



Happy New Year!

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School



We survived the busy holiday season, and now we prepare for the upcoming winter events. I pray your Christmas was magical. Here is what we have to look forward to:

1. The **2023 Jockeys and Juleps Auction** will take place on Saturday night, April 29th at The Fredonia Hotel. Many thanks goes out to auction chairs **Carrie Gilcrease** and **Jena Rhodes** and their hard working committees for preparing for this huge event. The first Auction meeting will be held on Friday, January 6th at 12:00 noon in the school library. You are invited to attend. Make plans to come to the auction! It is tons of fun. CES parents are provided a discount ticket cost (\$35 per person instead of \$50) and free child care is offered for our students and their siblings (ages 3-12).
2. **Open House** - This year's "Next Step-Up" Open House will be on Monday, January 30th for current parents to visit next year's classes from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. The invitation is also extended to others in the community who are considering a private school education for their child /children. We hope to see you there and encourage you to invite any and all prospective parents you know to come and get to know CES. More information to follow.

Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus!



Mrs. Angie's **Pre-K 3 students** celebrate Jesus' birth in one Christmas center and His birthday in another Christmas center. Jesus is definitely the reason for the season in Pre-K 3!



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



CES celebrated its annual **Christmas Around the World** sharing the cultures of different countries through samples of a variety of foods with the **children** of the school. Thank you to **parent volunteers** for helping set up, decorate, and serve the students delicious and different treats and nibbles!

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.



Service - Learning



Mrs. Tuckers 1st grade class collected pajamas as one of their service-learning projects for the Nacogdoches Family Crisis Center. They collected pajamas for boys, girls, men, and women. Providing families in need with warm and cozy pajamas during their time of recovery and starting anew, engages our students in reflection and deepens their understanding by serving others.



Prepare for Takeoff!

The 4th and 5th graders visited NASA's Johnson Space Center. The students witnessed and experienced actual spacecraft and rockets that have been flown into outer space. They participated with interactive information screens and saw displays regarding astronauts and equipment used on the many missions over the past 60 years.



Please Help Us With Our 2022-2023 Annual Fund

Annual Fund dollars contribute to the growth and development of our students' educational experiences and assist in the maintenance of the facility. Your gift, of any amount, will help us reach our goal!

Faculty/staff, parents, grandparents, Christ Episcopal church members, and friends of the school have been invited to participate in the Annual Fund. All donations are tax deductible and can be given in honor or memory of a loved one or friend. Please consider your gift today - help us reach our goal. Support us in our pursuit to excel in education and celebrate the love of God's world with one another.

Jolabokafloð



As part of **Christmas Around the World** week, CES librarian, **Mrs. Stovall**, taught **students** about the Icelandic tradition of **Jolabokafloð**. This tradition celebrates the gift-giving season through the exchange of books and a cozy Christmas Eve spent reading books and drinking hot chocolate. Students wore pajamas to school and spent the last part of the day reading with their class while enjoying yummy hot chocolate.



January Calendar of Events

Monday, January 2	Classes resume
Wednesday, January 4	Faculty Epiphany Dinner, 5:30 pm, School Hall
Thursday, January 5	Christmas Declamation, 5:30 pm Christ Church
Friday, January 6	Auction Mtg., 12:00 noon, school library
Tuesday, January 10	School Board Meeting, 6 pm
Friday, January 13	End of 2nd 9 weeks grading period for K - 5th
Monday, January 16	MLK Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Wednesday, January 18	Report cards sent home, K - 5th
Friday, January 20	Non-Uniform Dress Day
Monday, January 30	"Next Step-Up" Open House, 5:30 - 6:30 pm for current & prospective parents