

Christmas Musical
& Cookie Walk for Missions
Thurs., Dec. 15

CBCS Newsletter

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A Christmas Message From Pastor West

As Christmas approaches, I think of all the different people included in the Christmas story and where their focus was. Mary and Joseph's focus was on their soon-to-be firstborn son. The angel Gabriel's focus was on announcing the birth of the Son of God. The shepherds left their flocks and "came with haste" (Luke 2:16) to see the newly born Savior (Luke 2:11). John the Baptist "leaped" in his mother's womb when his mother, Elizabeth, heard the news of the Savior. The wise men came from hundreds of miles away to see the "King of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2). The angelic multitude had a laser-like focus of praising God for the birth of Christ the Lord.

Where will your focus be this Christmas? Family, gifts, friends, time off, trips, and travel? My hope is that it will be on the Savior, Christ the Lord.

There is nothing wrong with all the previously mentioned things, but the birth of the One who would die for our sins and provided salvation should be at the top of the list. After all, without Christ, there is no Christmas.



Have a blessed Christmas holiday...

In Christ,
Pastor West



Christmas Break



Mon., Dec. 19 thru Mon., Jan. 2

Students return to school on Tues., Jan. 3.

Early Registration Will Begin Jan. 9 . . .

Please remember that all balances must be current as of Dec., 31, 2016, in order to register for the 2017-18 school year. Thank you for your help in staying current with your financial commitments.

Christmas Musical & Cookie Walk for Missions



Our Christmas musical, "*Christmas in Black & White*," will be on Thursday, Dec. 15, in the gym at 7:00pm. Our Elementary Music teacher, Mrs. Caryn Martin, has been preparing the students for this very special evening - in coordination with our Secondary Music teacher, Mr. Salmeron, and our Drama Director, Mr. Rudd.

Mrs. Martin provides a little preview . . . of another fabulous musical by Jeff Slaughter.

In his own words, he invites you to . . . "come take a visit to the Polar Pet Park along with Miss LaToe from the Blue Spruce Middle School for a fun "holiday" school trip. What the penguins at the park don't understand is why the school kids don't mention or understand the real meaning of Christmas, when Jesus was born. **Paco** the Penguin (who wears a sombrero), **Pinky** the Penguin (who wears a pink tutu), **Puffy** the Penguin (who just loves to eat), and **Cody** the Penguin (who is an ordinary Penguin) are all on a mission to make sure Miss LaToe's class gets the message and meaning of the real story of Christmas.

"*Christmas in Black & White*" is the perfect kids' musical to remind your children, church, and community that Christmas is a special day when God sent His one and only Son, Jesus to be born in a manger in Bethlehem.



Our annual **Cookie Walk for Missions** will also be on Dec. 15. It will run from 11am to 7:30pm or as long as the cookies last. It is such a blessing to have this opportunity to buy these delicious baked goods for our family and friends - and to support foreign missions at the same time.

The cost of the cookies is \$6 per pound. Also Cookie platters may be pre-ordered in \$6, \$8, & \$12 sizes. Order forms will be sent home in advance.

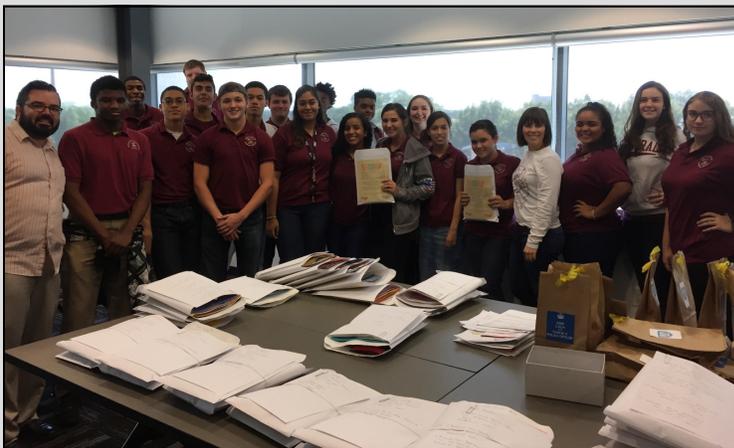
Thank you to our Central ladies, Mrs. Sharon Thacker and Miss Karen Crouch, for once again heading up this festive and very popular event.

