



## Happy New Year!

by Catherine Oliver, Head of School



We survived the busy holiday season, and now we prepare for the upcoming 2026 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 26th 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 **2026 "Enchanted Garden" Auction** will take place on Saturday, April 25th at The Fredonia Hotel. Many thanks goes out to auction chairs **Jena Rhodes** and **Terri Eastep** 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. Faith Garcia**, for a fabulous **Christmas Declamation** Service held at Christ Episcopal Church. The students wowed the audience with their performances. Thank you, accompanist, **Davy Thomas**, and to **Father David Butorac** as well. What a glorious evening it was!



### Mission Statement

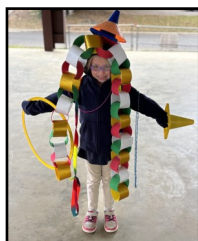
Christ Episcopal School is a diverse community of learners who participate in an enriched academic program in a nurturing Christian environment which fosters a dedication to service to others and a love of lifetime learning.

## CLYDESDALES VISIT!



**Mrs. Hanes and her 4th**

**graders** went to the Nacogdoches Civic Center to view and visit with the world-famous **Clydesdale horses**. They were in town to be a part of the annual Nine Flags Lighted Christmas Parade, held on December 6th. Clydesdales have a large stature, trademark feathering around their legs, and a high-stepping gait. Despite their imposing size, they are typically very gentle and easygoing. They can weigh between 1,800 and 2,200 pounds and their height is can be 17 to 18 hands tall. One "hand," is four inches.



## P.E. CHRISTMAS FUN & GAMES



**Coach Cat** spent the month of December having her **students** play creative and fun Christmas themed games during their PE classes. Some examples are Reindeer Tag, Decorate the Christmas Tree, and Snowball Dodgeball. The children loved playing these games to Christmas songs and carols blaring from the outside speaker, putting them in the Christmas spirit.



## Please Help Us With Our 2025-2026 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!

***Innovating with Integrity! Learning with Purpose!***

**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 of exchanging books throughout December, culminates with Icelanders spending Christmas Eve nestled in their homes reading books and enjoying chocolate. Students celebrated by wearing pajamas, reading books, and enjoying hot chocolate together. 4th and 5th graders spread the love of reading by reading Christmas books with kindergarten and first grade buddies, then discussing the holidays while enjoying their hot chocolate.



## January Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 6	Classes resume
Wednesday, January 7	Faculty Epiphany Party, 3:30 pm, School Hall
	End of 2nd 9 weeks grading period for K - 5th
Friday, January 9	Auction Mtg., 12:00 noon, Library
Tuesday, January 13	Report cards sent home, K - 5th
	School Board Meeting, 6 pm
Friday, January 16	Non-Uniform Dress Day
Monday, January 19	MLK Holiday, <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
Monday, January 26	"Next Step-Up" Open House, 5:30 - 6:30 pm for current & prospective parents