



# Knighly Messenger

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## Thursday Assembly

*Please join us for weekly assembly this Thursday.*

**When: December 15, 2011**

**Time: 8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.**

**Topic: God Sent His Son**

**Speaker: Ms. Hardy, PC I**

**Recitation: Primary Class III**

Come and be part of our celebration and adoration of God through assembly.

## Field Trip Correction!!!

The Cambridge all-school field trip to the Navy Pier is on **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Students are to wear their clean PE uniforms. All students must have a signed parent authorization for the trip. The bus will leave on time, so don't arrive late!

## From the Founder's Archives...

### A Mind at A Time

Parents have a special responsibility and joy as they get to know well and to cultivate their children's individual minds. Tragic results are seen when we misconstrue and possibly even misuse a child's kind of mind! And that happens all the time in schools.

I'm an educator with a mission. I am obsessed with helping children find successes. Over the years working in all sorts of settings, I have been struck by the despairing flock of boys and girls out there trying to make a go of it but faltering badly and "disappointing" their teachers, their families, and, worst of all, themselves. It has to be hard, very hard, to be a "disappointment." I have come to the conclusion that helping such children find their way is as much a part of academics as providing quality curriculum, healthy lunches, and faculty development.

Children who seem to operate their minds differently are often times isolated from other children, made to feel terrible about themselves, or perplexed that they are different. Many of them have been forced to accept labels for themselves, labels that mark them as somehow permanently deviant or dysfunctional, labels like ADD or LD. Others, whose minds are racing with information, have been labeled gifted, autistic, etc. Either way, the result is the tragic feeling of failure and perplexity among parents. Help often comes far too late.

Our challenge is to understand that each child (and his mind) is uniquely designed by God for a purpose. We must tailor the educational goals to meet the uniqueness of each mind. If you are perplexed or curious about your child, please inquire about what we know researchers believe about educating unique minds. We are here to assist you in your quest for your child's best.

-Mr. Barber

Enjoy the snow!



## Moms-In-Touch Prayer Warriors

The Cambridge School Moms' Prayer meets every Monday at 8:15 a.m. just after drop off. This week we are focusing on praying for families. *Take the time to pray for families within your sphere of influence and circle of friendships. We need stronger families, who take the time to nurture and develop and grow together.*

## CPC Corner

### Gifts to Faculty

Many of you are in the holiday gift-giving spirit. However, according to the Cambridge Life Handbook,

*“Please refrain from giving individual gifts to teachers. If you desire to express gratitude, please write a note, give flowers or food, donate a book to the library in his or her honor, or give to a combined gift funded from the class as a whole from the Parents’ Council allowance. If a student wishes to express appreciation or affection for a teacher and/or a faculty member, only homemade gifts or food items made by the child are appropriate.” (p.30)*

Thank you for your cooperation!

## Parent Service Needs

Probation notices are going out this week. Parents who have not fulfilled their obligation will be placed on probation.

There are several ways to fulfill your minimum monthly commitment with The Cambridge School without necessarily drawing you away from your work or home. Still others might require your presence at school. Below is a list of some of the most pressing needs the school has *right now*.

- **Admissions Folders and Marketing**
- **Creating a quarterly partner newsletter**
- **After school tutoring (3:30 – 4:45 PM)**
- **Donate 2 large bags of ice-melting salt (counts for 1 hour of service)**

**Also, please note that teacher may often ask for items to be donated to the class for a special project. Credit is given for your donation. You can receive up to 1 hour of credit for responding to the call of your child’s teacher for classroom project items.**

**GET INVOLVED AT CAMBRIDGE!**

## What is the meaning of the “X” in X-mas?

Many people, especially followers of Christ, believe that when people use “X-mas” instead of “Christmas” that they are attempting to purposely remove the name of Christ from the holiday. The fact of the matter is that the “X” is not the 24<sup>th</sup> letter of the English alphabet, but the 10<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet called “chi” (pronounced kee). The Greek word for Christ is χριστος (“Christos”). Therefore, even if a person does not know what they are doing by using the shorthand “chi,” you can use this as an opportunity to explain this to them and then introduce them to the person of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

## Winter Break Packets

Each student will receive a Winter Break Packet, which contains reinforcement assignments in the core disciplines. Some teachers also have assigned reading over the break. Some of the work is optional and other assignments are considered pre-requisites for when the students return and are mandatory for completion.

## Cambridge Outreach Weeks

We are planning our Christmas caroling for December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please dress your child(ren) appropriately. We will have our **Christmas Spirit Day** on **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Students may wear holiday colors of **green, red, and white**. There will be prizes for the students dressed with the most spirit.

**We are still in need chaperones next week for the following events:**

- Dec 13th: Christmas caroling on 47<sup>th</sup> Street, from Drexel to Cottage Grove
- Serving hot chocolate to the students
- Chaperones for Dec 14<sup>th</sup> field trip to Navy Pier

Your time and service is greatly appreciated!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### December

- 13 *Cambridge Walk* Christmas Caroling
- 14 All School Field Trip, Navy Pier
- 15 Christmas *Spirit Day* (**Green, red, white**)
- 15 Christmas Party
- 16 **No School – Teacher Preparation Day**
- 19 **Winter Break/Camp Begins**

#### January 2012

- 2 **Student Holiday – Staff Development**
- 3 Classes Resume
- 7 Board Meeting, 8:30 AM
- 9 Re-enrollment Forms Mailed

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