

**Students Return to School
From Christmas Break:
Tues., Jan. 3**

CBCS Newsletter

January 2017

**January Activity Calendar
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A New Year's Message From Pastor West

Wow! 2016 is quickly coming to a close, and 2017 will be here before we know it. Where did the time go? What will a new year entail?

It's a great time for a fresh, new start to everything - commitment to church, Bible study & prayer, reconnecting with family, renewing relationships, & renewal of our commitment to the Lord in every aspect of our lives.

Our commitment to the Lord leads to renewal in Christ. As believers, we are a "new creation" in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17) - and God constantly has us in a state of renewal and conformity to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). He says in Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth."

Are you ready for God to "do a new thing" in your life? As believers, we should desire for God to do new things in us. How will things be different and renewed in 2017? What new steps of faith will you take for God? In what areas of your life do you need to be changed and renewed? This is what the Christian life is all about.

2017 may be your best year ever if you will turn your life over to Christ and allow Him to make all things new.

Pastor West

Walk-A-Thon Awards

Every student who collected at least \$50 from their flat donations/pledges by the deadline date will receive our annual Walk 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 dates for these award events are currently being set, and students will be notified by their teachers. What a great effort by our families - and how exciting it was to reach our goal! That reward of the extra day off from school provided a very nice extension to our Thanksgiving Break.

Early Enrollment 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.

Early Enrollment For the 2017-2018 School Year

Early Enrollment for our current students will begin on Monday, Jan. 9. The Early Enrollment period will run from Jan. 9 through Feb. 3. Siblings of current students may also be enrolled during this time (space permitting). **Our current students will receive the 2017-2018 enrollment packets soon after Christmas break.** Extra enrollment forms will be available in the front office.

Open House For Current Families & Prospects . . .

Mark your calendars now for our Open House on the evening of **Thurs., Jan. 19, at 7pm.** We invite you to come and meet the teachers for the next grade up, review the upcoming curriculum, and ask questions. Also, please be thinking of friends and family members who may be interested in CBCS for their children next year and invite them, too.

Referrals . . .

For any new family enrolling because of your recommendation, you will receive a \$100 credit. The new family will need to attach a referral form to their application and follow through with the enrollment next year. You will receive your \$100 referral credit next October. Two referral forms will be enclosed in your packet. Also, referral forms are always available in the office.

\$500 Scholarship Drawing . . .

Again this year (as an added encouragement to get your applications in by the early deadline of Feb. 3), we will have a \$500 Tuition Scholarship drawing at the end of that school day. **If your complete application (all 7 pages and registration fee) is in the office by then, your name will be entered in that drawing.** We strongly suggest that current families enroll promptly to ensure space and to take advantage of the lower registration and tuition fees available through Feb. 3rd only. After that date, the Open Enrollment period begins, and these fees increase for everyone.



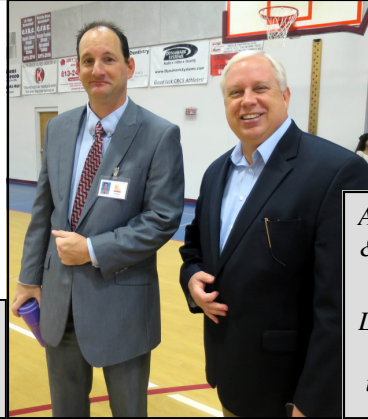
**MLK Day
Monday, Jan. 16
(School & Daycare Closed)**

Let's Take a Look . . .

CBCS students made our annual Grandparents' Day very special. We want to thank the parents who helped by bringing refreshments or contributing towards them. Special thanks to Mrs. Shawna Antosh & Mrs. Vicki Johnson for heading up the volunteers on the Elementary side of campus. They are shown in the first photo below, with parent volunteer Mrs. Sheris Patten, who appears to be ready to sample the food, as the three set the tables before grandparents arrive! Mrs. Martin prepared the students well for their musical performance, which was enjoyed by all!



Center: Mrs. Martin, Music Director, & Teegan Ahrens, Yearbook photographer



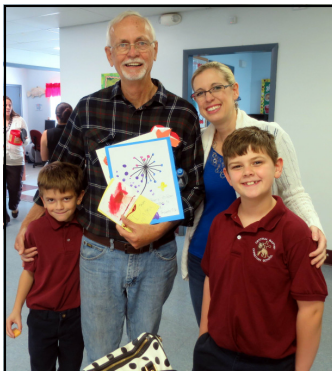
Above: Seniors Katharine Feliu & Hannah Rudd open doors for grandparents as they arrive.
Left: Mr. Martin & Pastor West stand ready to welcome them inside for the program in gym.



Nathan Lanz' grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Hunt, are looking very happy. They've been to Grandparents' Day for many years!



Celia Young (along with her mom) is so pleased that her grandmother could come this year - for the first time and all the way from Baltimore!



Mr. Sanchez always runs the sound system for our Musicals. He and his wife, Rebeckah, have been a huge part of our Grandparents' Days ever since twelve of their own grandchildren were students at CBCS!

2016 Grandparents' Day at CBCS

Thank you for "Thinking Scrip"

Our **Christmas Scrip Blitz** always takes place the Friday before Christmas Break during morning carline. We hope that our families will enjoy giving Scrip gift cards as Christmas gifts. And the lower-denomination cards are always popular as stocking stuffers.

