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The 2022-2023 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**.

ATTENTION TO SAFETY



During Teacher In-Service Week **Forrest King**, retired Nacogdoches County EMS Director, came and taught the teachers a Stop the Bleed Course. Also, **Lieutenant Bill Kennedy** from the Nacogdoches Police Department came and talked to the faculty and staff about safety on our school campus. He discussed the importance of readiness and reacting to a potentially dangerous situation quickly and smartly. The experience and expertise of these instructors made an impact and strengthened our knowledge and awareness.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are thrilled to announce our 2022 **Pumpkin Patch Co-chairs, Elizabeth Payne** (Andrew-1st & Graham-K) and **Catherine Polk** (Camille PK3). They will coordinate our Pumpkin Patch volunteers throughout the month of October. Pumpkins will be delivered on **Tuesday, October 11th!** We will need multiple volunteers to help unload and sign up for Pumpkin Patch shifts. Please join our CES annual tradition of selling pumpkins to our Nacogdoches community. This is our 25th year!



Mrs. Unger's Kindergartners celebrated their love of teddy bears by having a Teddy Bear Picnic on the first Friday of school. Each child brought their favorite teddy bear from home and shared why that bear was special.



Ms. Altimari's 5th graders are assigned Flag Duty responsibilities. They learn about the history of our flag and how to properly raise, lower, and fold our flag. They also know that there will be days when our president may order the flag to be flown at half-staff.



Christ Episcopal School - Parent Association

Our CES Parent Association chairs are **Kim Newman** (Aniston-4th) and **Sasha Kubacak** (Sloane-4th and Robert-K). Our CES board member who reports monthly about CES-PA activity to the CES Board of Trustees is **Sydney Kroll Register** (Lane-5th). The CES-PA also communicates to parents via the classroom teachers and the CES Parent Association Facebook page and via the Remind App. I am so grateful for their efforts and time spent on organizing and following through with our CES-PA 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**.

Box Tops for Education

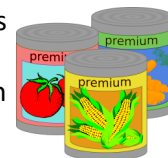
Our school benefits greatly from *Box Tops for Education* dollars. Please scan your grocery receipts after purchasing Box Tops items to benefit the school. There is a Box Top App that walks you through the instructions needed to have a personal account that is connected to CES. Your participation is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



T-Shirt Sale: The CES-PA is selling our CES Saints t-shirt design that can be worn on Fridays during the school year. Orders are due by **Friday, September 9th**.

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/RewardsNow/>



CES SCHOOL BOARD



The **CES School Board** held its annual Board Retreat on Saturday, August 27th. We are extremely grateful to this group of dedicated volunteers. We say goodbye and thanks to three members whose terms have ended: **Jeanne Perry**, **Nancy Tipton**, and **Marty Taylor**. **Jeanne** served as our Board's Vice President and the chair of our Teaching and Learning Task Force, **Nancy** served as the chair of the Mission, Identity, and Culture Task Force, and **Marty** served on our Committee on Trustees. Their years of service and involvement helped CES maintain a high level of excellence and for that we are so appreciative.

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Important Dates in September

- Mon., Sept. 5 Labor Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL
- Fri., Sept. 16 End of first Mid 9 weeks, Grades 1-5
- Wed., Sept. 21 Mid 9 week reports sent home, Grades 1-5
- Mon., Sept. 26 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Fri., Sept. 30
- Mon., Sept. 26 Open House Night, 5:30-6:30pm
- Tues., Oct. 11 Pumpkins arrive!
We need help unloading!

