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Thankful for Blessings . . .

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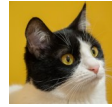


Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our blessings and to thank God for the many He has given us. It is a time to enjoy and spend time with our family members and friends and to show our gratitude. It is a time to appreciate those relationships and to nurture them. I pray your food and prayers are plentiful 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!



Innovating with Integrity Learning with Purpose!

As we celebrate our 77th year, our **Annual Giving Fund** theme is *Innovating with Integrity Learning with Purpose!* 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.



Service Learning

The **CES 2nd 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 2nd graders and their parents collected cat food and kitty litter. The students also crafted hand-made catnip toys for the cats to enjoy in comfort while being cared for by the CORE team.



The **CES 3rd graders** have been collecting pajamas for our local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of Deep East Texas. They are asking for pajamas of all sizes for younger kids and solid t-shirts and pajama bottoms for older kids. Being aware of others in need in Nacogdoches and the surrounding areas is important for our students to understand and comprehend. Showing our support and care feels good.



Pumpkin Patch Earnings!

As of October 29th, the **Pumpkin Patch** sales totaled **\$9,286**. Our 33.3% CES percentage is **\$3,092**. This does not include October 30th and 31st sales. Discounted sales will continue in November after contract ends.

The **Pumpkin Patch** has been a huge success! Many, many thanks to all **parents, grandparents, CES alums, SFA Greek Life, SFA Dance team, NHS Key Club, 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 chair, Jena Rhodes**, who has been so involved and added so much to our patch. How very grateful we are to **her and her family** 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

CES showed its support to SFA by participating in this year's **SFA Homecoming Parade** on Saturday morning, October 18th. 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! Thank you **Mrs. Abigail & Ms. Letty** for decorating the trailer. Go, **Lumberjacks!**



Our CES Fall Fundraiser is all about spreading kindness to others and raising money for our school. Let's continue our trend of being kind to one another and to others in need. Our service-learning nature is one that stands out in the community. We will be tying this to our Fruit of the Spirit discussions in chapel and in our classrooms, along with our encouraging character building related to Josephson Institute of Ethics Six Pillars of Character. "Remember to Love God and love One Another".



First Nine Weeks

Grade Three All A Honor Roll

Lane McElyea, Brayon Moore, Graham Payne,
Kate Rhodes, Swinney Stovall, Ashton Tipps

A/B Honor Roll Asher Gibson

Grade Four All A Honor Roll

Beckett Lee, Olivet Middlebrook,
Elizabeth Nixon, Andrew Payne,
Ava Shelkey, Lucas Shelkey

Grade Five All A Honor Roll

Ele Beam, Oaklie Chandler, Kit Deppisch,
Sabastian Gonzalez, Silas Stovall

A/B Honor Roll Elizabeth Estep, Ina Kronrad



CEC and CES FALL FESTIVAL & MOVIE NIGHT



Christ Episcopal Church and Christ Episcopal School held a **Fall Festival** after the SFA parade. Bouncy houses and games were available for the children to enjoy. Also, yummy hot dogs and chips were served to attending families and guests. Thank you to the volunteers from the church and the school for participating and helping make it such a success.



Later that evening the church and school hosted a movie night. Attendees watched *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* and *It's Magic, Charlie Brown* under the Sports Court. Popcorn was served and the Peanuts gang entertained all who came and joined the fun.



November Calendar of Events

Sunday, Nov. 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tuesday, Nov. 4	SFA play - <i>The Little Mermaid</i> Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, K (9:30 am)
Wednesday, Nov. 5	Faculty Meeting, 3:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day Coffee & Kolaches, 7:30 am, School Hall Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
Monday, Nov. 10 - Friday, Nov. 14	Preschool Parent Conferences
Friday, Nov. 21	Raise Craze Fundraiser ends
Monday, Nov. 24 - Friday, Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Holiday Week School Closed



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 9th at 5:30 pm in the evening at Christ Episcopal Church.

Mark your calendars NOW.