Grandparents' Day at CBCS

This newsletter is being published prior to our Grandparents' Day on Friday, Nov. 18th. CBCS students are busy preparing for this favorite annual event with their grandparents on campus. They prepared invitations and practiced for the program way in advance; and they crafted gifts to surprise them with in the classrooms. We want to thank all the parents who are helping by bringing refreshments. Special thanks to Mrs. Shawna Antosh & Mrs. Vicki Johnson for heading up the volunteer parent team to plan, decorate, and serve on the Elementary side - and to Mrs. Young and her parent volunteers on the Secondary School side of campus. *Together, We are Central!*



CBCS 11th & 12th Graders Serving in the Community . . .



Hannah Rudd (below) takes a turn on air at *Spirit FM!*



In the last newsletter, there was a photo of our students preparing to leave for their "10-24" service project. Here they are on-site at *Spirit FM* helping organize and distribute the letters of gratitude for law enforcement.

Kayla Lopez (left) sorts the letters (many written & colored by our own students).

Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child"

What a privilege it is for our students to bless children around the world through this missions project! The photos below show students bringing in items to put in the boxes at the Nov. 15th Packing Party in the Chapel. They always enjoy filling the shoeboxes, and they pray together over them for the children who will be receiving them. Thank you to Pastor & Mrs. West who head up this ministry each year & who will be taking all the boxes to the distribution center for shipment abroad.

Left: Teegan & Celia

Below: Sidnee



Some students, like Teegan Ahrens (12th) & Celia Young (7th), each packed a whole box at home. Sidnee Steinacker (5th) chose to bring in a huge bag of great items for the Packing Party. We also appreciate the generous donation her grandmother (& others) made towards shipping costs. In K4 group (above), Caleb Rivera (left) & Josiah Cohen (center) brought items to pack together, while Nekoda Patten (right) is shown holding the "Boy" plastic box he & his family had fun packing at home.

Let's "Think Scrip" As We Shop for Christmas

It's the Christmas season again! This is such a precious time of year to me. It's a time to reflect and thank our Savior for coming to this earth and sacrificing it all for us. Let's not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of shopping and forget about the true meaning! Thank you to Jesus!

Congratulations to Kirsten Martin (pictured here) for winning the **October Movie Scrip** basket! She was very excited when I called her down to present it!



I want to send a special thanks out to all the families that have been supporting the Scrip Program this year.

We are off to a great start! If you haven't participated yet or still have questions about how the program works, please call the office. The office ladies will be very happy to help you.

For the month of December, Scrip will have a drawing for a girl's basket and a boy's basket. Mrs. Shelly Smith, one of our Scrip moms, is donating a **Little Pink Giraffe** hair accessory basket for the girls. The boy's' basket will be filled with games and lots of fun things to enjoy over the Christmas break. This drawing will be held on Dec. 16th, the last day before the break.

We will be having a **Scrip Blitz on Dec. 16th** during and after morning carline. The Scrip moms will be out in front of the daycare building ready to help you with all of your Scrip needs. Check out our lower-increment Scrip cards, which make great stocking stuffers!

As always, think Scrip . . .

Ms. Tuvell, Scrip Coordinator

Turkey & Food Donations Needed for Christmas Boxes



Our minds are drawn to those who will not have abundance on their tables at Christmas. Each year we band together to bless families with non-perishable food & turkeys (or funds to purchase them). We as a Central family would like to provide Christmas food boxes to help those in our own community who are struggling.

You may send in turkey money or donations of turkeys at any time. We have plenty of freezer space to store them. We would also appreciate canned cranberry sauce, stuffing mixes, potatoes, canned corn, etc. to include in the Christmas food boxes. Any non-perishables not used will be placed in our "Love Out Loud" food pantry. Let's help be His hands and feet as we stay committed to being "service-minded."

Distinctly Christian, Academically Excellent, Service Minded

Results & Awards . . .

