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The 2020-2021 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 5 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 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 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

Return to School Plan 2020

I have been so extremely impressed by our **CES parents, students, faculty, and staff** these first few weeks of school. Everyone has truly been respectful of our return to school policies and have done their very best to uphold them. I want to thank our COVID Committee led by **Sydney Kroll Register**, in their writing of our plan following guidelines set forth by The Texas Education Agency, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. The rest of the committee consisted of **myself, Kim Procell Newman, Alan Sowards, Sasha Kubacak, Bonnie Stovall, Jaime Giblin, and Grant Hanes**. The plan is posted on our website and on our Facebook page and is a living document that can be adapted and changed as needed to best respond to the changing nature of this pandemic.



WELCOME... Father Karl!

We are thrilled to welcome **Father Karl Griswold-Kuhn**, the new Rector at Christ

Church, and his wife, **Jen**, and daughter, **Judith**! He has already reached out and shown great interest in CES. We so look forward to our future with him and our partnership.

New Computers! Thanks to Donors!

A huge amount of gratitude goes out to the many Christ Episcopal Church donors, CES parents, and auction attendees who assisted us with the replacing of the school computers. In all, we replaced 37 computers. Thank you to the following Computer Fund Sponsors: **Gary Lee and Charlotte Ashcraft, Marsha Blount, Kay Butchko, Jill Carrington, Eric and Gina Carver, Mary Ellen Clifford, April Grady and Dan Saenz, Katherine Greer, Father Frank Hughes, Sammy Frizell, Heath and Jaime Giblin, Carolyn Davis, John and Meredith Fleming, Sean and Lisa Kennedy, Travis and Carrie Killen, James and Susie Kroll, Ted and Janice Ledet, Tim and Carrie Leonard, Susie and David Mayes, Lloyd and Barbara Michael, Michael and Jeni Montes, Louise McCain, Roslyne McGown, Don and Crystal Nett, Mary L. Nevels, Todd and Kim Newman, John and Catherine Oliver, Ramsey and Carmen Parr, Ronita Patel, Susie Patterson, Bill Patton, Audrey Russell, Patricia Russell, David Shofner, Kai and Glenna Sorensen, Martha Taylor, Noma Fleming Taylor, Nancy Tipton, Hans and Jessica Williams, Sam and Kristin Wright**, and a generous anonymous donor. Your kindness helps bring 21st century learning to our students.



CES Parent Association

CES Parent Association board members **Kim Procell Newman** (Aniston-2nd and Deacon-5th), **Sasha Kubacak** (RJ-PK3 and Sloane-2nd) and **Sydney Kroll Register** (Lane-3rd) will soon be organizing our first of the year Parent Association meeting. With an active and vibrant Parent Association, CES can be much more successful in its efforts to assist the school in so many ways. Committee **volunteers are needed** to assist with the upcoming school year events. We would love new parental involvement in the **CES Parent Association**. If interested, please contact **Kim Procell Newman at (903) 235-0875**.



T-Shirt Sale: The CES-PA will soon be 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need all the help we can get this October! Our fabulous returning Pumpkin Patch Chairs, **RJ and Tiffany Bohac**, need your help volunteering throughout the month of October. Pumpkins will be delivered in **mid-October**, exact date is yet to be determined. Families will be needed to help unload. We also need multiple volunteers to sign up for Pumpkin Patch shifts that will again be coordinated by the **RJ and Tiffany Bohac**. Join our CES annual tradition of selling pumpkins to our Nacogdoches community. This is our 23rd year! Pumpkin Patch t-shirts will be sold and can be worn on Fridays during the month of October.



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/>.



Raise money for CES each and every time you order from AmazonSmile. When you shop from [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Christ Episcopal School.

CES would like to say a big, **THANK YOU!**, to **Linda Bass, Marsha Blount, and Sasha Kubacak** for their amazing service as CES School Board members. Their years of service and involvement helped CES maintain a high level of excellence and for that we are so appreciative.



Important Dates in September

Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Sunday, Sept. 13	Grandparents' Day
Friday, Sept. 18	End of first Mid 9 weeks, K-5th
Wed., Sept. 23	Mid 9 week reports sent home, Grades 1st-5th
Monday, Sept. 28	Open House Night, 5:30-7:30pm (staggered assigned times) Town Hall Meeting, 7:30 pm
Mid-October	Pumpkins will arrive! (Date yet to be determined)