



## The 2017-2018 School Year Begins . . .

by Catherine Oliver, 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 a great success:

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. kindergarten to grade 6 parents:
  - A. sign or initial your child's *Agenda* each day and review teacher notes, assignments, and reminders
  - B. parents of students in kindergarten to grade 6, 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
3. communicate, via phone or email, with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns
4. call **me** if you want to further discuss **anything**
5. be involved, at any level, in your child's classroom and school activities.



**Jan Cobb**, our librarian, organized a fabulous trip to Six Flags on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Free Six Flags tickets were provided to CES students who achieved a "Read to Succeed" reading goal. **Father Michael Caldwell**, School Chaplain, was kind enough to transport the church van filled with students and parents to and from Dallas. Others joined us in their private cars. A variety of rides were ridden, a country music show was enjoyed, souvenirs were purchased, and meals were consumed. Everyone had an amazing time and the children enjoyed their reward after their reading commitment goals had been achieved. Thank you, **Mrs. Cobb**, for the fun experience!



## First Day of School!



**Mrs. Unger** poses with her **kindergarten class** on the first day of school. This great group of students are ready to take on the school year and to increase their knowledge by listening, learning, and doing.

## THANK YOU, GEORGE BARHAM!

President of the CES School Board, **George S. Barham III**, is stepping down after his most recent term has ended. He has served on the board off and on for decades. He was in fact in the very first kindergarten class at CES when the school started in 1948. Head of School, **Catherine Oliver**, recently presented him with a crystal recognition award thanking him for his service, dedication, and devotion over many many years. **Bryan Holt Davis III** will be our new Board President after serving as Vice President for the past 6 years.



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## Parent Association Board

Our Parent Association Board members continue to be: Holly Flynt—**Grace**-3rd, Kim Newman—**Aniston**-PK4, **Deacon**-2nd, and **Thatcher**-5th, and Bill Richardson—**Olivia**-1st and **Jack**-3rd. These parents report to the Board of Trustees on a regular basis and also communicate to parents via the classroom teachers. I am so grateful for their efforts and time spent on organizing and following through with our Parent Association fundraising activities. Committee volunteers are needed to assist with the upcoming school year events.

**T-Shirt Sale:** We will soon be selling our latest CES t-shirt design that can be worn on Fridays, as well as other former CES designs.



### Birthday Books for the Library

New books may be purchased from the library in honor of a child's birthday. The books will be added to the CES library collection with a name plate recognizing the child's big day. Students love being made to feel "special" on their day and will be remembered for years to come. Prices range from \$6 to \$20.

### Box Tops and Labels for Education

Our school benefits greatly from the collection of *Box Tops for Education*. Please save them for the school. They may be brought to the school all year long. Your participation is truly appreciated!



Our on-going community project is the local food bank, H.O.P.E.—*Helping Other People Eat*. Each Wednesday, students bring canned or dry food goods to Chapel to donate to the bank. Make an effort to send a food item each Wednesday for the rest of the school year. Christ Episcopal School does make a difference in the lives of our own neighbors!



Christ Episcopal School is praying for all of the people whose lives have been changed due to Hurricane Harvey in our beloved state of Texas and in our neighboring state of Louisiana. We hope to assist others in need once the damage has been assessed, possibly another Episcopal school that was affected. Our prayers continue.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Pumpkins arrive on Friday, October 6th, at 4:00 pm.



**We need all the help we can get to help with the unloading of pumpkins on October 6th. We also need multiple volunteers to sign up for Pumpkin Patch shifts. Please join our CES annual tradition of selling pumpkins to our Nacogdoches community. This is our 20th year! Pumpkin Patch t-shirts will again be sold to be worn on Fridays during the month of October.**



### SIGN UP FOR THE KROGER COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

#### Important Dates in September

Mon., Sept. 4	Labor Day Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Fri., Sept. 8	Donuts with Grandparents
Mon., Sept. 18	Open House Night, 5:30-6:30pm
Mon. - Fri., Sept. 18—Sept. 22	Scholastic Book Fair
Fri., Sept. 22	End of first Mid 9 weeks, Grades 1-6
Wed., Sept. 27	Mid 9 week reports sent home, Grades 1-6
Mon., Sept. 25	Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off
Fri., Oct. 6	Pumpkins arrive at 4:00 pm