



# The Christ Courier

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## Thankful for Blessings . . .

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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!



## LEARNING ABOUT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Our CES Librarian, **Mrs. Stovall**, has been busy teaching the students about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the importance of our military fighting for and dying for our country. She is coordinating these

studies with this year's Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) contest's theme "The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: Rise and Shine for Duty, Honor and Patriotism". Third graders are creating poems based on the theme and fourth and fifth graders are writing short stories based on the theme. This DAR competition provides opportunities for the students to research, write, and learn about an important part of our nation's history. Grade level teachers **Ms. Findley**, **Mrs. Hanes**, **Ms. Altimari**, and Technology teacher, **Mrs. Carver**, are working collaboratively with **Mrs. Stovall** to make this an amazing learning experience for all. Submissions will be sent to the DAR judges on November 15th.

**Love God.  
Love One Another.**



This year's Annual Giving Fund theme is our school's motto: *Love God. Love one another.* 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.



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th**

\$1 from EVERY cookie sold donated to CES!  
Buy some cookies, tell your friends!

## Pumpkin Patch Earnings!

As of October 27th, the Pumpkin Patch pumpkin sales have totaled \$9,927. Our 33.3% CES percentage is \$3,306. 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 Spirit Teams, NHS Key Club, U Bank, and others** who helped unload our 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, **Vanessa Hancock**, who has been so involved and added so much to our patch. How very grateful we are to her for her commitment and hard work! The patch provides a place for individuals and families to celebrate the season of fall and to make memories.



## 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**

CES showed its support to SFA by participating in this year's SFA Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning, October 30th. 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! It was a beautiful morning!

**CES-PA FUNDRAISER RESULTS!**

**Thank you** for participating in the CES Parent Association fall fundraisers.

The CES shirt sale earned \$1,037.

The Bigtime Fundraiser Cookie Cravings sale earned \$3,584. Friday, November 5th, will be Chick-Fil-A Cookie Day! Every cent counts!



**First Nine Weeks**

**Grade Three  
All A Honor Roll**

Kennedy Ballard, Madison Ballard, Braxton Brown,  
Ryan Kipple, Sloane Kubacak, Trey Murphy,  
Aniston Newman, Audrey Selman

**Grade Four  
All A Honor Roll**

Olivia Chidester, Gigi Deppisch, Rowan Donihoo,  
Audrey Giblin, Stella Stovall, Jordyn Yarbrough

**A/B Honor Roll**

Matthew Ellington, Sam Hogg,  
Lane Register, Naya Sifuentes

**Grade Five  
All A Honor Roll**

June Anderson

**CES Garden Project**



**Dr. Alan Sowards**, CES School Board Member, has successfully headed up our school's garden project, sponsored by **Lowe's**. Four gardens now exist on a corner of the school's big playground, where grades **kindergarten through 5th grade** have designated plants to care for and assigned jobs to perform.

Hands on learning is taking place related to all subject areas. This is an amazing opportunity for our students. The **preschoolers** will soon have two gardens on their playground as well.

**November Calendar of Events**

Wednesday, Nov. 3	Faculty Meeting
Friday, Nov. 5	Chick-Fil-A Cookie Day
Sunday, Nov. 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Board Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Friday, Nov. 12	Western Day (dress-up only) End of PreK Reporting Period
Monday, Nov. 15 - Friday, Nov. 19	Preschool Parent Conferences
Wednesday, Nov. 17	Fundraiser items arrive Wild about Science (4th & 5th) SFA 9:30 - 11:45 am
Monday, Nov. 22 - Friday, Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Holiday Week School Closed



**Christmas  
Declamation Service**

*All students in PreK-3 thru Grade 5 will participate in the CES Christmas Declamation Service being held on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm in the evening at Christ Episcopal Church. Mark your calendars NOW. The event will be recorded.*