



CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS CONNECTION

WEEK OF DECEMBER 8th, 2008

MASTER CALENDAR PRESCHOOL

December 2008

- 12 Toy Drive Ends
- 17 Half Day MWF Christmas Parties
- 18 Half Day TTh Christmas Parties
- 19 Half Day MWF – Closed
- 22 Half Day Closed
- 23 Half Day Closed
- 24 Full Day Open Until 12pm
- 25 All Programs Closed through January 2nd

January 2009

- 5 All Programs Resume
- 12 Special Activity
- 13 Special Activity
- 14 Earthquake Drill
- 20 All Programs Closed
- 29 Half Day Closed – 4's & 5's Conferences
- 30 Half Day Closed – 4's & 5's Conferences

MASTER CALENDAR K-8

December 2008

- 8 Christmas Boutique
- 9 Christmas Boutique
- 10 Christmas Boutique
Minimum Day – Early Dismissal
K & 8th at 11:15am / 1st – 5th at 11:30am
- 11 Christmas Boutique
- 12 Christmas Boutique
2nd-5th Grades Christmas Program – 7pm
- 15 Progress Reports Online 2nd-8th
Toilet Paper Drive All Week
- 16 **K-1st Christmas Program – 8am**
- 17 Pajama Day
- 18 Toilet Paper Drive
- 19 Minimum Day – Early Dismissal
K & 8th at 11:15am / 1st – 5th at 11:30am
Toilet Paper Drive
All School Chapel in the Plex – 8:15am
- 22 EDC Open
- 23 EDC Open
- 24 EDC Open Until 12pm
- 25 All Programs Closed through January 2nd

January 2009

- 5 School Resumes
- 6 Scrip Non-Uniform Dress Day
- 9 Godspell Cast Rehearsal – 2:15-3:30pm
- 10 Godspell Car Wash – 10am-2pm
- 14 3rd Grade to Aquarium of the Pacific
- 15 Earned Non-Uniform Dress Day
- 20 School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr.
- 23 8th Grade Cotillion
- 28 Practice Spelling Bee – 1pm
- 30 ACSI Spelling Bee

A NOTE FROM BETH

I love Christmas. I especially love Christmas in the context of Christian education. There is nothing more beautiful than five year old shepherds and angels, nothing more inspiring than the angelic voices of children singing carols, nothing more truly reflective of the season than the faces of children who love Jesus. So much is lost in our world when it comes to Christmas...so much is watered down, commercial driven, and self indulgent—but you won't find that at Crossroads Christian Schools this Christmas. Here, Christmas is about Christ...and it is about giving.

Each of our classrooms is participating in a missions outreach for Christmas this year. Below is a list of some of the projects our students are working on to bless others during the Christmas season. I think you will be touched when you see the meaningful ways in which our students are learning to minister to others. Our gift to the Christ child is in keeping with the verses in Matthew that teach us that when we feed the hungry, take care of the stranger or the sick, and those in need we are, indeed, giving to the Lord Himself. It is our belief that our students will learn the true meaning of Christmas and of Christianity by learning how to give and care for others. May God bless you this Christmas with the joy of giving. (cont. on page 2).

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Hopefully you have set aside **Friday, December 12th**, to attend the **2nd-5th grade Christmas Program** and **Tuesday, December 16th**, for the **K-1st grade program**. Both programs are DELIGHTFUL! And they are **FREE!**

Just a few updates: **Parents of 2nd-5th graders**, if you will line up **with your children** at the front of the Plex, at 6:30pm, we will be opening the doors and letting you in at 6:30pm. Children, report directly to your teachers. Seats are first come, first served. The teachers will be letting you know where your children will be positioned so you can sit on the best side of the auditorium.

The Middle School *Godspell* Cast will having a Bake Sale before and after the program. All proceeds will help defray the cost of their production in May. Thank you in advance for your support. (cont. on page 3)

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Pastor Joel Fairley will be presenting a special sermon titled **The Clamoring of Children** at the **PSF meeting on Monday, December 8th**, at 6:00pm, in our chapel. Come and learn how to model authentic faith for your child. Joel Fairley, a gifted speaker, our Campus Pastor and the Children's Pastor for Crossroads Christian Church. He recently returned from a mission trip to India and has been sharing with our students how God is working in India. We do not want any parent to miss out on this wonderful night, so we are **providing a light dinner, childcare and no homework**. Just come, listen and be blessed.



SCRIP

Gift cards make *wonderful Christmas gifts* and you don't have to run to the store to purchase them! We're your one-stop shop!

The **last day** to backorder scrip **before Christmas** will be **tomorrow, December 9th**, so get your order in! Scrip is very popular this time of year. We run out of in-stock items very quickly. To avoid frustration, please turn in your order form **no later than 9:00am** on December 9th. Only in-stock items will be available after tomorrow.

Because of the heavy volume of purchases this time of year, the scrip company has informed all their accounts that there could be an additional day of processing. There is a chance that our scrip will come in on Friday or Monday, so plan accordingly and we'll do our best to expedite your orders.

Many have asked about getting larger increments for places like Home Depot, Best Buy and Shell. They are available! Just check the national list for the increments offered and add the items in the spaces provided on the back of our scrip form. They take no longer to come in than our regular items. There are copies of the national list in the elementary office or you can go online at www.glscrip.com and look under "Retailer List."

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

Frosty's Village Tree Lot is **Open** on our school lot. The hours are 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Your patronage is greatly appreciated.

