

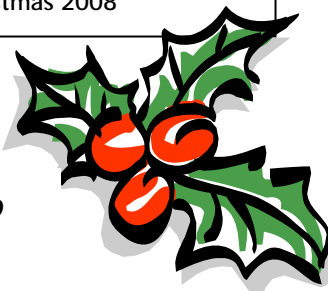


Halifax Christian Academy CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

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*Saturday, November 29, 2008, 9:30 am-2:00 pm
Timberlea Campus*



What is Christmas in the Country?

Christmas in the Country is a time when the Halifax Christian Academy family can come together for an informal time of fun, food, and fellowship. It's a let's-get-to-know-you time as well as a fundraiser.



All of the proceeds will go towards HCA's ongoing expenses.

What can I do to make Christmas in the Country successful?

We need your support and the support of all the families in the school.

Here is how you can help:

There are a multitude of activities:

- ✿ craft tables set up by local crafters providing opportunity for you to purchase Christmas gifts
- ✿ a silent auction
- ✿ a bake table
- ✿ our delightful Grandma's Kitchen
- ✿ *Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe*-a place where anyone can purchase items at very reasonable prices.

1. Attend yourself!! Spend quality time chatting informally with other parents and students.
2. Bring your own children.
3. Invite another family or two; arrange to meet them there.
4. Invite your children's friends, cousins, etc. to come with you if their parents can't come.
5. Read this notice carefully and decide how you can help.
6. Fill in the response form

Please complete & return the attached response form

Admission & Tickets for Activities

For the children:

- ✿ balloon animals
- ✿ face painting, hair braiding
- ✿ make & take crafts, fish pond and game rooms filled with fun activities!



Admission to Christmas in the Country is simply a donation, small or large.

Tickets for various activities will be on sale for 50-cents each from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Some events will require more than one ticket.

Some events such as the Bake Table and Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe will require cash—change will be provided. The only event that will accept cheques is the Silent Auction.

SAFETY NOTICE

Important notice for the safety of your children

Parents or a responsible adult must be on the premises at all times to ensure the safety of all children 0-12 years of age. The school does not accept responsibility to look after children.

Preparation Day

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Because this is a social event, as well as a fundraiser, all of our teachers will be present at and participating in Christmas in the Country. Therefore we have scheduled Friday off both to transform the Timberlea campus into Christmas wonderland and to give the teachers a chance to prepare their lessons for the following week.

All donations should be clearly marked as to their purpose. eg. Silent Auction/ Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe, etc. Donations should be brought either to the Armdale or Timberlea Campus on Thursday, November 27 or Friday, November 28.

Grandma's Kitchen

This is one of our major attractions and grows in popularity each year. We depend on the support of volunteers to assist us by bringing in supplies, donating and helping to work in our "kitchen".

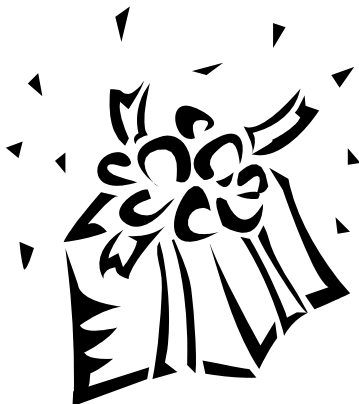
The Grandma's Kitchen committee is asking each household to donate \$3 this year. Please send in your donation clearly marked "Grandma's Kitchen" no later than **Monday, Nov 24th, 2008.**

Lastly, **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!** Help is required on Friday to set up and on Saturday to help serve, cook, and clean. Moms and Dads are both welcome! If you can volunteer on either Friday or Saturday, please return the attached form. You will receive a follow-up call to confirm. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers!

The Grandma's Kitchen Committee

Make & Take Crafts

Children can make their own Christmas crafts to take home with them. Materials and instruction are provided.



School Craft Table

Please donate craft items suitable to be sold at school craft tables.