25th Annual Walk/Run-A-Thon

Thank you for your support of our 25th Annual Walk/Run-A-Thon. Funds will be used wisely for stairwell repair & new fencing. We are so excited to meet and even surpass our goal, with a total of over **\$11,000**. **As a nice reward for our students & staff, we are all enjoying an extra day off from school Mon., Nov. 28!**

We are working now to compile rewards lists. Every student who collected at least \$50 from their flat donations and pledges by Oct. 28 will receive our annual Walk-A-Thon T-shirt. With at least \$75 collected, they qualify for the CiCi's Pizza Party. With \$100 collected, they will enjoy Lunch & Bowling with Mr. Martin & Pastor West.

The Grand Prize was a crisp \$100 bill (actually two of them...one for the student collecting the most in Secondary and one for most in Elementary). The happy winners are pictured here, as Mr. Martin presents their awards during Chapel on Nov. 3rd.



**Jenna Zotz
6th Grade**



**Esther Strasavich
4th Grade**

The class with the highest percentage of money collected was Mrs. Hensley's 3rd grade. They will enjoy "PICNIC & GAMES" at the park! The teacher of the very top class was Mrs. Hensley, whose prize is a \$25 Scrip gift card & a half day off, with Mr. Martin or Pastor West teaching the class! Parents, we thank you for your prayers and your continued support of Kingdom education.

WE ALSO Thank . . .

Two Additional Business Sponsors:

In addition to the business sponsors listed in our November newsletter, we want to recognize and thank:

Alvior Medical Clinic

Ferlita, Walsh, Gonzalez & Rodriguez, P.A.



Student Corner -

Featuring Our 3rd Graders at Ag-Venture . . .

Our 3rd graders had such a fun time at Ag-Venture! This agriculture program is available only to third graders in our county. We learned about bees, cattle, strawberries, and even got to hold earthworms! The students wrote in their journals, and here's what some said they enjoyed most:

Victoria Nieves: *"My favorite part was seeing the bees."*

Sa'Myra Cameron: *"My favorite was holding the worms!"*

Daniel Viana-Medina: *"I loved eating the gummy worms!"*



Top Left: Adelyn Ortiz & Toby Gonzales with their wiggly earthworms

Bottom Left: Josynette Gomez-Guzman gets a real "feel" for the subject!

Above Center: Class looking very "agricultural" in their straw hats

Above Right: Mrs. Hensley is great at taking "selfies"! Behind her with matching smiles are Mikalah Rudd, Sa'Myra Cameron, & Gabi Miller.

"CBCS Physical Scientists" in Action . . .



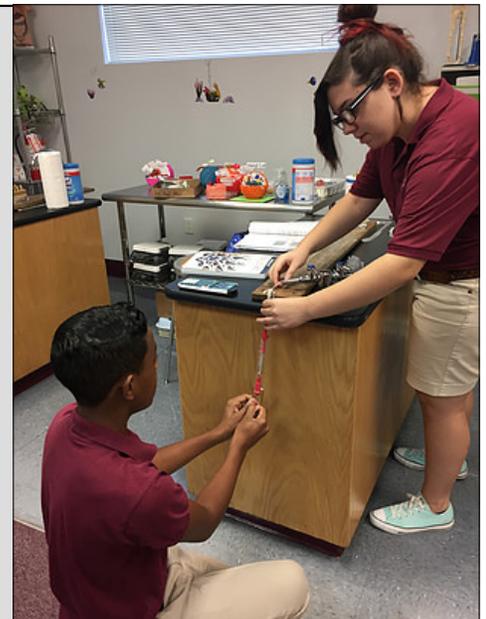
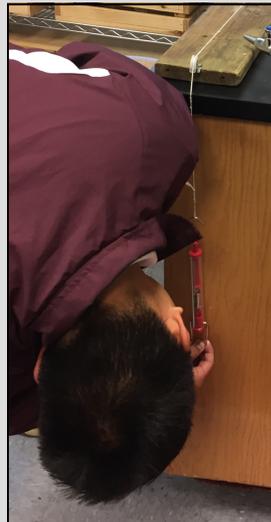
Mrs. Newell's Physical Science class recently conducted a study on the force of friction.

