

VERY IMPORTANT PARENT REPORT

12.04.09

All School Announcements

The PTF is providing a Christmas lunch for the JH/HS staff on 12.15 and a breakfast for the Elem staff on 12.18. They are in need of food donations for these events. If you are able to help, please contact Susan at sdungan@cinci.rr.com as soon as possible.

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a coin drive. Money raised will be used to help two local families who are facing challenges this Christmas. Classes are competing against each other to raise the most points. Coins = positive points; dollars = negative points. Collection jars are passed in the cafeteria during lunch. **Next week, the NHS will be collecting money in the parking lot as parents drop off their students** allowing you to participate in the competition and help families be blessed this Christmas!

Spirit wear items make great **Christmas gifts** and new long sleeve thermal t-shirts have been added to the spirit wear line up just in time! They are available in Youth and Adult sizes. Don't forget that we also have yard signs and car decals that are available for each sport and can be personalized with the athlete's name and number if desired or we have a CCS PRIDE decal available, too. These are great for CYO through High School. Show your support of your favorite CCS team! **Spirit wear orders must be turned in by 12.07 for Christmas delivery.** If you have questions, please contact Nancy Leisen, mleisen@fuse.net or Mary Reames, mreames@roadrunner.com.

PTF is selling **Kroger cards for \$1!** They have \$1 loaded on them; when you reload them, CCS earns 4%. Please consider purchasing your holiday grocery supplies or giving these cards as Christmas gifts. To purchase one, contact Adrienne at smiley12@zoomtown.com.

The December **School Board meeting** is Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00pm in the HS Conference Room. Parents are invited and welcome to attend any meeting.

Save the Date – Friday, January 15th is **Elementary Night at the Varsity Basketball game.** Come early for a Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the 8th grade class. CYO athletes will be recognized at halftime.

Upcoming Dates:

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| 12.07 | JH and HS Choir Concert, 7pm, HS Chapel
Spirit wear orders due to each office to ensure Christmas delivery |
| 12.07-11 | Elementary Book Fair, Elem Library, see times below in the Elem news section |
| 12.10 | HS and Jazz Band Concert, 7pm HS Chapel |
| 12.14 | Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm, HS Diner |
| 12.15 | School Board Meeting, 7pm, HS Conference Room |
| 12.15 – 18 | JH and HS Exams (students may leave at noon) |

12.18	PS – 6 th grades dismiss at noon 7 th – 12 th grades dismiss at 11:45 *There is no After School Care at either campus this day End of 2 nd Quarter, K - 12
12.21-1.01	No classes, Christmas break
01.04	Classes resume
01.08	2 nd Quarter Report Cards Issued, K – 12 Market Day orders due to the office
01.11	Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7pm, Diner Market Day orders due online by 10pm
01.15	3 rd Grade Chapel, families are invited to attend at 9:15 or 10:15 Market Day order pick-up, 3 – 4, Elem Cafeteria Elementary Night at the Varsity Basketball game 8 th Grade Spaghetti Dinner (time TBD)
01.18	No School – Martin Luther King Day
01.19	School Board Meeting, 7pm, HS Conference Room Fairfield Bus riders – 1 hour early dismissal
01.21	Guatemala Parent Meeting, 7pm, Diner
01.31	Open House, Preschool – 12, 2:00 to 4:00, both campuses

The entire school calendar is available from the CCS website, <http://www.cincinnatichristian.org/>; click on “School Calendar” under the Quick Links. You have many options when viewing the calendar; you may view it by the week or month, by campus or Athletics. It also provides you with a search box to help you find events.

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Elementary School

Don't miss this year's Book Fair:

What: **Destination Book Fair - Read Around the World!**

When: December 7 – 11, in the Elementary Library. Book Fair shopping hours: Monday 12-6, Tuesday - Thursday 8-6, Friday 8-12. Proceeds benefit the Elementary Library. Books make wonderful Christmas presents! **Volunteers are needed**; please contact Tracy Starr, 795.0801 or starmom911@yahoo.com.

Friday, 12.18, we will dismiss at 12:00. Fairfield, Hamilton, Mt. Healthy, Northwest, and Winton Woods will pick up our students at noon. Lakota, Mason, and Princeton will not. The shuttle will run, but there will be **no after school care**.

We still need help serving lunch on Tuesdays from 10:30 - 12:30. If you can help, please contact Amy Higgins at ahiggins@cincinnatichristian.org or 874-8500.

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Please ask your children about chapel and encourage them to meet the challenges for this week: See a need and react to it.

Help somebody without them knowing it.

High School

From the Guidance Counselor:

[ACT Science Reasoning Workshop](#) - Tuesday, 12.08, 7:00-9:00pm

This two hour workshop will focus specifically on the Science Reasoning section of the ACT. Students will be guided through practice problems that focus on the skills necessary to score well on this portion of the test. These skills include interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving. The cost is \$25.00; please refer to the link below for a reservation form.

<http://www.cincinnatichristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/SmartPrep-Fall-2009-CCS.pdf>

All of the ACT/SAT workshops will be offered again in the spring.

Athletics

Boosters News:

All parents, coaches, teachers and staff are invited to join us for our next **Athletic Booster meeting** on Monday, 12.14, at 7:00pm in the HS Diner.

Visit the Booster webpage to print a **Winter Sports Pass form** and to view the Spirit Wear catalog <http://www.cincinnatichristian.org/athletics/athletic-boosters/> .

Click here for **Current Cougar Specifics** (the most current Athletic update):

<http://www.cincinnatichristian.org/athletics/>.