

Highlands Latin School Indiana Campus 2018 Christmas Events

The Christmas season is upon us! Listed below is all the information you will need to make the next few weeks smooth, merry and meaningful for your family. Any grade-specific information will be sent by your child's teacher.

All of our students have been hard at work since the beginning of the school year to prepare for their Cantatas. As a courtesy to the performers and other families, we recommend that families with young children find a babysitter for the performances. The Cantatas are lengthy performances (*at least* 45-60 minutes) and therefore tiresome for little ones. If you choose to allow young children to attend, please do not bring hand-held electronic games which can diminish the significance of these reverent occasions and distract others in the congregation. *Thank you for your consideration!*

1. Thursday, December 13th – Primary School Christmas Cantata, CHBC Sanctuary, 8:15AM
 - ❖ This is a regular school day for all students.
 - ❖ Primary (K-2) students should wear performance uniforms.
 - ❖ Performance begins at **8:15**
 - ❖ We ask families to arrive at 7:45 A.M. and meet teachers in the sanctuary entry way off Birchwood Ave. After the cantata, please pick up your students in the entry way and transport them to the IN campus for the rest of the school day.
2. Friday, December 14th – Grammar School Christmas Cantata, CHBC Sanctuary, 4:30PM
Performance begins at **4:30PM** in the sanctuary. We would love to see you there!
3. Thursday, December 20th is a **non-uniform day!**
 - ❖ All students will be **dismissed at noon.**
 - ❖ Children may dress casually and comfortably. Students may wear jeans. Please no flip-flops, tank tops, sweatpants, t-shirts with inappropriate graphics, or hats.
 - ❖ **K-2nd Grades 'Twas the Night Right Before Christmas Book Exchange**
Each student should bring a wrapped book, appropriate for the culture of HLS, for a student in his or her age group. Book exchanges will be made during the reading of a very special version of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." K and 1st grade should buy a book that is suitable for either a boy or a girl. Possible gift items include classic storybooks, novels, biographies, blank books or journals, stationary or note card sets. Please limit your gift selections to *the simple, the classic, the and lovely...avoiding the trendy, the cartoonish, and the controversial.* For example:
 - A cloth-bound journal or blank book, *not an Avengers spiral notebook*
 - An illustrated, children's version of Pilgrim's Progress, *not My Little Pony Storybook*

A list of literature choices for all ages may be found on the HLS Website under Students/Summer Reading.

- ❖ Class Christmas Parties

If you plan to attend or help with your child's party, please make other arrangements for younger siblings. Students will have their book exchange and parties in their classroom from 11:00-11:55.

Please remember that HLS strives for a simple celebration that focuses on the joy of the season, not on the commercial and material aspects. We ask that you not send in goodie-bags or individual gifts for your child's classmates. As stated in the Parent Handbook, "Holiday celebrations should focus on the significance of the holiday and our sense of community and family. Celebrations should be age-appropriate and classy without excessive commercialization."

4. **Thursday, December 20th - Early dismissal**
 - All HLS students will be dismissed at 12:00PM. Please pick up at your regular carpool location.
5. **Thursday, December 20th - Upper School Christmas Cantata, CHBC Sanctuary, 7:00PM**