

The Talon

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Cross of Christ Christian School

Preschool/Prekindergarten Christmas Program

Ready or not, the month of December is upon us! As we get ready for travels to see family members in the coming weeks or getaways to spend time relaxing or just staying home and reading a good book or two, our Cross of Christ family has a gift to give to you.

The children and teachers in our 3, 4, and 5 year old Preschool/Prekindergarten program invite you to join them in celebrating the reason for this season called Advent and Christmas. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus and the children will perform Advent and Christmas carols and songs on Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 and 10 in the Commons of the school. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, there will be refreshments to enjoy.

We would love to have you join us as the children share the message of Jesus and the gift He offers to us.

We WIN! Victory is ours!

Thomas Geyer

Sunday Morning Worship Times

8:30 (Traditional)

9:00 (Contemporary)

10:30 (Contemporary)

Children's Praise on Sunday

9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

CROSS OF CHRIST SCHOOL IS ON FACEBOOK! SIGN UP AND BECOME OF FAN.

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Brief Notes

1. **Books—Scholastic Book Fair** is coming next week—December 7-11th. We are currently in need of volunteers. There are sign up sheets next to the office in the 300 building and by the front entrance in the 200 building. Each day we will be hosting a raffle for a \$10 Scholastic gift certificate for everyone who volunteered that day. Please sign up and help make the book fair a huge success. Feel free to check out our book fair website for more information at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/crossofchrist>
2. **Fry's Cool Cash Program** - Fry's has a copy of the school's barcode at the Customer Service desk. Just let them know you wish to register for Cross of Christ Christian School.
3. **Birthday Books**— Books are presented to a child honoring special events. A placard is placed inside the book with an inscription of the event and given after Wednesday chapel and donated to the school library. Cost to purchase a birthday book is \$20.00.
4. **STAR Tuition Program**—It's a great opportunity to decrease tuition costs for all families of the school. Orders will be processed each Monday. Check the bulletin boards in the 200 or 300 Building for more information.
5. **ACSTO**—Arizona state law allows you to contribute to a Kindergarten-Grade 12 child's private school scholarship/tuition and they will give you a 100% tax credit on your Arizona state taxes. You can also add this to your itemized deductions on your Federal return and save money as well. By **participating in ACSTO** school parents can, if they get enough participants to support their child, have their child's tuition paid for an entire school year. Log onto www.acsto.com for more information.
6. **Christmas Camp**—Cross of Christ will host a Christmas Camp on December 21-23 and 28-30. We have full day and half day rates available for each day. Full day (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) cost is \$42.00 and half day (7:30 a.m. to noon or noon to 4:30 p.m.) is \$22.00 a day. Contact Sara Rohren, Director, srohren@anthemcross.org, for more information.

Our Staff at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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**Our Mission is to Connect
People to Jesus!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Cross of Christ, we are a people of prayer. We follow the words of Scripture that say, *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* Philippians 4:6

Here are the prayers this week.

- More families would connect with Jesus through the ministry of the school.
- All the ladies who are carrying new life inside of them.
- Lucie Somers—Laurie Castlen’s mother, strength and healing
- Jammie Shaughnessy—strength and healing as she continues chemotherapy.
- Paul Shosted—healing from recent surgery
- Families struggling with health, financial, and marital issues.
- For all who are underemployed or unemployed and searching for suitable employment.
- That neighbors may know of the love of Jesus.

CALENDAR EVENTS

December 2	School Chapel at 8:15 a.m.
December 3	Kindergarten Field Trip to hear Phoenix Symphony
December 6	Grades 3-5 Play chimes in worship
December 7-11	Scholastic Book Fair—Second floor of 300 Building
December 9	School Chapel at 8:15 a.m.
December 9-10	Preschool and Prekindergarten Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. in the Commons
December 13	Preschool and Prekindergarten sing in worship
December 18	School Chapel at 8:15 a.m.
December 18	Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.—Christmas Break begins NO AFTERNOON CLASSES OR EXTENDED CARE End of 2nd Marking Period
December 19	Miss Rachel White becomes Mrs. Rachel Oakeson!!
December 21-23	Christmas Camp
December 24	Christmas Eve worship at 5:00, 7:00, and 11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day worship at 10:00 a.m.
December 28-30	Christmas Camp
January 4, 2010	Classes resume

Nearly \$750 has already been received from chapel offerings designated to go to the organization *Feed My Starving Children*. We'll continue to collect offerings through December.
THANK YOU!!