When the Christmas season is over, things will slow back down to normal. Once it does, don't forget about the Scrip program. Scrip is available year round for all your needs - whether it's a birthday gift, weekly groceries, fuel, or a night out to dinner. It just takes a bit of planning ahead.

The ducks are back! They have flown south to CBCS for the winter! Anyone who purchases Scrip in January will receive a rubber duck. Not just an ordinary rubber duck! These ducks are decked out in their costumes. They like dressing up to go home to their new families. Come by the Scrip Store starting January 6th to check them out!

As I look over the Scrip list, I am surprised at how high some of the percentages are (that the companies contribute to us). I would like to highlight several for you to consider purchasing: *Boston Market 12%, Chilis 11%, Village Inn 13%, Payless 13%, Bath & Body Works 13%, CVS & Walgreen's 6%, Old Navy 14%, and Ross 8%*. These are just a few of the higher ones. When you purchase these cards, our profits really go up quickly. Come by the office for a full list with the percentages.

I would like to thank our Scrip Moms Kristen and Shelly (pictured below) for coming out on Grandparents' Day and volunteering at the Scrip table. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Lehtola, grandparents of Jared Smith (5th grade), for winning the drawing for the beautiful Grandparents' Day Basket.



*As always, please
Think Scrip . . .
Ms. Tuvell,
Scrip Coordinator*

Additions to Sports Team List

In the last newsletter, we congratulated the students who had made our Varsity Basketball Teams and our Cheerleading Squad. In addition to the students listed there, we also congratulate the following:

Cheerleading Squad

*Hannah Stallard
Rachel Huff*

"Operation Christmas Child" Packing Party

Thanks to Mrs. Mandy Sherrill for heading up the Packing Party & to Mrs. Nason, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Scott, & all who set up the night before or assisted the kids as each packed "the perfect box" for the child who would receive it.



**201 boxes - Prayed over
& ready for distribution to
children around the world**

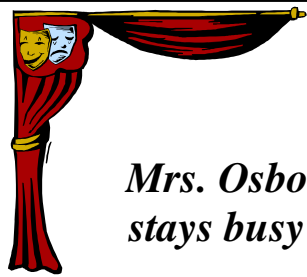
Mark Your January Calendars . . .



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night - Jan. 30

"Muffins with Mom" - Jan. 31, 7:45am





Student Corner - Featuring Our Energetic 4th Graders

*Mrs. Osborne's Class
stays busy & happy . . .*



Assignment:

Students were to use different materials to create various types of bird feeders.

Left Photo:

Jonah Forty

Right Photo:

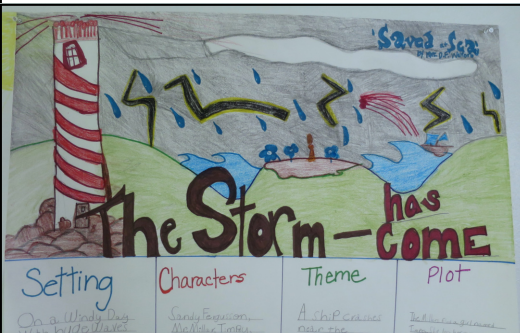
Alexandre Nazario
Hailey Batchelder
Aiden Alford



Mrs. Osborne assigned her students the project of researching types of bird houses/feeders suited to different kinds of birds. They then built the designs of their choice. Some were "still" designs (like Jonah's above - which he created with expert carpentry help from his grandfather) and like Hailey's (made from a pumpkin). Others were of the hanging type like Alexandre's (using a coke bottle) and Aiden's (which he created to provide multiple feeding levels). In the box to the right, you can read the great research info that Alexandre provided to go along with his project.

Hopper or "House" Feeders - Research by Alexandre Nazario

This kind of feeder protects seeds fairly well against the weather and bird droppings, but if the seeds within the hopper do get wet, bacteria & fungus can thrive. Hopper feeders are attractive to most feeder birds, including finches, jays, cardinals, buntings, grosbeaks, sparrows, chickadees, & titmice. They're also squirrel magnets! Many hoppers can hold enough seed to last several days, which can make them very convenient for people, but dangerous for birds if the seeds within are allowed to get wet. Most hopper feeders are much harder to clean than tray feeders. Hoppers can be mounted on a pole or suspended. A squirrel baffle is important if you don't want to feed the squirrels, too!



Poster Book Reports

Another recent project is showcased in the 4th grade hallway. The book was Saved at Sea, & the above poster is Zayra Arce's.

Grandparents' Day

The class is shown at right - ready to go on stage for their part in the musical production. They treated their grandparents to a great day, complete with gifts they crafted for them.



School Spirit Week, Jan. 17-20



Each year our students look forward to Spirit Week. On Mon., Jan. 16, school will be closed for MLK Day. On the next day (Tues., Jan. 17), Spirit Week will begin; and it will end Fri, Jan. 20. Be thinking now how you will show your school spirit on the four Special Dress Days. More detailed info will be provided closer to the week.

Tues., Jan. 17

Wed., Jan. 18

Thurs., Jan. 19

"Character" Day

Wacky Tacky Day

School Unity Day (Class colors)

Fri., Jan. 20

Spirit Day (Maroon & White and Lions)

Homecoming Game, 7pm

(Sat., Jan. 21- Homecoming Banquet, in gym, High School only, 6pm)