COACH'S CORNER

INLAND EMPIRE CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

Crossroads Cougar – SOCCER TEAM 2009 -

Coach Davis was very pleased with tryouts and is looking forward to a great season. The team will be practicing on Tuesdays & Fridays from 2:40pm to 4:00pm. Players, be sure to wear your shin guards and be ready to practice right on time!

Attention 6th Grade Soccer Players – Team Openings With Westside Christian

6th graders interested in playing travel soccer in the Inland Empire Christian League should contact Coach Comfort. Westside Christian is in need of players and would like to put together a joint team with us. The league is the same one the 4th & 5th graders play in, only in Div. 6 (6th grade division). Games begin January 20th (cont. on page 3)



A NOTE FROM BETH (cont. from page 1)

Missions Projects 2008

- **Pre-School:** Toy Drive for Fire Victims
- **Kindergarten:** Singing for Mid-Day Alive and making homemade ornaments
- **First Grade:** Visiting a Senior Center where they will sing and give out homemade cards
- **First/Second Combination Class:** Visiting a home for foster children, Hillview Acres and bringing them gifts
- **Second Grade:** Read 100 books to earn 500 books for a school in need of books in Nevada
- **Third Grade:** Buying a goat for a village in Africa; making cards for children with cancer; collecting food for the church Food Pantry; giving gifts to a homeless shelter
- **Fourth Grade:** Suitcases of love for foster children
- **Fifth Grade:** Buying milk for children in poverty; collecting gifts for the City of Hope
- **Middle School:** Collecting school supplies for children in Mexico

COACH'S CORNER (cont. from pg. 2)

INTRAMURALS

It's time to register for Basketball & 4-Square!!!

If you haven't registered yet, you need to sign up before the Christmas break. Basketball begins Thursday, January 15th. The 4-Square tournament is March 5th.

KICKBALL

The Skittles Team members are – **Zac F., Noah R., Adam T., Jacob A., Conner M., Jason B., Bryce S., Josiah S., Kiersten G., Nick P., Brenna T., & Peter N.**

Kickball Game Scores for 12/4/08

Division 1

POP ROCKS – 9 STARBURSTS - 11

Division 2

PEZ PLAYERS – 11 SKITTLES - 14

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CHRISTIAN LEAGUE

Middle School Boys' Baseball

Game – Monday, December 8th at Home vs Bethel Christian. Game time is 3:00 pm. **Leave class at 2:00 pm.**

Girls' Softball

Game – Monday, December 8th at Home vs Bethel Christian. Game time is 1:30pm. **Leave class at 12:30 p.m.**

Physical Education Outreach Project...Toilet Paper?!

Circle Of Hope is Corona's only shelter for the homeless. **The shelter's biggest expense each month....toilet paper. They go through 8 cases per month!** Our goal at PE is to provide a year's supply. That's 9,216 rolls! What a crazy goal... but we'll just have to see how God uses us all to bless the Shelter, not with the fancy stuff, but with taking care of an everyday need. To see more about the Shelter log on to www.cohfs.org or www.circleofhopecorona.org.

Let's get ready to bring in those rolls to PE, the week of December 15th through December 19th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL – GODSPELL NEWS

Rehearsals are under way and already we can tell the production is going to be GREAT! The cast has incredible energy and enthusiasm! Thanks for your hard work.

To help offset the costs of the production, sets, costumes, royalty fees, etc. the cast will be doing several fund-raisers. The first one will be a BAKE SALE the evening of the 2nd-5th grade Christmas Program. They also have 3 CAR WASHES planned. Tickets for the car washes will go on sale this Friday, December 12th. Take advantage of the discounted price, 3 tickets for \$10 or \$5 each. The cast will be washing your cars at the school in the preschool parking lot from 10am to 2pm on January 10th, February 14th (buy a ticket for your valentine) and March 28th.

Thank you for supporting CCS Middle School performing arts.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (cont. from pg. 1)

We still are in need of props for the show. Please look over the list in this article and if you can help us out, we would really appreciate it. The following items are needed for **2nd-5th grades**:

- Wrapped presents, 1 per child (empty of course!), for Mrs. Jarnagan's class.
- Shopping bags, 1 per child, (i.e., Nordstroms, Macy's, Toys R Us), for Mrs. Satterfield's & Mrs. Jones' classes.
- 2 AA Batteries per child for Mrs. Cate's & Miss Luna's classes.
- Fake snowballs (1 small white loofah per student) for Miss Polcyn's class.
- Mini Candy Canes that will be handed out to the audience for Mrs. Markley's & Miss Hopwood's classes.
- Toys & Dolls (from home, one per student) that will be visible on stage for Mrs. Page's & Mrs. Courtney's classes.

Also, please start putting together that adorable Christmas outfit. Go as seasonal as possible with beanies, scarves, vests, gloves, sweaters, boots, dresses, etc... but please limit it to ONE "warm" item, as we don't want the children getting overheated on stage. Red and Green are great colors! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

blopez@crossroadsschool.org.

For the **K-1st grade Christmas Program on December 16th, drop off will be at the Church.** Staff will be on hand to receive your children at 8:00am. We will bring daycare children over..

The day of the program, please line up outside of Plex with your children. The doors will open at 8:00am and we will begin seating. Your children should report directly to their teachers in the auditorium.

We would like your children to dress in their Christmas finery. Please include ONE of the following with his/her outfit – a beanie, a scarf or a pair of gloves.

We would like to serve cookies after the program for the children and families. If you could help us by baking a batch of cookies and bringing them with you the day of the program, we would greatly appreciate it.