

Greetings, Grade 3 Families,

I'm excited to be working with your children again this year in the wonderful world of Music at CHC. While I'll share additional details in the coming weeks, I wanted to share some preliminary information about this year's Christmas Program, ***He Is the One***.

We are excited to continue CHC's cherished Christmas Pageant tradition and collaborate with students in **Kindergarten through Grade 8** as we celebrate the birth of Christ. This year's Christmas Program will be presented in two acts. Act I will feature performances by the Lower School Choir Club and Middle School Choir, followed by Act II, the Christmas Pageant. Students in Grades 2-5 will take on featured roles as they help retell the Christmas story through song and narration, supported by Kindergarten, Grade 1, and the Middle School Choir.

Grade 3 students will portray the Shepherds in this year's Christmas Pageant. As part of their role, we ask all Grade 3 families to provide a shepherd costume for their child. Additional costume details below.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DATE: Thursday, December 10

CALL TIME: 5:40 pm

- Families should escort students to their teacher in the CHCC Worship Center (WC) by 5:40 pm
- Students should arrive dressed in their performance attire
- Students remain with their class and teacher

PROGRAM TIME: 6:00-7:15 pm

- **Act 1:** Choir Club and Middle School Choir Perform
- **Act 2:** Pageant: "He Is the One" (all students)

SPECIAL REHEARSALS will take place during school hours the week before, and the week of the Christmas Program.

AUDITIONS for students who are interested:

Grade 3 speaking auditions will be held on Late Start Tuesday, October 13.

- Please be sure your child signs up for and attends auditions during their assigned week due to the number of students participating and the limited audition schedule.
- Grade 3 audition lines are provided [here](#)
- Sign up for a speaking audition [here](#)

Singing auditions will take place during Music class time, as detailed in earlier communication.

- **Group songs** are required for all students and are available in weekly newsletters and on the Christmas Program webpage [here](#).
- **Please help/remind your student to practice each week before December 10** to help enhance readiness since we have only one class rehearsal per week leading up to performance week.

MORE INFORMATION to come as December draws closer (entry, drop-off, seating location, etc.).

COSTUME IDEAS & HELPFUL RESOURCES

Please use the following guidelines when selecting a shepherd costume for your child. These resources are intended to provide ideas, but you are welcome to shop elsewhere as well.

Costume Guidelines

- Shepherd headpieces are welcome; however, **please do not send staffs.**
- Choose costumes in **white, tan, brown, or other neutral earth tones.**
- Please avoid full-gown colors such as **blue, red, green, or purple**, as these are reserved for the Grade 2 Kings and Queens.
- Please avoid costumes specifically labeled as **"Joseph"** costumes, as that character is portrayed by another grade level.
- To help maintain the Biblical setting of the pageant, please avoid costumes featuring commercial holiday themes or recognizable characters.

Costume Inspiration

Amazon | Shepherd Costumes for Boys & Girls

- [Browse Shepherd Costume Ideas](#)
- Please avoid toga styles, royalty costumes, "Jesus" costumes, and brightly colored full gowns.
- Shepherd headpieces are fine; please do not include staffs.

Oriental Trading | Nativity Costume Ideas

- [Browse Nativity Costume Ideas](#)
- White, tan, or brown gowns are preferred.
- Please avoid full-gown colors such as blue, red, green, and purple.

NOTE: Wal-Mart and Party City may have other options as well. You may also want to check Thrift stores like Goodwill, Arc Thrift Stores, or other similar places that may have costumes during this time of year.

Thank you for supporting our upcoming Christmas program, **"He Is the One,"** and I look forward to all the Lord has for us in this beautiful Season of Hope!

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