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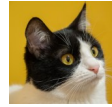
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Thankful for Blessings . . .

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School



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!



Service Learning

The CES 1st grade students participated in collecting items for Nacogdoches Core, a local organization dedicated to reducing feline overpopulation through targeted Trap-Neuter-Return programs and community education. The 1st graders and their parents collected cat food, kitty litter, a cat bed, towels, and blankets. The 1st graders also provided homemade cat toys for their furry friends to play with and enjoy.

Help Us Keep Roaring On!



As we celebrate our 76th year, our **Annual Giving Fund** theme is *Help Us Keep Roaring On!* 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.



New Priest!

Christ Episcopal Church is excited to announce that a new priest will be arriving in early 2025. **Father David Butorac**, his wife **Emily**, and young daughter **Eva-Marie** will be here in March to join our community!



The CES 5th graders collected snack items to deliver to our Nacogdoches Police Department, Nacogdoches Sheriff's Office, SFA Police, and Deputy Mario Reyna, who works our chapel services. Our students are grateful to our public safety officers for keeping our community safe and for all they do for those of us who live in the city of Nacogdoches and in the surrounding areas in Nacogdoches county.

Pumpkin Patch Earnings!

As of October 31st, the **Pumpkin Patch** sales totaled \$9,051. Our 33.3% CES percentage is **\$3,014**, plus an additional amount of **\$2,000** in donations and overages. Discounted sales will continue in November.



The **Pumpkin Patch** has been a huge success! Many, many thanks to all **parents, grandparents, CES alums, SFA Greek Life, SFA ROTC, SFA Cheer & Dance teams, SFA Business School students, NHS Key Club and National Honor Society, U Bank employees, Nacogdoches Junior Forum, and others** who helped unload pallets and 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 chairs **Jena Rhodes** and **Amy Mehaffey**, who have been so involved and added so much to our patch. How very grateful we are to them for their commitment and hard work! The patch provides a place for individuals and families to celebrate the season of fall and to make memories for so many who live here and who look forward to coming year after year.

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**

Western Day!



CES showed its support to SFA by participating in this year's SFA Homecoming Parade on Saturday morning, October 26th. 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! Go, **Lumberjacks!**

The **CES Parent Association**, threw a fabulous luncheon serving **C C's Smokehouse** barbecue on **Western Day**, October 18th. **Parents, grandparents, and other special guests** gathered in our School Hall during designated lunch times and enjoyed the food and the company. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped with set up, serving, and clean up. Everyone enjoyed visiting with other cowboys and cowgirls.

**CHRIST CHURCH
FALL FESTIVAL**

Christ Episcopal Church held a **Fall Festival** in conjunction with the CES Pumpkin Patch after the SFA parade. A variety of booths where different games could be played entertained children and their families. Thank you, **Ali Wallace**, for coordinating the awesome event! Yummy hot dogs were also served.



November Calendar of Events

Friday, Nov. 1	Pajama Day
Sunday, Nov. 3	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Wednesday, Nov. 6	Faculty Meeting
Monday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Tuesday, Nov. 12	Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 11 - Friday, Nov. 15	Preschool Parent Conferences
Monday, Nov. 25 - Friday, Nov. 29	Thanksgiving Holiday Week School Closed



First Nine Weeks



**Grade Three
All A Honor Roll**

Harper Hancock, Beckett Lee, Olivet Middlebrook,
Elizabeth Nixon, Andrew Payne, Kastan Shade,
Ava Shelkey, Lucas Shelkey

**Grade Four
All A Honor Roll**

Ele Beam, William Gooch, Austin Miller,
Myles Murphy, Silas Stovall

A/B Honor Roll
Kit Deppisch, Sebastian Gonzalez

**Grade Five
All A Honor Roll**

Egan Gibson, Quinn Gilcrease, Caroline Nixon,
Bryan Rhodes, Graham Warner



**Christmas
Declamation Service**

*All students in Pre K-3 thru Grade 5 will participate in the CES Christmas Declamation Service being held on Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30 pm in the evening at Christ Episcopal Church.
Mark your calendars NOW.*