

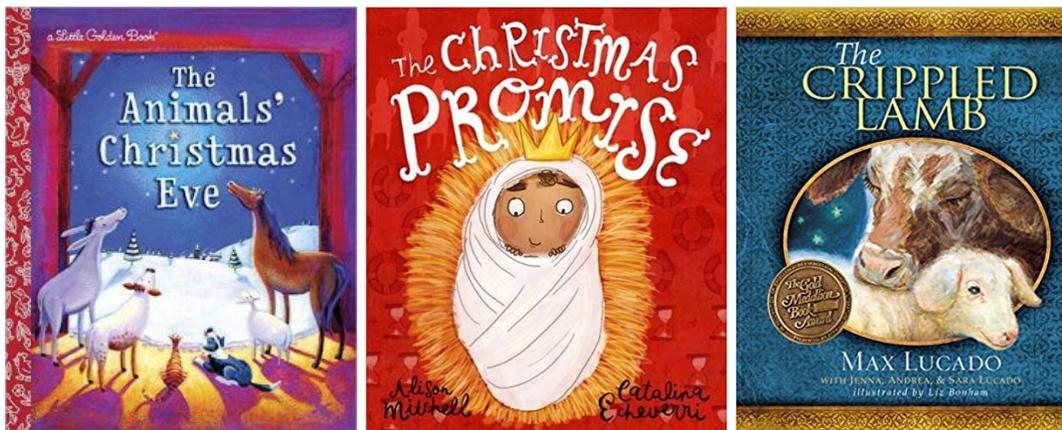


From the Desk of Mrs. Donovan, Interim Elementary Principal

December 7, 2020

Dear CPCS Parents and Community,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend and are enjoying the beginning of the Christmas season! I'd like to share with you three of my top Christmas books for kids. When I was a teacher, one of my favorite things to do was read aloud to my students. The third book, *The Crippled Lamb*, was always a favorite with my second and third graders. The other two books are favorites of my own children. Though these books might be for younger children, I challenge you to find books you can read to your children or books they can read this season about the birth of Jesus.



Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

In Him,

Megan Donovan

Notes

- ★ This **Thursday, December 10th, at 6:30pm**, CPCS will be celebrating **The Grand Finale of 2020**. It will be a year-end virtual event on the Crown Point Christian School Facebook page and will feature a family from CPCS who has been drastically impacted by the mission and vision of the school. Please tune in and feel free to share! A card will be coming home today with details.
- ★ ***Calendar Change*** Friday, December 18th, we will dismiss at **noon** rather than 2pm.
- ★ All lockers will be sanitized over Christmas break. Please look for your child's belongings to come home next week sometime. This would be a good opportunity to wash any sweatshirts, hats, blankets, etc.
- ★ Please be sure to send your child to school with a winter coat, hat, and gloves each day. A scarf, boots, and snowpants will also be needed as the temperature gets colder and colder. Thanks!
- ★ Hot lunch on Wednesday will be pizza, and on Friday it will be cheese breadsticks + sides.

Health/COVID Updates

Please continue to monitor your students for any signs or symptoms of illness and exercise caution when determining if they can attend school. If your student has been exposed to Covid-19 or has tested positive, please notify our school nurse, Carrie Bruns, at cbruns@crownpointchristian.org and she will arrange for quarantine and virtual learning.

New CPCS Faculty

Meet Mrs. Ruiz, Our New 5th Grade Dual Language Teacher!

My name is Yajaira E. Ruiz, and I teach fifth grade here at Crown Point Christian School. I grew up in Jayuya, Puerto Rico. I earned my bachelor's degree in Management and my master's degree in Human Resources from Metropolitan University in Puerto Rico.

Having the opportunity to teach in a Christian school brings me joy and gratefulness. It is such a privilege to get to know students well and be part of their lives as their teacher. I love being able to see learning come alive for kids! It is a joy to see their love for Jesus grow and their faith mature.

I have been in education for nine years, assisting preschool, teaching 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, and 4th Grade. All of these experiences at Zeeland Christian School in Michigan. One of my passions is to teach in Spanish and see how amazing our brains work in learning new languages (Wow! How great is our God, He made us!)

We are a family of four: My husband Angel, my son Alejandro, and my daughter Amanda. I can't forget, Hersheys, our puppy. We moved from Puerto Rico in 2010 to Michigan, where we lived until July 2020. I am excited to serve my Lord and Savior and get to know new families and people here in Indiana.

We are pastoring the Iglesia Cristiana Pentecostés in East Chicago. One of my favorite Bible verses is **Isaiah 45:5a** "I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God". **Isaías 45:5a** "Yo soy el Señor, y no hay otro; fuera de mí no hay ningún Dios".