Treasures in the Snow (fish pond)

Small items for prizes (new toys, candies etc) are needed. These items can be sent to the school at any time, labeled *Treasures in the Snow.*



*Mock Jail ******

Put all your "friends" in our very own jail. For a small price, our guards will arrest and imprison them, and they will have to either pay a small fee or sing a little Christmas song to be released.

*Balloons, Hair and Faces!! ******

Balloon animals! Creative hair braiding! Face Painting Masterpieces!! Volunteers needed

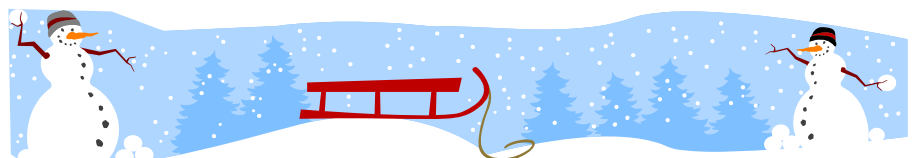
*Games Galore ******

Help is needed to make the games exciting and fun!!!

Silent Auction

Contact Mrs. Barbara Currie 457-7108

We are looking for a variety of quality items. eg. gift certificates, cosmetic baskets, theatre tickets, jewellery, collectors' items, hotel packages, oils changes, etc.



Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe

This is a place for everyone to shop for bargains. We need new/used knick-knacks, toys, and curiosities. No clothes, no very large items, and no *aplasic trash@*. Send in things that you or your children would enjoy. Send in early in the week, at least by Friday, November 28. These items will be sold at garage sale prices.

Free Childcare for Friday Volunteers

Free childcare is provided at Armdale for all parents wishing to help set up for Christmas in the Country.

Childcare is also available for working parents for a modest charge

*Cost:
\$15—5 hours or more
\$7—4 hours or less*

Please request a registration form if you have not received one.

Bake Table

Everyone is invited to send in home-baked goods. Label all items with your name, phone number, and list of ingredients. Package them neatly and securely in amounts of 6, 12, 18, 24, etc.

Buskers

Contact Mrs. Dennis 475-1441

We are looking for a variety of gifted adults and teens who can play the piano or another instrument in the crush area (Grandma's kitchen) for an hour or so. A specific time convenient to you will be assigned.

Craft Tables

Contact Laurie Schmuland 475-1441

Parents of our students may rent display tables for \$20, and guest crafters may rent a display table for \$25.

Help Sheet for Christmas in the Country—Please complete and return

Name _____ My youngest child is in grade ____ Campus _____

Phone: Day _____

Evening _____

Cell _____

Email _____

I can attend and invite:

- I plan to attend and bring "the kids".
- We will invite at least one other family or other children.

I can do the following:

- I will pray that this will be a successful time of fellowship and fundraising.
- I could be a busker: Instrument _____
Times available: from _____ to _____ on Saturday. Someone will contact you.
- I will help set up on Friday morning. (Please come to Timberlea between 9:00am and 11:00 and make your presence known.)
- I will help with decorating the crush area at Timberlea on Friday. Please come to Timberlea sometime between 9:00 and 11:00 and ask for Marion Bourque or Monica Stevens.
- I can help with the following event (see description of events):
Event: _____ Times available on Saturday: _____
- I can help with Grandma's Kitchen:

____ Kitchen Staff	Times available:	____ 9:00-11:00am
____ Server/Table Clearer		____ 11:00am-1:00pm
____ Clean up		____ 12:00-2:00pm
- I will help for one hour of clean up at 2:00pm on Saturday, after the event.
- I would like to rent a craft table (\$20.00 per table for school families)

I can provide the following items (check as many as you wish):

- baked goods for the bake table (see enclosed note for instructions)
- items for Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe or Treasures in the Snow (see note on previous page for guidelines)
- craft sale items for school craft table.
- hair beads & ribbon for hairbraiding
- face paints for face painting
- items for silent auction
- \$3.00 for Grandma's Kitchen
- beads for hair braiding
- 1 bag of hard candy (game room). Candy must be individually wrapped.

**When to Send Items**

Note: All items for Christmas in the Country should be brought in early the week of the event, except the bake table or Grandma's Kitchen items, which should be brought in Thursday or Friday of that week.

