



Happy New Year!

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School



We survived the busy holiday season, and now we prepare for the upcoming 2025 events. I pray your Christmas was glorious in every way. Here is what we have to look forward to:

- 1. Open House** - This year's "Next Step-Up" Open House will be on Monday, January 27th 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.
- 2. The 2025 "A Roaring Good Time" Auction** will take place on Saturday, April 26th 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. Auction meetings will be continued to be held on a regular basis in preparation of the bid night. You are invited to attend. Make plans to come to the auction! It is tons of fun. All tickets are \$50. Sponsor tables (8 top) are available for \$1,000 and/or \$750 if interested. Free child care is offered for our students and their siblings (ages 3-12) on the night of the auction.



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!

Christmas Declamation

Thank you, **Mrs. Richardson**, for a fabulous **Christmas Declamation** Service held at Christ Episcopal Church. The students wowed the audience with their performances. Thank you, accompanist, **Charisse Gregory**, as well. What a glorious



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.



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.



We will miss you, Mrs. Richardson

and Mr. Lopez!



CES is sad to announce the leaving of music teacher and Christian Education teacher, **Mrs. Angelea Richardson** and

Spanish teacher,

Mr. Roberto Lopez. Mrs. Richardson has moved to New Braunfels, where her husband has begun a new job, and Mr. Lopez is completing his clinical teaching at Martinsville Middle School before graduating in May. We are so grateful to both of these amazing teachers and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.



SERVICE - LEARNING FOR OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT FRIENDS

Mr. Hanes' 5th graders collected snacks, drinks, and treats to fill goodie baskets for our law enforcement departments, as well as for our very own **Officer Mario Reyna**. When delivering the baskets, the students stopped by the **SFA Police Department**, were given a tour of the **Nacogdoches Police Department**, and then saw the **Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office**. We are very grateful for their dedication to keeping our students, staff, families, and community safe.



Please Help Us With Our 2024-2025 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! **Help Us Keep Roaring On!**

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.

January Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 8	Classes resume
	Faculty Epiphany Party, 3:30 pm, School Hall
	End of 2nd 9 weeks grading period for K - 5th
Friday, January 10	Auction Mtg., 12:00 noon, Library
Monday, January 20	MLK Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Tuesday, January 14	Report cards sent home, K - 5th
	School Board Meeting, 6 pm
Friday, January 17	Non-Uniform Dress Day
Monday, January 27	"Next Step-Up" Open House, 5:30 - 6:30 pm for current & prospective parents