environment.

## The Christ Episcopal Community Welcomes New Rector

Christ Episcopal Church, School, and Canterbury welcome The Rev. Howard Castleberry and his family to Nacogdoches. Fr. Castleberry and his wife, Joanne, and their children are excited to get settled into East Texas.

Fr. Castleberry grew up in Austin, Texas where he pursued his childhood passion for photography. His professional photo-journalist career includes working for *The Dallas Morning News* and *The Houston Chronicle*. After an acclaimed career, he started an industrial development business in Houston. Fr. Castleberry was later led to the ministry and attended seminary at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He was ordained in 2009.

In addition, to providing guidance and support to the school's religious program and service projects, Fr. Castleberry serves as the school's Chaplain and conducts the Wednesday morning Chapel service. We welcome him to Christ Episcopal!

## H.O.P.E.

### Outreach Continues . . .

Christ Episcopal School continues its weekly community outreach this year to those less fortunate in our area by supporting H.O.P.E., *Helping Other People Eat*. Students in grades Kindergarten to grade 5 are asked to bring one non-perishable item to Chapel each Wednesday. Suggested items include canned vegetables, fruit, or meat, any type of pasta, boxed cereals, boxed drinks, boxed cornmeal, flour, or rice, and sacks of dried beans. Each week, Parent Association volunteers deliver our food offerings to the local H.O.P.E. center.

Christ Episcopal School students CAN and DO make a difference in the lives of many children and families each week! Help our children support this service to others.



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# STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Mit Mahar, Student Council Sponsor

Welcome, Christ Episcopal School students, to a new year of Student Council. Here are some things to think about as the new year begins:

the council motto is "Leadership Through Service"

the student association is "open membership" for students in grades 2-5

students must conform to the school's dress code and maintain an A and B average and no less than an "S" in conduct and enrichment classes

students must attend Student Council activities unless they have been excused prior to the meeting/event

meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of each month from 3:15 until 4:00 pm

officers will be selected from members attending the first meeting, September 6th.

Service events include Salvation Army bell ringing, an animal shelter workday, nursing home/hospital visit, Veterans' Day, Military/Valentine's Day cards, flag corps, assembling Stanford testing goody bags, etc. If you have questions about Student Council or its activities, please contact Mrs. Mahar.

## First Day of School, 2011-2012



Fourth graders show they are eager to learn!

**Remember a Canned or Non-Perishable Good for H.O.P.E. each Wednesday, Chapel Day! (Kindergarten to grade 5)**



Second graders engage in a learning activity.



Students look forward to an exciting fifth grade year.

## Auction, 2012

Many thanks are in order for Deidra Wilson who will head this year's Auction. Assisting her is the equally capable Amy Krenek. An Auction meeting will be scheduled soon to begin plans for the event. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Watch for meeting details to come soon and plan to come.

## PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this year's first Parent Association meeting on Thursday, September 8th. It will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. Members of the After School Care staff will provide child care. A Chic-Fil-A dinner for the children is being planned.

A flyer with details for ordering dinner for your child (ren) is coming home soon. Don't miss this opportunity to "network" with school moms and dads!

## September's Calendar of Events

Thurs., Sept. 1	Boy Scout Night, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7 pm (Interested boys, grades 1-5)
Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
Wed., Sept. 7	Faculty Mtg., 3:15 pm
Thurs., Sept. 8	Parent Association Mtg., 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
Wed., Sept. 14	Mid-6 weeks reports, Grades 3-5, go home
Fri., Sept. 16	Grades 4 & 5 to Lufkin, Temple Theater, Rioult Dance Troupe, Leave 9 am
Sun., Sept. 18	School Board Retreat, 2-6 pm
Thurs., Sept. 22	Parent/Student Open House, 6-7 pm
Fri., Sept., 30	End of 1st grading period, Grades 1-5