



Happy New Year!

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School



We survived the busy holiday season, and now we prepare for the upcoming 2024 events. I pray your Christmas was glorious in every way. Here is what we have to look forward to:

1. The **2024 Once Upon a Time Auction** will take place on Saturday night, April 27th at The Fredonia Hotel. Many thanks goes out to auction chairs **Carrie Gilcrease** and **Jena Rhodes** and their hard working committees for preparing for this huge event. The first Auction meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11th, at 5:30 pm in the School Hall. You are invited to attend. Make plans to come to the auction! It is tons of fun. CES parents are provided a discount ticket cost (\$35 per person instead of \$50) and free child care is offered for our students and their siblings (ages 3-12).
2. **Open House** - This year's "Next Step-Up" Open House will be on Monday, January 29th for current parents to visit next year's classes from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The invitation is also extended to others in the community who are considering a private school education for their child /children. We hope to see you there and encourage you to invite any and all prospective parents you know to come and get to know CES. More information to follow.



CHRISTMAS AROUND



THE WORLD



CES celebrated its annual **Christmas Around the World** sharing the cultures of different countries through samples of a variety of foods with the **children** of the school. Thank you to **parent volunteers** for helping set up, decorate, and serve the students delicious and different treats and nibbles!



Christmas Declamation



Thank you, **Mrs. Richardson**, for a fabulous **Christmas Declamation** Service held at Christ Episcopal Church. The students wowed the audience with their performances. What a glorious evening!



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.

Christmas Carol Service - Learning



Mrs. Richardson took CES students to enlighten the lives of area nursing home residents. The 1st - 5th graders traveled to Magnolia Court and Meadowview Place to sing their Christmas Declamation songs, as well as other Christmas tunes. Service-learning engages our students in reflection and deepens their understanding by serving others.



A Visit from Santa



Santa Claus came to visit CES students to make sure he knew what everyone had on their Christmas list. Mrs. Catherine's Pre-K 4 students made sure he knew what they wanted. They treated him with kindness and were extremely excited to be in his presence. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and shared a jolly Ho Ho Ho!

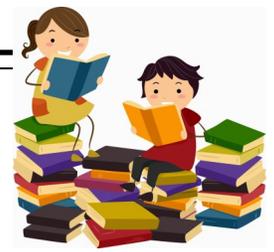


Please Help Us With Our 2023-2024 Annual Fund

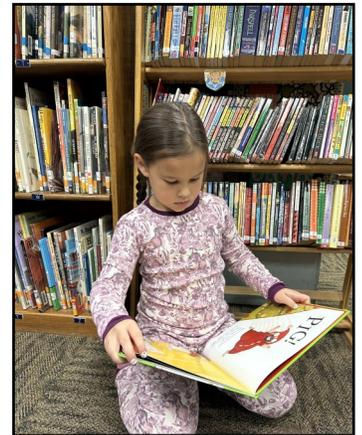
Annual Fund dollars contribute to the growth and development of our students' educational experiences and assist in the maintenance of the facility. Your gift, of any amount, will help us reach our goal!

Faculty/staff, parents, grandparents, Christ Episcopal church members, and friends of the school have been invited to participate in the Annual Fund. All donations are tax deductible and can be given in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. Please consider your gift today - help us reach our goal. Support us in our pursuit to excel in education and celebrate the love of God's world with one another.

Jolabokafloð



As part of **Christmas Around the World** week, CES librarian, Mrs. Stovall, taught students about the Icelandic tradition of **Jolabokafloð**. This tradition celebrates the gift-giving season through the exchange of books and a cozy Christmas Eve spent reading books and drinking hot chocolate. Students wore pajamas to school and spent the last part of the day reading with their class while enjoying yummy hot chocolate.



January Calendar of Events

Monday, January 8	Classes resume
Wednesday, January 10	Faculty Epiphany Party, 3:30 pm, School Hall
	End of 2nd 9 weeks grading period for K - 5th
Thursday, January 11	Auction Mtg., 5:30 pm, School Hall
Monday, January 15	MLK Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Tuesday, January 16	Report cards sent home, K - 5th
	School Board Meeting, 6 pm
Friday, January 19	Non-Uniform Dress Day
Monday, January 29	"Next Step-Up" Open House, 5:30 - 6:30 pm for current & prospective parents