

the TORCH NEWSLETTER

December 2009

“...that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

Colossians 1:18

Communication by E-mail

Is your e-mail address listed in your **SchoolCast** information? We have sent out several mass e-mails since the beginning of the year to announce upcoming events or to send reminders. This has worked very well for getting out word to our families in an efficient way. We use this e-mail method for non-emergency situations.

If you have not been receiving the school-wide e-mails, then be sure to logon to



www.myschoolcast.com and enter your username and password. This will give you access to your profile where you can add your e-mail address or addresses. There is no limit to the number of e-mail addresses you list!

If you have any questions or need some assistance, please call the school and ask for Mrs. Lisa Dickson or you can e-mail her at ldickson@tabernaclechristian.org. Our goal is stay in touch with you!

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

From the faculty, staff and administration, we would like to wish our school family a blessed **Christmas Season**. This entire month focuses our attention on not only Christ, the *Infant*, but also, Christ, the *Redeemer*, the *Savior*, and our *Soon and Coming King*! As believers, we can get excited knowing that the Word of God is true, and that it's not made up of myths and legends and fables. Our Hope has already come!

So as you spend extra time with family over the holidays, be sure to explain the true reason why we love this holiday season! When Jesus came to earth, everything changed! Thank you again for the opportunity you give us to talk about this Wonderful Savior all year long!



Are You Taking Advantage of iNOW?

Parents of students in grades 07-12 should be taking advantage of iNOW! On a daily basis, you can be going online (www.tabernaclechristian.org and click on *Information Now* link on home page) and keeping up with your child's schedule, discipline, upcoming homework assignments, quizzes and tests, and also individual grades they have received on these assignments.

The Progress Reports that are sent home every three weeks are giving an up-to-date average, however, iNOW offers you more detailed information that keeps you totally involved! We are receiving wonderful feedback from parents who are "plugged in"! Let us know if you need help! Please e-mail Mrs. Lisa Dickson at ldickson@tabernaclechristian.org for help!

Senior Photos

The deadline to turn in senior portraits and PDA pictures (personal ad of pictures & congratulations in the back of book) will be here before you know it. Please make sure that all of your items are turned in by **December 01**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lisa Dickson at the school at 631-9318 or by e-mail at the following: ldickson@tabernaclechristian.org.

Fourth Grade Christmas

The fourth grade class will be collecting money for a Christmas present for their class missionaries, the *Kinman Family* - Missionaries to Guatemala. Students are encouraged to find ways to earn money to give. The last day for the money to be brought in is **December 11**.

Preschool Christmas

The Preschool department will be collecting **MEN'S gloves** for the Jimmie Hale Mission during the month of December. When the children bring in their pair of gloves, they will get to hang them on the Christmas tree. Each class will also be collecting a canned food to donate to the Mission. Please see below to find out what type of canned good your child's class is collecting:

K3 A&B - Canned Green Beans

K4 A&B - Box of Macaroni & Cheese

K5 Mrs. Cynthia - Canned Corn

Thanks in advance for your giving!

Third Grade Christmas

The 3rd grade will be having a Christmas brunch in the cafeteria immediately after the Christmas Program. Please bring a wrapped boy/girl gift of no more than \$5. We also need individually wrapped candies, pencils, and small toys for the goodie bags by **December 11**.

Christmas Piano Recital

Piano students will have their recital on December 1st at 6:30 pm, in the auditorium. Students participating need to be in the auditorium by 6:15 pm. All are invited to attend.

Academic Competition

The following categories are available for the ACEA Competition in January: For Elementary grades 4th - 6th: Spelling Bee & Sword Drill. Please see your teacher for more details.

For Jr. & Sr. High - Spelling Bee, Essay & Poetry Writing, Bible Preaching, Bible Teaching, Bible Memory, and Science Fair. The fee is \$7 per category. Please register now before it's too late. The fee will be due in January.

