

Greetings, Grade 5 Families,

I'm pleased to be working with your children again this year in the wonderful world of Music at CHC. While additional details will be shared in the coming weeks, I wanted to provide 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 5 students will once again have a featured role in the Christmas Pageant. In addition to performing their own special song, the roles of **Mary and Joseph** will be cast through auditions open to Grade 5 students.

As part of the production, we ask all Grade 5 families to provide their child's performance attire. **Grade 5 students will wear "Christmas Best" or "Christmas Formal" attire** for the performance. Additional details are below.

Families of students selected for the roles of **Mary and Joseph** will be responsible for providing the appropriate costume for their child's role.

We look forward to partnering with you as we prepare for this special celebration of Christ's birth and helping students share the joy, hope, and wonder of the Christmas story.

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 5 speaking auditions will be held on Late Start Tuesday, October 27.

- 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 5 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.

Songs

- Group songs required for all students, solo/group singing lines also included) and **Script lines** (only necessary for those interested in auditioning/receive a speaking line) are posted in weekly newsletters and on a special dedicated Christmas web page [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.).

Performance Attire | Sunday Best / Christmas Best

As part of the Christmas Pageant, all Kindergarten students should arrive dressed in their **Sunday Best/Christmas Best** attire.

- Attire should be dressy and appropriate for this special celebration of Christ's birth.
 - Please avoid commercial holiday themes or character-related attire, including Santa, the Grinch, reindeer ears or hats, novelty Christmas sweaters, or similar items.
 - **Girls** may wear dresses, skirts, or dress pants paired with a blouse, sweater, or dressy top.
 - **Boys** may wear dress pants with a collared shirt or sweater. Jackets and ties are welcome but not required.
 - Please select appropriate dress shoes and coordinating socks or stockings.
 - Traditional Christmas colors are encouraged.
 - "Concert black" attire accented with festive Christmas colors (such as a colorful sweater, blouse, blazer, or accessories) is also appropriate.
- For the girl and boy who audition and make the role of Mary & Joseph, below are some links (when the time comes) that should be helpful for costume purchase ideas.

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

MARY & JOSEPH COSTUME LINKS TO CONSIDER - **ONLY IF APPLIES:**

- **Mary costume ideas:**
 - [Amazon](#)
 - [Oriental Trading Company](#)
 - [Walmart](#) (please ensure it is a Mary costume)
- **Joseph costume ideas:**
 - [Amazon](#) (please look for Joseph-specific costume, not just a Shepherd's costume)
 - [Oriental Trading Company](#) (please ensure this is a Joseph-specific costume, not just a Shepherd's costume)
 - [Walmart](#) (please ensure this is a Joseph-specific costume, not just a Shepherd's costume. Also, please make sure this is the New Testament Joseph, not the Old Testament Joseph costume)

NOTE: 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.

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