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Thankful for Blessings . . .

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School



Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our blessings and to thank God for the many He has given us. It is a time to enjoy and spend time with our family members and friends and to show our gratitude. It is a time to appreciate those relationships and to nurture them. I pray your food and prayers are plentiful this Thanksgiving. I pray too for safe travels for you and/or family members if traveling during this holiday week. I pray your Thanksgiving replenishes your stomachs and souls with nourishment and comfort aplenty!



Service Learning

The CES 4th and 5th grade students have participated in collecting items for Love INC, an organization that fills the gaps in local services, by identifying unmet needs in the community. To help them meet their needs the 4th and 5th graders collected non-perishable items, such as granola bars, canned meat and vegetables, crackers, and various other items.

Be a Part of Our Next Chapter.



As we celebrate our 75th year, our Annual Giving Fund theme is *Be a Part of Our Next*

Chapter. Annual Giving is one of two major Board of Trustees' fundraisers, the other being the annual Auction. Christ Episcopal School relies on these two fundraisers to fund the deficit of educating students that tuition does not cover. The goal of this year's fund is \$15,000. Every gift, regardless of size, contributes to the growth and development of our students' educational experiences. We strive for 100% participation from the CES community: trustees, parents, grandparents, faculty, and staff. As you consider a gift to this year's Annual Giving, we ask that you think about the difference you can make in the life of a child. Thank you so very much.

The CES 4th graders then broadened their service learning project and incorporated the food they collected with the H.O.P.E. food collected at weekly chapel from all grades into their study of plants in science. Mrs. Hanes had her students divide up the donated food into the parts of a plant: seeds, roots, stems, flowers, leaves, and fruit. This helped them better understand all of the different parts of plants that feed and sustain us.



Pumpkin Patch Earnings!



As of October 30th, the Pumpkin Patch pumpkin sales have totaled \$13,766. Our 33.3% CES percentage is \$4,584. Sales will continue through Halloween and into the beginning of November.

The **Pumpkin Patch** has been a huge success! Many, many thanks to all **parents, grandparents, CES alums, SFA Greek Life, SFA ROTC, SFA Cheer & Dance teams, NHS Key Club, U Bank employees, the Risen Dead and Warrior Brotherhood Motorcycle Clubs,** and **others** who helped unload pallets and pumpkins when they arrived, and who helped sell our pumpkins to the community of Nacogdoches. It is a CES tradition that everyone loves. A special thank you goes out to Pumpkin Patch chair **Catherine Polk and her husband, Aaron,** who have been so involved and added so much to our patch. How very grateful we are to them for their commitment and hard work! The patch provides a place for individuals and families to celebrate the season of fall and to make memories for so many who live here and who look forward to coming year after 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.



SFA HOMECOMING PARADE

Western Day!



CES showed its support to SFA by participating in this year's SFA Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning, October 21st. We showed our CES school spirit and supported the Lumberjacks! Our School Cheer, "CES, is the best!" was shouted throughout the streets of Nacogdoches. Thank you, **Joe Shelkey**, for providing the truck, the trailer, and the hay. Thank you, **students and families** who participated in this fun, annual, community-wide event!

The **CES Parent Association**, threw a fabulous luncheon serving **C C's Smokehouse** barbecue on **Western Day**, October 27th. **Parents, grandparents, and other special guests** gathered in our School Hall during designated lunch times and enjoyed the food and the company. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped with set up, serving, and clean up. Everyone enjoyed visiting with other cowboys and cowgirls.

CES FALL FESTIVAL



The CES Board of Trustees put on a Fall Festival in conjunction with the Pumpkin Patch after the parade. Hotdogs, chips, and water were served. Bouncy houses were on the playground for children to enjoy.

November Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Nov. 1	Faculty Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Saturday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Tuesday, Nov. 14	Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 13 - Friday, Nov. 17	Preschool Parent Conferences
Monday, Nov. 20 - Friday, Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Holiday Week School Closed

First Nine Weeks

Grade Three All A Honor Roll

Ele Beam, Oaklie Chandler, Kit Deppisch,
William Gooch, Cadence Glazener, Austin Miller,
Myles Murphy, Silas Stovall

A/B Honor Roll Elizabeth Estep

Grade Four All A Honor Roll

Allie Brown, Quinn Gilcrease, Caroline Nixon

A/B Honor Roll Bryan Rhodes

Grade Five All A Honor Roll

Kennedy Ballard, Madison Ballard,
Sloane Kubacak, Aniston Newman



Christmas Declamation Service

All students in Pre K-3 thru Grade 5 will participate in the CES Christmas Declamation Service being held on Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 pm in the evening at Christ Episcopal Church.

Mark your calendars NOW.