



The Children's House

DECEMBER 2025

*"Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord and delight in his salvation."
~ Psalms 35:9 NIV*

CHRISTMAS "WHITE GIFT" DONATION

Our Thanksgiving donations were a blessing to many people. This Christmas, we will continue the tradition of giving with "white gifts" to baby Jesus. Our White Gift Assembly will be held on December 17th and we ask that donations be wrapped in white paper or white tissue paper. The significance of the white gift is to focus on the giving and not the value of the gift. Donations will be given to the outreach program at Our Lady of Good Counsel which provided this list of most needed items for our Pearl City Community. Teachers will collect white gift donations in their classrooms until **Tuesday, December 16th.**

- **Shampoo & Conditioner - manageable sized bottles, or as a combo (combo is preferred)**
- **Deodorant**
- **Disposable Razors**
- **Shaving Cream**
- **Bars of Soap**
- **Toothbrushes & Toothpaste**
- **Toilet Tissue**



UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC

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Huli Huli Chicken Tickets for sale in the office

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Pod 4 & K1 Christmas Program

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Pod 3 Christmas Program

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Pod 2 Christmas Program

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Pod 1 Christmas Program

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K2 & K3 Christmas Program

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Grades 1 & 2 Christmas Program

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Grades 3-6 Christmas Program

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Grade 3-6 Christmas Performance Waikale Outlets

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Huli Huli Chicken Pick Up

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Grades 1 & 2 Christmas Performance for Ilima @ Leihano

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Last day of school

19-

1/5

Winter break

JAN 2026

6

All Students return

19

NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day





Christmas Cards & Special Snacks

Students are allowed to bring Christmas cards to pass out to classmates and staff. **Please do NOT include stickers, candy, toys, or other items with the cards. Please do NOT send goodies or goodie bags to pass out to their friends for Christmas.**

Only special snack items designated by the teachers should be sent to school. Each class will have its own celebration, with specified treats planned by the teachers.



WORD OF THE WEEK

12/1-5 Peace - freedom from disturbance

12/8-12 Joy - a feeling of great pleasure and happiness

12/15-19 Faith - complete trust or confidence in someone or something

Gifts to Staff

While your thoughtfulness and generosity are appreciated, it is not necessary that gifts be given to our staff members during the holidays. However, if you feel the need to show your appreciation we request that gifts be limited to flowers, cards, simple food items or gift cards limited to \$10. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Please have your child bring a large shopping bag with handles, labeled with their name on it. Your child will use this bag to take home their extra clothes, sleeping mat and any special art projects or work.

Holiday Office Hours

Our school office will have limited hours during the Winter Break from **December 19th through January 5th, 2026**. Please call or email if you need to contact us or need to come in. Normal office hours and school will resume on **Tuesday, January 6th, 2026**.



A CHRISTMAS JOURNEY THROUGH ASIA

Our annual Advent Christmas Program is a tradition here at The Children's House. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all invited. Admission is **one dozen** cookies per family for the Cookie Party at the conclusion of the program. All programs will be held in our school pavilion at **9:00am**. The dates are as follows:

Pod 4 & K1 - Tuesday, December 2

Pod 3 - Wednesday, December 3

Pod 2 - Thursday, December 4

Pod 1 - Friday, December 5

K2 & K3 - Tuesday, December 9

Grades 1-2 - Wednesday, December 10

Grades 3-6 - Thursday, December 11

Following their Christmas Program, parents have the option to take their child home or have them remain in school. If your child remains in school, they will be joining another class for the remainder of the day. Your teacher will let you know which class that will be. Please inform your child's teacher on what you decide.

ADVENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ATTIRE

This year's performance attire is:

Girls - Solid red or white dresses (little to no prints), knee length to mid-calf, any sleeve length, but NO strapless or spaghetti-strings

- neutral colored (tan or white) bike shorts under their dresses

- neutral colored (black, tan or white) non-slip flat sandals with a back strap or shoes

(Grades 1-6 may have a slight heel)

Boys - Solid red or white collared shirt (little to no prints), button down or polo style

- school or khaki long pants

- school shoes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are asking for volunteers to assist with parking, set up refreshments, and clean-up at this year's Christmas Programs. If any parent or grandparent would like to volunteer, please come to the office to sign-up. Please do not volunteer for the day of your child's Christmas program, so that you may enjoy their program in its entirety.

