



# The Christ Courier

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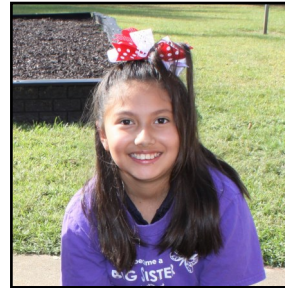
## Preparing for Christmas . . .

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School



As we move closer to the celebration of Christ's birth, we are in the church's liturgical season of Advent. The word **Advent** means "coming" or "visit". During Advent, we anticipate and prepare for the coming of Christ and focus on our own longing for something greater and our need for forgiveness, salvation, and a new beginning. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas, beginning this year on Sunday, November 28th, and ending on Christmas Eve. Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of baby Jesus and the anticipation of His coming again.

I hope this season of Advent and Christmas holds its true meaning and purpose for you and your family. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff of Christ Episcopal School, I wish you and yours a blessed, safe, and joyous Advent and Christmas seasons.



## LOVING NAYA!

The 4th grade class coordinated a bake sale for their classmate and friend, Naya, who is spending time at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. On Friday, November 19th, students, parents, teachers, board members, and Christ Church members came together to make, bake, and purchase items. Proceeds will go to assist Naya's family during this challenging time. Continued prayers are needed. We all know that CES is not only a school but a community. When we come together to show our love and support of one of our students, we are truly living our motto: Love God, Love One Another.

## Final Fundraiser Results

We sold \$14,297 in pumpkins which gave us a 33.3% profit of \$4,761. Additional funds of \$4,063 collected from donations and the sales after the contract ended increased our profit greatly. With the Pumpkin Patch t-shirts profit of \$630, the grand total raised was **\$9,454**. Thank you to **Vanessa Hancock**, our pumpkin patch chair!



The Chick-Fil-A cookie fundraiser raised **\$394!**  
Thanks to **all** who purchased cookies that day!



**Thank you CES Family! We are very thankful and grateful for all your support and love. Through these tough times we are especially blessed to be part of a wonderful community.**

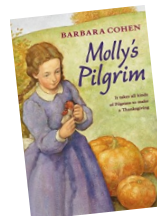
**-The Sifuentes Family**

## School Christmas Declamation

All students in PreK-3 to Grade 5 participate in the Christmas Declamation Service on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm. The service is being held at Christ Episcopal Church. Students wear church or Christmas dress clothes.

Arrive between 5:45 pm and 5:50 pm.  
Please mark your calendars NOW.

**MASKS are required to be worn in the church.**



The second grade class just completed a unit on the book, *Molly's Pilgrim*. The children created clothespin dolls to go along with the themes of the story -- what it means to be a Pilgrim and treating others with kindness even though we are all different. Here are some second graders with their clothespin dolls.

## 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.

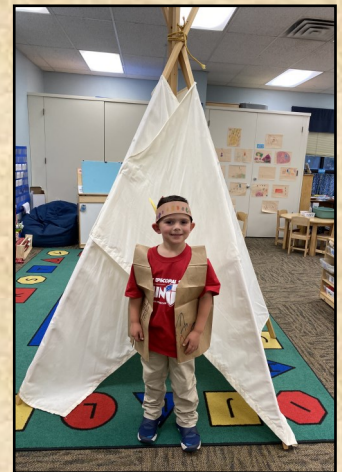
# We are Thankful for our Family and Friends!



Mrs. Chelsea's  
PreK-4  
students  
shared their  
Tom the Turkey  
with their  
friends for  
Show and Tell.



Mrs. Unger's  
Kindergartners  
celebrated  
Thanksgiving as a  
class and enjoyed  
center time as  
Pilgrims and  
Native Americans.



## CES 2022 Auction Volunteer Opportunities

2022 Auction Co-Chairs, **Sasha Kubacak** and **Kim Procell Newman** need your help to make the auction a memorable event. There are several ways you can help make it a big success. It will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Hotel Fredonia @ 6:00 pm. Join us for an enjoyable night of food, fun, & fundraising.

**Here are some suggestions as to how you can help:**

1. Volunteer to help set up the Auction at the Hotel Fredonia. Call the school office @ 564-0621 to volunteer.
2. On your own, or with another parent in your grade level, offer to host a special party for a specific age group as an auction item.
3. You may have a piece of art/print or special edition book, toy, lamp, jewelry, etc. to donate for the live or silent auction or a drop box item.
4. If you have a contact with a business or individual who would donate an item or money for the Auction, please contact **Sasha Kubacak**, Auction Co-Chair, at the school 564-0621 or by email at [skubacak@ces-nac.org](mailto:skubacak@ces-nac.org).
5. Help fill your child's class theme basket with items to be auctioned off that evening.
6. Gather up four couples from your grade level and purchase a Sponsorship table @ \$750 or \$1,000—special "goodies" are included with the purchase of a Sponsorship table.

### Reminders:

1. The cost per CES parent is \$35.00 per person, reduced from the regular \$50 per person.
2. Free baby-sitting is available the night of the Auction in the preschool building from 5:30-11:30 pm for CES students & their siblings—3 yrs. old (must be toilet trained) and up to age 12. Pizza, popcorn, games, and movies will be available.

## Love of God. Love one another.



- ANNUAL GIVING FUND -



The goal of this year's Annual Giving 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: parents, grandparents, trustees, faculty and staff. Make a difference! Consider your gift to the Annual Fund today.



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Please visit our social media pages to find wonderful pictures and news of what is happening at our fabulous school!  
Share with your family members and friends!

If you have not visited the school's website in a while,  
[www.ces-nac.org](http://www.ces-nac.org), please do!

## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, **December 1** - Faculty Meeting, 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, **December 7** - Christmas Declaration  
Christ Episcopal Church  
6:00 pm
- Tuesday, **December 14** - School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- Wednesday, **December 15** - Last Wednesday Chapel to bring canned goods for H.O.P.E. until 2022
- Friday, **December 17** - Christmas Around the World in the individual classrooms (students only)  
- All School Dismissal 11:30 am  
No Extended Day
- Monday, **January 3, 2022** - Return to school