Financial News

As we begin to near the end of the semester, it will be very important to make certain that the following are paid in full: Tuition through December 1st, childcare, fundraiser, lunchroom, athletic fees, junior class dues (at least \$25), elective fees, & testing fees. The last day to pay without class attendance or taking of exams being affected is Dec. 11th. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Our intentions are never to involve your student with your finances & we strive to maintain the privacy, so we trust you will help us with this by making prompt payments for the month of December.

If you have any questions regarding your balance, please feel free to contact the Financial Office at 631-9318 or you can e-mail Mrs. Rhonda Miller anytime at rmiller@tabernaclechristian.org.

Childcare News

Childcare will be closed on the 24th, 25th and Jan 1st. During Christmas vacation, children will need to bring a lunch and drink. The cafeteria will be closed.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 01-03 Chapel 8:30am Prog Rep 01-06 Bball Away Tuscaloosa 5pm	2 HS Chapel 9am ACEA Academic On-site Testing	3	4	5
				Torch Classic XXXIV		
6	7 Prog Rep 07-12	8 04-06 Chapel 8:30am Bball Away Faith 5pm	9 Grades 05-06 <i>American Village</i> Field Trip HS Chapel 9am	10	11 Bball Home Covenant 5pm	12
13 GBT Christmas Cantata	14 07-12 Sem Exams 01-12 dismiss at 11:30am K3-K5 dismiss at 12:00pm	15 07-12 Sem Exams 01-12 dismiss at 11:30am K3-K5 dismiss at 12:00pm	16 07-12 Sem Exams & Parties K3-K5 Program 8:30a Dismissal Times 1-6 @ 11:30 7-12 @ 12:15	17 01-06 Christmas Program @ 8:30 am & Parties Bball Away Victory AL 5pm	18 School Closed End of Quarter Staff Development Brunch @9:30 am	19
20	21	22	23 <i>GBT Candlelight Service</i>	24 Childcare Closed	25 Merry Christmas Childcare Closed	26
Christmas Holidays: School & Offices Closed						
27	28	29	30	31		

Youth Ski Trip 2010

The Gardendale Baptist Tabernacle teens will be making their annual ski trip on **February 23-26** to *Sugar Mountain* in North Carolina. Students from the school are welcome to join in. There are plenty of chaperones. The cost of the trip is \$235.00 per person. You can make \$40 payments on the following dates: December 15th, January 1st, 26th, and February 9th. For more questions, contact Bro. Andrew at: apeters@tabernaclechristian.org.

Grades 4-6 Sword Drill

Grade 4-6 will have a Sword Drill in the Auditorium on Tuesday, December 1st at 12:30pm.

Field Trip for 5th & 6th

The fifth and sixth grade classes will be going to **The American Village** on December 9th. Please make sure that your child is here by 7:30 am. The bus will leave at 7:45am. Please bring a sack lunch and drink in a plastic bag.

Tabernacle Christian School

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Mission Statement

The Mission of Tabernacle Christian School is to teach Biblical truths, share the plan of salvation, and train students to draw closer to Christ, while providing a Bible-based, academically advanced education with quality programs.

Victory by Janna DeVasure (09)

The rush of the wind
The sound of a fight
Victory is ours tonight.

The sound of the buzzer
The screams of the crowd
Our victory is tightly bound.

The clock ticks down
The crowds on their feet
This victory is ours to keep.

The last points go up
At the end of the game
The victory is in His Name.

Sports Action Shots

For parents interested in Tabernacle sports action photos, they are now available for purchase online at www.photobytammy.zenfolio.com.

The proceeds of these purchases will be shared between the Fine Arts and Athletic Departments. Please enter coupon code "TCS student" for a special discount. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tammy Webster by e-mail at: twebster@tabernaclechristian.org.

Basketball Need

If you are interested in helping out during basketball season at home games with keeping the clock, please contact Coach Corbett at the school or send him an e-mail at: dcorbett@tabernaclechristian.org. Your help in this area would be much appreciated.