



The Christ Courier

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The 2019-2020 School Year Begins . . .

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School

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 4 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 4, check your child's backpack for his/her "take-home" folder which will contain school notes and student work sometimes requiring your signature and 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



Playground Projects Completed!

A million thank yous go out to our "Playground Improvement Team" of **Dr. Dennis Coffman**, **Jim Snyder**, and **Tony & Sasha Kubacak** who worked tirelessly in improving both of our playgrounds. They built the privacy fence around the PreK playground, removed trees, trimmed limbs, leveled big holes, replaced and mortared bricks, and rebuilt steps on the big playground. Jim and his wife **Sandy Snyder** also painted and repaired all picnic tables and benches on both playgrounds for teachers and students to enjoy.



Mrs. Chelsea poses with her **PreK-3 class** during the first week 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.



Mrs. Seeley's 1st graders pose with their Disney themed class mascots on their first day of school. Their year to come will be an education filled experience.



Mission: 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.

Parent Association Board

Our CES Parent Association board chair is **Kim Newman** (Aniston-1st and Deacon-4th). Our CES board member who reports monthly about CES-PA activity to the CES Board of Trustees is **Sasha Kubacak** (Sloane-1st). The CES-PA also communicates to parents via the classroom teachers and the CES Parent Association Facebook page. 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. We would love new parental involvement in the **Parent Association**. If interested, please contact **Kim Newman at (903) 235-0875**.

T-Shirt Sale: The CES-PA is now selling our latest CES t-shirt design that can be worn on Fridays, as well as other former CES designs.



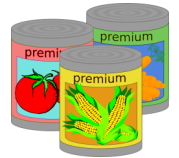
Box Tops for Education

Our school benefits greatly from *Box Tops for Education* dollars. Please scan your grocery receipts after purchasing Box Tops items to benefit the school. There is a Box Top App that walks you through the instructions needed to have a personal account that is connected to CES. Your participation is truly appreciated!



FOOD for H.O.P.E.

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!



SIGN UP FOR THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



CES receives a percentage of your Kroger purchases throughout the year after you enroll online. Please enroll to help benefit the school at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>.

Thank you

CES would like to say a big, **THANK YOU!**, to **Charlotte Aschraft, Bryan Davis, and Marianne Keller** for their amazing service as CES School Board members for many many years. **Charlotte** served as chair of our Committee on Trustees, **Bryan** served as School Board President, and **Marianne** served as Secretary. Their years of service and involvement helped CES maintain a high level of excellence and for that we are so appreciative.

CHAIRPERSONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We need all the help we can get this October! We need a Pumpkin Patch Chair to help coordinate our patch volunteers throughout the month of October. Pumpkins will be delivered on **Thursday, October 3rd!** 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 22nd year! Pumpkin Patch t-shirts will again be sold to be worn on Fridays during the month of October.

Important Dates in September

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| Mon., Sept. 2 | Labor Day Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u> |
| Fri., Sept. 6 | Donuts with Grandparents
Hearing Screening, PK4—Grade 4 |
| Mon., Sept. 23 | Open House Night, 5:30-6:30pm |
| Tues. - Mon.,
Sept. 17—Sept. 23 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Fri., Sept. 20 | End of first Mid 9 weeks, Grades 1-4 |
| Wed., Sept. 25 | Mid 9 week reports sent home,
Grades 1-4 |
| Thurs., Oct. 3 | Pumpkins arrive! |