

**DECEMBER**

**2008**

**"...ye shine as  
lights in the  
world."**

Philippians 2:15



the  
**TORCH**

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**N E W S L E T T E R**

*"...that in all  
things He  
might have the  
preeminence."*

*Colossians 1:18*

## Senior Christmas Store

The seniors will be having a **Christmas Holiday Shop** on Wednesday - Friday, **December 3rd-5th**. They will have a variety of items that the students can purchase for their parents, their teacher or each other for Christmas. Parents and teachers are welcome to stop by and shop too!

## Parents of Seniors

The deadline for turning in ALL pictures for the senior class page and for the PDA ad are now due. Please turn them in at the office as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Dickson at [dickson@tabernaclechristian.org](mailto:dickson@tabernaclechristian.org)

## Academic & Art Competition

The ACEA Academic and Art Competition will be January 29th and 30th. Registration will be immediately after returning to school in January. The categories require advanced participation. Students interested in the following areas should begin preparing now:

**Elementary 4th - 6th:** Spelling Bee & Sword Drill

**Jr. & Sr. High:** Spelling, Science Fair, Bible Preaching, Bible Teaching, Bible Quizzing, Bible Memory, Essay & Poetry Writing, & Art. Please see Mrs. Dickson for art and Mrs. Overby for academic questions.

## 04-06 Field Trip

The 4th - 6th grade classes will be taking a Field Trip to see **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**. Students are required to ride the bus to the BJCC and to wear their field trip shirt. We will be leaving the school at 11:15 and arriving back around 1:30.

## Christmas Program

Our Elementary Christmas program is just around the corner on **December 17** at 8:30 a.m. The students will be performing the **"Good News Christmas Cruise."**

Along with our Christmas musical we will be involved in a missions project. We will be participating in a program called **"Change a Life"**. The money we collect will be given to pre-selected local families during this holiday season as well as assisting the church in their **"Angel Tree ministry"**. So, start saving your loose coins now. We will be asking the students to bring them in beginning on December 1st and running through the day of our musical. The class with the most money collected will receive a special prize during music class in January.



## Parents of Athletes

If you are a parent of a cheerleader or a basketball ball player (all teams), please take time to contact coach Cynthia White to sign up to bring in an item for the Hospitality Room for the Torch Classic Basketball Tournament. Coach White will have a list of needs to be covered. You may email her at [cwhite@tabernaclechristian.org](mailto:cwhite@tabernaclechristian.org) or speak with her at the home game on **December 2nd**.

## Financial Reminders

As we begin to near the end of the first semester, it will be very important to make certain that the following are paid in full:

Tuition through **December 1st** payments, Childcare, Fundraiser, Lunchroom, Athletic Fees, Junior Class dues (at least \$25). The last day to pay without class attendance being affected or taking of exams is **December 12th**. We will accept post dated checks but dated no later than December 18th. It is appreciated by the financial office for your cooperation on this. Our intentions are never to involve your student with your finances and we strive to maintain the privacy, so we trust that you will help us with this with your prompt payments for the month of December. If you have a question regarding your balance, please feel free to call the financial office or email at [twhaley@tabernaclechristian.org](mailto:twhaley@tabernaclechristian.org).

## Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

On **December 15th**, stop by the Gardendale Chick-fil-A to help support our JV Basketball team. Make sure that you tell the cashier that you want your receipt to go to the JV basketball team at Tabernacle and they will donate 20% of your purchase to our team. All proceeds will go toward paying for shoes, shirts and fees.

## Childcare News

The Childcare will be closed **December 24th and 25th** for Christmas and **January 1st** for New Years.

The lunchroom will be closed starting **December 12th** and will reopen on **January 6th**. Please remember to send a lunch and a drink with your child staying in childcare during the school holidays.

## ReaLife Ski Trip 2009

Due to the Christmas holidays, we have attempted to keep payments that are due away from the month of December. As of now, each participant should have paid \$80. There will only be one payment due in December, which will be on the 9th. After that payment, the remaining three payments will be 1/13, 1/27, and 2/10. Please make sure that you stay on top payment deadlines, so that we can make our payments to the Ski Company.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the 2008 Tabernacle Varsity Football team! We are especially proud of our guys as they defended their 2007 title with class. Though falling short in the championship game against Victory Columbus, our guys rose to challenges all season, playing with determination. Many thanks to Coach Dabbs and his coaching staff for a fine season!

## Merry Christmas!

Tabernacle Christian School Staff, Faculty and Childcare would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! In these times of uncertainty and unrest, let's remember the true meaning of the Christmas season.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Grades 07-12 Chapel Ball Teams Home at 5pm v. Tusc Acad Piano Recital 7pm	3 ACEA District Testing Grades 04-06 Field Trip Grades 07-12 Progress Reports	4 Torch Classic X X X I I I	5	6
7	8 Ball Teams Away at 5pm v. Hope	9 Grades 07-12 Christmas Chapel Ball Teams Home at 5pm v. Evangel	10 Grades 01-06 Chapel 8:15am	11	12 Grades 07-12 Semester Exams Grades 01-12 dismiss at 11:30am	13
14 GBT Christmas Cantata	15 Grades 07-12 Semester Exams Grades 01-12 dismiss at 11:30am	16 K3-K5 Program at 8:30am 07-12 Exams & Parties Dismissal Times 1-6 @ 11:30 K3-K5 @ 12:00 7-12 @ 12:15	17 Grades 01-06 Christmas Program at 8:30am Class Parties to follow	18 School Closed End of Quarter Staff Development Brunch @9:30 am	19 School & Offices Closed Ball Teams Away at 5pm v. Tuscaloosa	20
21 GBT Candlelight Service	22	23	24 Childcare Closed	25 Merry Christmas Childcare Closed	26	27
Christmas Holidays: School & Offices Closed						
28	29	30	31			

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## **Box Tops and Soup Labels**

Remember to keep clipping those box tops and saving your Campbell labels while cooking for the holidays! Don't forget the Marketplace section from the [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) website to place your on-line Christmas orders to help the school earn \$\$! Have a Merry Christmas!

## **From the Library**

Thanks to those who donated books this past month to the library. What a great response! Remember the library when cleaning out and making room for new items after Christmas!

## **Buffalo Rock Drinks**

The Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders will be selling drinks from Buffalo Rock. See a cheerleader today to order your drinks for the holidays. Please contact Mrs. Cynthia or Mrs. Loretta for more details.

## **Kindergarten Giving**

The Kindergarten classes will be collecting Teddy Bears of all shapes and sizes. These bears will be given to the children spending Christmas at UAB on the Cardiac floor.

## **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.