



# News in a Nutshell



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## a word from Mrs. Biebel:

Dear TOCS Families,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost upon us, and what a time to reflect on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". Next Tuesday, we will be enjoying fun Thanksgiving and fall activities like wagon rides, butter making, crafting, and singing. All parents are welcome to attend singing in the chapel from 10:40-10:55 for grades K-5, and MS/HS and tone chime choir from 11:00-11:20. If you'd like to join us at the time of your child singing, please park upstairs and enter through the chapel doors. Parents are welcome to check their student(s) out with their teacher upstairs, and carline will follow for any remaining students from 11:25-11:45. Please be sure to check out with your child's teacher after singing and have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration this year. The lost clothing items will be placed upstairs for you to look through that day as well.

For those of you who can spare hats, mittens, or gently used coats, please remember our need for Mitten Tree donations through November 26.

Please also note that P.T.F. will be popping popcorn this Friday afternoon for \$1.00 per bag. For those of you utilizing aftercare services, please program the number 423-630-0169 into your phone to text or call when you arrive on campus, so we can bring your student out to you. With basketball practices occurring in the gym daily and the weather getting cooler, aftercare takes place in several different locations throughout the building. We hope this phone number will make pick up more convenient.

The staff will soon be celebrating Mrs. Carol Cutshall's 34 years of faithful service to the Towering Oaks Christian School ministry. The students have helped with a video and notes, and if you'd like to send a card or gift card please send it in by Monday, Nov. 25.

Please know that each of your families is prayed for daily and that we are here to support you and yours spiritually and academically. Please call the office if you have a prayer request that you would like added to the "School Family Prayer Concerns" section of the News in a Nutshell. I know that I speak on behalf of the TOCS faculty, staff, and other families when I say that we appreciate your prayers as well.

With Thanksgiving and Gratefulness,

Amy Pfaff-Biebel  
T.O.C.S. Administrator

## Special points of interest:

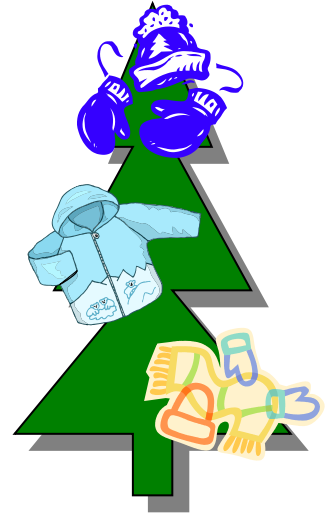
- Fri., Nov. 22 Krispy Kreme HS fundraiser orders due
- Mon., Nov. 25 Mitten Tree collection ends
- Tues., Nov. 26 Thanksgiving celebration—early dismissal
- Wed., Nov. 27—Fri., Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Holiday Break—NO SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL
- Please see attached December calendar for other upcoming important dates!
- Remember to check your email for messages from TOCS and/or FACTS!
- Don't forget to link your savings cards at Food City and Ingles' to TOCS each year! AND scan your Box Tops receipts!
- Pick-up absentee assignments after 2 p.m. from the office cart
- Foul weather information 1340 AM, 1450 AM, 103.1 FM, [tocsweb.com](http://tocsweb.com), & Facebook



**No NUTSHELL**  
next week due to  
early dismissal for  
the Thanksgiving  
holiday!

## Last few days for the Mitten Tree:

It is mitten tree time! What is *the Mitten Tree*? The Mitten Tree is a way in which Towering Oaks Christian School students and families can show love by ministering to the needs of Native Americans who live on the Ft. Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana. These families are not fortunate enough to have warm clothing during their very cold winter. What an awesome way we can show them God's great love! We will be collecting: hats, gloves, scarves, etc., and new and/or gently used coats. Items may be placed on or around the "mitten tree" in the hallway near the school office. You can either send items to school with your student or drop them at the office. Items will be collected through **THIS COMING MONDAY** November 25.



## School Family Prayer Concerns:



Name	Relation	Request
TJ and Codi [REDACTED]	Mrs. Yates' (art teacher) daughter's family	TJ is being deployed soon and family will remain in states
Carolyn [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] mother of Mrs. Kim McGee music teacher	cancer—continuing treatments
Guy McAmis	CAD, STEM, and American Gov't/Econ Teacher	recovering from broken ankle
Robin Morrison	Diane Morrison's (former TOBC secretary) daughter	cancer
John [REDACTED]	Mrs. Velvet's (secretary) brother-in-law	health
Raena [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Leukemia
Ellie [REDACTED]	preschool student (Ms. Betty Ann's 2 Year Olds)	recovering from surgery
Hattie [REDACTED]	Ms. Amanda Wilson's (preschool 4's teacher) Mother	health