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## Operation Christmas Child



We are happy to share with you that NCCS collected 120 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year! Many thanks to all of you who participated in this outreach – it was wonderful to see all of those boxes so lovingly prepared!

Special thanks to Linda Konialian, Ginny MacAnespie, Cecelia Rapson and of course our wonderful office staff, Debbie Goodin, Kathy Heeter and Tammi Stafford, who helped to make this project possible. Please pray for the children who receive our boxes – that they would be blessed and come to know Jesus as their Savior.

In Him,

Jay and Lena O'Neill



New Covenant Christian School is blessed beyond measure! Parents work in our school in one area or another every day. I had the privilege of going to the PTF meeting (always held on the first Tuesday of the month). That team works so efficiently and so effectively on our behalf. Many upcoming trips will be subsidized by PTF funds. They are planning the Auction (March 13th), the talent show (January 22nd), working on fundraisers (Vocellis, battery, Easter candy sale) and planning other great nights of fellowship at local restaurants. In order to be sure that the Preschool families are included, they are looking into Chucky Cheese and Stars and Stripes. You will hear more information about it soon.

January 29th is a half day for the Grammar School. The PTF has reserved Ice World just for us. What a fun afternoon that will be! Thank you Parent Teacher Fellowship! Do you want to be more involved? Call Janice Chan or Sharon Toland or speak with your class rep. We need you!

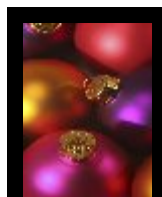
## Dismissal Procedures

- ◇ Parents, we take our responsibility to keep your children safe very seriously. At dismissal time each class lines up in the halls and the teacher walks them out to the parking lot. **Please do not take your child from the line!** If you want to pick your child up early, stop at the office and have Debbie or Kathy alert the teacher that you are taking your child. We need to have everyone accounted for at all times!
- ◇ When we have inclement weather dismissal, cars pull up facing the gym close to the sidewalk. If it stops raining and we switch to a "modified inclement weather plan", we will dismiss the cars that are parked beside the sidewalk but we ask every other car to stay in it's parking place until all children are in their cars. Moving cars caused great concern to our teachers and students yesterday!
- ◇ Snow will come eventually: remember to listen to WBAL or WRBS radio or channel 11 TV to see if NCCS is closed due to bad weather. There is no ECP when we close early. Check handbook for times for kindergarten if opening is delayed.



## IMPORTANT DATES

- DECEMBER 7- 7:00PM- MUSIC ROOM- INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS OF NCCS 4 YR OLDS
- DECEMBER 9- NCCS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT
- DECEMBER 10- 7:00 PM INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT UPPER SCHOOL FOR GRADES 5-8. STUDENTS AND PARENTS.
- DECEMBER 11- NORMAL DAY FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL- 1/2 DAY FOR UPPER SCHOOL
- DECEMBER 16- PICTURE RE-TAKE. INDIVIDUAL PICTURES OF ABSENTEES OR RETAKE UNSATISFACTORY PICTURES
- DECEMBER 21- 4 YR PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. 4'S LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.
- DECEMBER 21- GRAMMAR SCHOOL WITH UPPER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH.
- DECEMBER 22- 3 YR. PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. 3'S LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.
- DECEMBER 22ND- 1/2 DAY FOR GRAMMAR AND UPPER SCHOOLS



Mrs. Phillips wants to remind you that all children should wear their "Christmas finery" for the Christmas Concert. Boys should wear button down shirts and ties and girls should wear dresses. No flip flops- Follow the NCCS dress policies.

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I know that Mr. Van Bommel has spoken about the book series called Twilight in past articles. The second movie in the series was recently released.

Parents, these books are very popular with pre-teen girls. As your partner, I beg you to keep your sons and daughters from reading these books or seeing these movies! Our Grammar School students are still very impressionable. God's word tells us "Whatever is good, whatever is right, whatever is holy, think on these things." We teach our children about eternal life through Jesus Christ and His payment for our sins. This series apparently glamorizes an entirely opposite view.

Please take the time to look at this link. It is well written and explains the dangerous ideas presented in this series:

<http://www.cbn.com/entertainment/screen/goodwyn-new-moon-value-of-your-soul.aspx>.



Remember: Moms In Touch prays at 8:30 every Tuesday morning in the upstairs library of the Grammar School. **All NCCS** parents are invited to join them. They pray for our students, teachers, and parents. Do you have a prayer request? Call the school office and we'll pass it on to them.

Please pray for these specific things:

- Macey Brietenback- Her family has taken her to Ohio where they are meeting with doctors. Her large intestine is not functioning at all. Surgery is imminent and very serious.
- O'Neill Wagner's wife (Beverly) has been ill for 10 days. Doctors believe she had H1N1 but the family worries because she is still very sick.
- Several families are dealing with lost jobs.
- Catherine Kansler (parent of 4 yr. old Liam) fell and broke her ankle.
- Christy and Daniel Walters (parents of 3 yr. old Jude) welcomed a new baby girl (Abigail Noel) on the day after Thanksgiving. Praise God that Mom and baby are doing well!

## Did you enjoy the wonderful Lamplighter books from our Book Fair?

There is good news. Sue Karsner is now an "affiliate" with Lamplighter Publishing, which will award you a **15% discount by using the link below**. This link will always be available, so keep it handy. Also, now there is a \$5 flat fee for standard shipping. They usually ship the same day of the order so there is time for wonderful books to enhance your personal library in time for Christmas.

Here is the link that takes you directly to the Rare Collectors Books in alphabetical order. After you choose your book, your discount will be applied:

<http://www.lamplighterpublishing.comemailpromotion.asp?key=LAMP03&dest>

Also, you can order by phone and receive the same discount by using this affiliate code **LAMP02**. This code will ultimately benefit the school as well.

Call Sue Karsner (our librarian) if you have any questions.



VOCELLI'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER has been extended!

The last day is Friday, **December 11th**.

Here's how it works:

You sell a pizza card for \$10.

The school gets \$4 of that \$10. (40%)

If we can sell at least 400 cards, we get \$5 per card (50%)

For \$10, the buyer gets a free large, 1-topping pizza AND 11 buy-one-get-one-free coupons. That's over a \$100 value for just \$10.

This is a great deal. Consider treating your paperboy, mailman, babysitter to pizza.

Cards are available in the office. Buy them today or sign out several to sell to neighbors and friends.

## SAVE THE DATE!

- FRIDAY- JANUARY 22- **NCCS TALENT SHOW**- 5TH GRADE IS IN CHARGE- PLEASE CONTACT MARIA WARNER (MMWARNER1@COMCAST.NET) TO OFFER HELP. WE NEED AN EMCEE.
- FRIDAY- MARCH 13TH- **AUCTION**- BEGIN GETTING DONATIONS. KRIS GRIMM (KRIS\_GRIMM@MSN.COM) IS IN CHARGE