Shown here as they experimented:

Left: Alex Tiek

Right: Eugene Clarissa (upside down)

Far Right:
Niko Johnson & Jordan Albright



Congratulations To:

**Andrew Coleman,
3rd Place Winner
in High School Division
With This Beautiful
Rose Drawing . . .**

***2016 Hillsborough
County State Fair
Art Show***

*Thanks to all our talented art
students who participated.*



We are very grateful to our Art teacher, Mrs. Alford, for guiding our students in submitting entries to the Art Show at the Hillsborough County State Fair.

The amazing drawing of the eye by 9th grader, Jenna Scymanky, won the first-place blue ribbon in the High School division and was featured in last month's newsletter - along with 1st Grader Bethany Martin's lovely painting of flowers, third place winner in her division.

As you can see below, CBCS students won two of the three ribbons awarded in the High School Division! Wow!!



Mr. Salmeron Announces:

**CBCS Band & Vocal
Christmas Program**

Friday, Dec. 9, 7:00-8:00pm

His music class, band, & individual students will perform in the Chapel.
*Come and be blessed by the
Christmas music and message.*



CBCS High School Basketball Teams

***Congratulations to the following students who will
be playing on our Varsity Basketball teams this season:***

Varsity Boys Team

**Eugene Clarisa
Manny Feliu
Kris Fernandez
Bert Gonzalez
Damonte Jackson
Nate Lanz
Chris Lee
David Lee
Josh Lefranc
Daniel Levasseur
Sam Levasseur
Thomas Smith
Leejhai Wells**

Varsity Girls Team

**Daysha Catrett
Katharine Feliu
Ana Howell
Raven Joyner
Devion Smith
Aliceah Spencer
Yemilka Travieso**



Cheerleading

Thank you to Mrs. Jami Zotz for organizing and coaching a new Cheerleading Squad for our 4th-6th grade girls. They are in the process of being fitted for uniforms and have already learned many cheers. Congratulations to our new 4th, 5th & 6th grade cheerleaders:

**Emma Alonzo, 5th
Onice Bonachea, 6th
Kaylin Clark, 4th
Adriana Ellis, 5th
Tyra Frank, 5th
Jaelyn Hass, 4th
Trinity Heine, 6th
Carissa Howell, 5th
Analis Mazo, 5th
Jenaya Nystrom, 5th
Jenna Zotz, 6th**





December Lunch Menu



REMINDER: PLEASE REMEMBER TO ORDER LUNCH A DAY IN ADVANCE.

We use a computerized payment system. The cost of lunch for all grades is \$4.50 per day. Please send money (whatever amount you would like) to your child's classroom in an envelope with your child's name on the outside. That money will be deposited in your child's lunch account. Each day that your child buys lunch, the cost is debited from his/her account.

If using checks, please don't combine lunch payments with any other payment, such as tuition or daycare.

Alternate Menu (available every day without advance order):

Peanut Butter & Grape Jelly Sandwich with chips & drink - \$4.50

Alternate Menu (available every Monday through Thursday with advance order):

Chicken Caesar Salad or Chef Salad or Ham & Cheese Sandwich, with chips & drink - \$4.50

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Hotdog or Corndog Chips Dessert Drink	2 Pizza Chips Snack Drink
5 Chick-fil-A Sandwich Chips Dessert Drink	6 Bosco Sticks Chips Dessert Drink	7 KFC Tenders or Popcorn Chicken Dessert Drink	8 Burger King Hamburger or Cheeseburger Chips Dessert Drink	9 Pizza Chips Snack Drink
12 Chick-fil-A Sandwich Chips Dessert Drink	13 Two Soft Tacos (Taco Bell) Chips Dessert Drink	14 KFC Tenders or Popcorn Chicken Dessert Drink	15 Pizza Chips Snack Drink	16 Half Day (Pizza for Daycare only)

Christmas Break begins Mon., Dec. 19. Students will return to school, Tues., Jan. 3.

The menu for their first day back will be Meatball Sub from Subway, chips, dessert, & drink.

Please remember to order ahead on Fri., Dec. 16, for Tues., Jan. 3rd.

Remember that the **December Activity Calendar** is online at our new website, cbcslions.com.



This newsletter (including the Lunch Menu above) is also posted on the website.