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Thank You

WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR THIS HAS BEEN! I HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED ANOTHER YEAR AS HEAD OF SCHOOL AND HAVE NO DOUBTS THAT CES IS INDEED THE BEST SCHOOL AROUND. THE SUPPORTIVE AND ENGAGED FACULTY MAKE THE STUDENTS' DAYS FILLED WITH LEARNING AND LOVE. I WANT TO SINCERELY THANK ALL OF THE ENCOURAGING BOARD MEMBERS, FACULTY, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS THAT MAKE THIS SCHOOL SO INCREDIBLY SPECIAL. GOD HAS CERTAINLY BLESSED THIS PRECIOUS SCHOOL, CHRIST EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, AND HAS BLESSED ME AS WELL.

CATHERINE F. OLIVER
HEAD OF SCHOOL



Thanks to the hard work of the auction chairs, **Jena Rhodes** and **Terri Eastepp**, and decorations chair, **Wendy Montes**, their husbands **Chris Rhodes**, **Justin Eastepp**, **Matthew Montes**, their committee chairs, and their committees, the **2026 "Enchanted Garden Gala" Auction**

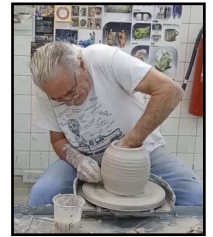
was a huge success! A special thanks goes out to **Kinnie Reina**, dessert chair, for her additional help, and to those who baked, made, bought, and brought yummy desserts. Thank you to other family and friends of CES who pitched in with set up and take down: **Carrie Gilcrease**, **Linda Mettauer**, **Susan Aikin**, **Becca Lee**, and **Alicia Collier** for their help. Thanks to **Sydney Kroll** who coordinated the wine pull again this year. Thank you also to the **many parents** and **local businesses** who sponsored tables, solicited items, donated items, and others who attended and brought friends. Also, thank you to the **teachers** whose class projects were all so creative and special. The class baskets were another wonderful way of supporting the school and many thanks to the **parents** who donated to these and to **Anna Dunn**, class basket chair, for putting them together. Lastly, thank you to the **community members** who volunteered, donated, or attended this grand event, and to those who purchased items while there! It definitely was a **"Enchanted Garden Gala"** for all who attended. And to our **Spotlight Sponsor, the Badders family**, who couldn't be there, your generous donation is very much appreciated. We are so grateful for your love and commitment.



FINE ARTS WEEK



Mr. Havard and **his students** decorated the halls of the school, showcasing examples of their art produced in art class. Parents were able to view these amazing works of displayed art on the evening of **Mrs. Garcia's Talent Show**, April 30th. Her show consisted of performances made by **students of all ages** showing off their chosen talents. Some examples are singing, dancing, reading, and comedy, among other talents. Also, guest speakers, singer, **Skippy Diggler**, and ceramist, **Piero Fenci**, came during the week to lecture and demonstrate their expertise, guitar playing and pottery.



"Too Good for Drugs"

First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a ten week program led by **Emily Housley** of the **Alcohol, Drug, and Awareness Council**. This **"Too Good for Drugs"** program enables the students to understand and prepare for possible uncomfortable situations related to peer pressure and drug and alcohol use. It strengthens their resolve and helps them to say "no" by giving them courage and helping them build their character.

Mission: 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.



LEGOS



Ahead of Earth Day, **4th and 5th grade students**, under the guidance of CES librarian, **Bonnie Stovall**, practiced their critical thinking skills as it pertained to renewable energy sources. Using our new Lego Science Education kits, they modeled wind turbines. Then, when wind energy was not an option, they modified their builds to utilize other renewable energy sources. Students used creative thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration to create solutions to realistic problems.



CES Field Days
Thursday, May 7
PreK 3 & 4, 9:00 - 10:00 am
K & 1st, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Friday, May 8
2nd & 3rd, 9:30 - 10:45 am
4th & 5th, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm
Parent volunteers needed!

Important Dates in May	
May 1st or 15th	First Tuition payment for 2026-27 due
Mon., May 4	Extended Day Payment Due
Wed., May 6	Faculty Meeting, 3:30 pm, School Hall
Thurs., May 7	Pre K Field Day, 9:00 – 10:00 am K & 1st Field Day, 10:30 – 11:30 am
Fri., May 8	2nd & 3rd Field Day, 9:30 – 10:45 am 4th & 5th Field Day, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm
Mon., May 11 -	Muffins with Mom, 7:30 - 8:15 am, PreK-5th - School Hall
Tues., May 12	Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, School Hall
Mon., May 18	Celebrating God's Gifts Awards, Christ Church, K - 2nd, 8:15 am 3rd - 5th, 9:30 am
Tues., May 19	- Last day for Pre-school - Last day of Extended Day (PreK - 5th)
Wed., May 20	- 5th Grade Graduation, Christ Church, 9:30 am - Early Dismissal, 11:30 am (K-5th) - Report Cards go home
Thurs., May 21	Teacher Workday
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day Holiday