

DECEMBER 5, 2024



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I previously warned you that the weeks leading up to Winter Break would be quite hectic! I understand this is a busy season for everyone, and we strive to maintain a sense of normalcy for as long as possible. However, we are a school rich in traditions. As we have grown, some aspects have been adjusted, but the essence of what we do remains unchanged.

Next week is Holiday Concert week! We have four concerts lined up, culminating in a dress-out-of-uniform day and an assembly, followed by our special Saturday Winter Workshop. The concert series kicks off on Monday, December 9, with our K-2 performances under the guidance of Mrs. Lewis. On Tuesday, December 10, our 3-5 concert will feature Ms. Lee and the debut of our 4/5 Orchestra, led by Ms. Smith and Mr. Hannan. Wednesday, December 11, will showcase the middle school music program presented by Ms. Smith and Mr. Horvoka. Finally, we will conclude the concerts on Thursday, December 12, at Calvary South Denver.

As mentioned in Mr. Netzer's community letter, we kindly ask for your assistance in teaching proper concert etiquette. Please ensure that any children not performing sit with their family for the entirety of the show. We also request that all cell phones be silenced and used only for taking pictures. Please refrain from entering or exiting the venue during the performance unless it's an emergency, and only between songs or during transitions. It is vital to stay for the whole performance, even after your child has finished, as we believe every student deserves a full audience. This practice fosters appreciation for each other's efforts. We work hard to keep the concerts to about an hour, and we believe these showcases help our community embrace the holiday spirit and spread joy.

Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership in nurturing our students into well-rounded individuals. I genuinely believe there is no better environment for students to become their best selves, and we are all in this together.

CALENDAR CORNER

Winter, K-5 Assessment Day (sign-up genius to schedule a time for each student)	December 6 Scheduled 15 minute time for all K-5 Students 7:30 am - 4:00 pm Regular School Day for 6 th - 12 th Grade Students
Polar Express/ Parent's Night Out Sponsored by Middle School Student Council	December 6 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Admission is a \$10 donation and a toy (donations to Toys for Tots)
MAPS Winter Benchmark Assessments	2nd - 8th Grades: December 3-12 HS: December 4-5, 4th Period
Board of Directors Meeting	December 10 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 3rd floor HS building
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Music Performance	December 9 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Gym
3rd - 5th Grade Music Performance Music Performance	December 10 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Gym
Middle School Choir/Orchestra Concert	December 11 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, gym
High School Choir and Orchestra Concert	December 12 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 (Holiday Sweaters)	December 13
K-8 Assembly (2nd, 3rd, and 7th Grade Recitations)	December 13 8:00 am, Gym
PACS Meeting	December 13 9:00 am, Grammar School Commons
Winter Workshop	December 14 9:00 - 12:00
K-8th Service Projects	December 20 Dismiss at 11:30 am



Please parents we need your help:

Several parents are parking in the Denver Christian overflow lot. This has become a problem and DC administration has asked that our parents stop this immediately. This is also causing a problem as many are walking through the Federal property.

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HABITS
Connection Virtues to Home and School



One aspect of our program that we often overlook in educating our community is our emphasis on Charlotte Mason's Habits or Virtues, which we diligently nurture through our routines and classroom structure. If you've visited on a "typical" day, you may have observed how our students line up and walk through the halls. You might also have noticed that our classrooms exude a "home" atmosphere, where teachers strive to instill habits that will contribute to the students' lifelong success. This section of the newsletter aims to help parents gain a better understanding of our habits and provides examples of what each habit entails. This semester, we have concentrated on four specific habits: Responsibility, Truthfulness, Neatness, and Order, with our current focus being on the Habit of Thinking.

Habit of Neatness and Order

- neat and effective arrangement of property

Habit of Responsibility

- Accounts for behavior, belongings and work

Habit of Thinking

- works independently and confidently
- participates in dialogue of thought

Habit of Truthfulness

- avoids exaggeration and embellishment
- careful in stating the truth