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

As we have done the past few years, we are including a basic script for the lighting of Advent candles. If you choose to celebrate, the first Sunday to light a candle is Sunday, November 30th. If you are counting down the days until Christmas on a daily calendar, you can also follow the script each week. We hope this tradition, whether old or new, helps your family feel the safety and security of God's love this season.

WEEK 1: Sunday, November 30th, 2025 **The Prophet's Candle, The Candle of Hope**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It is the season each year for preparing our hearts and homes for the coming of Christmas, to celebrate Jesus' birth. (Light the purple candle)

WEEK 2: Sunday, December 7th, 2025 **The Bethlehem Candle, The Candle of Peace**

(Relight the Prophet candle and light the second purple candle)

As we light our second candle, the Bethlehem candle, let us remember that Joseph and Mary journeyed to Bethlehem and found a quiet, humble stable where they could spend the night, and where Our Savior would be born. In spite of the long journey, they were able to find rest. The second candle reminds us of Peace. (Reading: Luke 2:1-7)

WEEK 3: Sunday, December 14th, 2025 **The Shepherds' Candle, The Candle of Joy**

(Relight the Prophet's candle, Bethlehem candle and light the third candle, pink)

The third candle, the Shepherds' candle, reminds us of what happened in a far-off field. First, the angels appeared to the shepherds proclaiming news of great joy. The shepherds were afraid, but they listened to the angels and went to see the newborn king. Then they saw Jesus and believed. The most important reason why we remember the shepherds and give them a special candle is because of what they did next: they went around and told everyone they met what had happened to them. The third candle reminds us to share the news with Joy! (Reading: Luke 2:8-18)

WEEK 4: Sunday, December 21st, 2025 **The Wise Men's Candle, The Candle of Faith**

(Relight all three candles and light the fourth candle, purple)

The fourth candle is the Wise Men's candle. Three scholarly men far away were studying the stars and saw one star that they knew was different. They didn't know where the star would lead them, but they followed it in faith. It led them to the newborn King. The Wise Men remind us to walk and live in faith. (Reading: Matthew 2:1-2)

WEEK 5: Wednesday, December 24th, 2025 **The Christ Candle, The Candle of Love**

(Relight all four candles and then light the tall white Christ Candle)

The Christ Candle outshines all the others for it reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the world. Where his light shines, there is no darkness. It reminds us that Jesus came to show us His love, and that we might show that love to others. (Reading: John 1:4, 5, 14)





HULI HULI CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

Ticket sales end Monday, December 1st.

Please stop by the office if you'd like to purchase tickets to help raise funds for the 4th-6th grade study trip to Hawai'i Island. The chickens will be cooked here, on campus, that day by <https://stan.store/ilikeeathulihulichicken>

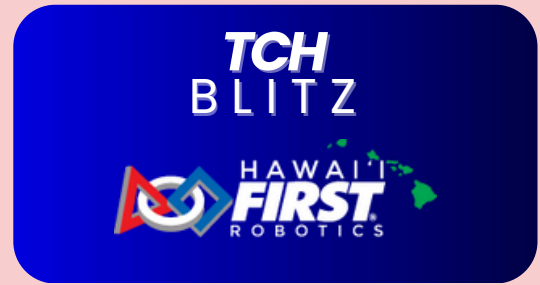
Cost: **\$20** (\$8 of the cost, goes towards the Hawai'i Island Trip)

We accept cash, check or charge.

Pick up day: **Monday, December 15th**

Time: **2:30pm - 4:30pm**

Where: **More information to be shared soon**



*Thanksgiving Assembly
&
Canned Food Drive*





Friendship Camp

