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CCS is a local-church ministry that helps the family fulfill its God-ordained responsibility to educate children academically, physically, spiritually, and socially toward Christlikeness.



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CHRISTMAS AT COMMUNITY

by Jackie Saldivar

BRADENTON— On December 6, friends, family, and guests gathered to hear elementary-aged students present various concert selections ranging from handbells and band to Bible verses. Each year, the teachers make sure to incorporate the Christmas story into the program by acting it



Let the happy tune play on! The first and second grade Carol Choir sang "Patapan," an eighteenth century French Christmas carol arranged by Audrey Snyder.

out or reading the Scriptures. The kindergarten Cherub Choir stole the show with its piece "Seven Feet of Snow."

Sixth grader Lydia Nicholson said, "My favorite part was when our band played 'A Children's Christmas Carol'". This is the sixth grade's first year in band, and they did a great job with their song. Each choir performed two songs. Additionally, the third grade performed "Al mundo paz," a Spanish

translation of "Joy to the World." This is the first year that the third and fourth grades sang in two-part harmony, and they did fantastic. The first



Ringing out the Christmas message, fifth grade student Valentina Butler played with the rest of the handbell choir.

and second grades performed "Patapan" with instrumental help from sophomore Alyssa Zern and freshman

Anthony Adorno. Director Daniel Griffin commented, "The kids have definitely improved from last year. Overall, I was very pleased with everyone's performance."

The fifth and sixth grades struggled with their choir songs in rehearsals but were able to pull it together for the concert! "African Noel"

turned out to be a show stopper.

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*Lydia Nicholson
Sixth Grade*

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

December:

- 18-21: Early Dismissal
Secondary Exams
- 24-1/6: Christmas Break
- 24-25: No Childcare
- 31-1/1: No Childcare

January:

- 7: Classes Resume
- 9-11: Spirit Days
- 14-15: Early Dismissal
1:00 p.m.
- 14-16 ARCH Conference
- 17: Parent Conferences
3:30-6:00 p.m.
- 18: Choir Festival (9-12)
Choir Festival Concert
7:00 p.m.
- 21: No Classes
- 27-30: Revival Services

View the full calendar of events on our website.

Exam Schedule, 12/18-21

Students in grades 7-12 will finish the first semester with exams on **December 18-21**. These days are 1:00 p.m. dismissals for all grades. The office released the exam schedule last week. Please make plans to pick your children up at 1:00 p.m. on these days.

Christmas Break, 12/24-1/6

CCS will have no classes on **December 24 through January 6**. Enjoy Christmas vacation and remember to thank God for the Gift of Jesus!

No Childcare, 12/24-12/25

There will be no childcare on **Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25**. Enjoy the Christmas holiday with your friends and family.

Electronic Gate

Community will implement an **electronic gate schedule during January**. Campus will be locked and closed for certain portions of the day. Watch for more details and times from the school office.

The Science of the Savior



Many scientists are skeptical of the birth of Jesus and try to explain it using natural reasoning. However, the reality is that His birth is a wonderful, supernatural event; no other explanation is possible.

For instance, the book of Micah, written seven hundred years before Christ's incarnation, contains a prophecy predicting the precise location of the Messiah's birth. Or another: a star, seen in the east, was able to lead the magi to Jesus. Some scientists, refusing to believe in God, say this was possible because of a slow-moving comet or because Jupiter and Venus were surprisingly close together during those years. Regardless, comets and planets do not stop over individual houses. Those who are honest are left with no other choice but to trust God with every seemingly impossible detail in His Holy Word. During this Christmas season, humanity should follow the example of those biblical magi. Wise men and women still seek him.

Nicholas Repholz
Science

Crusader Daze: Wednesday-Friday, 1/9-11

Crusader Daze is always a fun time at Community. These three days will be the perfect chance to show Crusader pride! Wednesday is **clash day**. Thursday is **accessory day** (hats, ties, scarves, etc.) Friday is **Crusader spirit day** (red, black, and white).



January 2019 Crusader Basketball

Tuesday, 1/8	Junior Varsity Girls vs. Palm Grove Christian 5:00 p.m. (non-conference) Varsity Boys vs. Palm Grove Christian 6:30 p.m. Junior Varsity Boys @Family Christian 4:30 p.m. (non-conference)
Thursday, 1/10	Varsity Girls vs. Christian Learning 5:00 p.m. (non-conference)
Friday, 1/11	Varsity Girls vs. Alumni 5:30 p.m. (non-conference)
Monday, 1/14	Junior Varsity Boys @Classical Academy 4:30 p.m. (non-conference)
Tuesday, 1/15	Junior Varsity Girls @Grace Christian 3:00 p.m. (non-conference) Junior Varsity Boys @Grace Christian 4:30 p.m. Varsity Girls @Grace Christian 6:00 p.m. Varsity Boys @Grace Christian 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 1/17	Varsity Boys @Calvary Baptist 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 1/22	Junior Varsity Boys vs. Land O'Lakes Christian 4:15 p.m. Varsity Girls vs. Land O'Lakes Christian 5:45 p.m. Varsity Boys vs. Land O'Lakes Christian 7:15 p.m.

Full game schedule, dismissal/return times and links to maps and directions are on our website: communitychristianfl.org.

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Say Thank You! Apple Offering 2018



In his 1933 address to the National Union of Christian Schools, Dr. J. Gresham Machen, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, had this to say about Christian school

teachers: "You have set an example for the whole Christian world; you have done a thing which has elsewhere been neglected, and the neglect of which is everywhere bringing disaster. Above all, may our God richly bless you, and of His grace give you a reward with which all the rewards of earth are not for one moment worthy to be compared!"

You are invited to be involved in the 2018 Apple Offering which funds Community's faculty and staff Christmas bonuses. The school office will provide envelopes for donations, or you can donate on our website: communitychristianfl.org. Even if you can't give financially, remember to pray daily for our faculty and staff.