



# CANTERBURY SCHOOL

## **Parents' Press**

*An e-newsletter for Canterbury families*

December 2017

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Winter is the time for comfort,  
For good food and warmth,  
For the touch of a friendly hand  
And a talk beside the fire:  
It is the time for home.

-Edith Sitwell

Amid all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, Canterbury would like to wish a warm and wonderful winter break to our students and families.



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## A Holiday Message from Rachel Stone



Christmas morning in my house as a child began with stockings filled with small gifts (and an orange in the toe). We would open them upstairs so as to delay that wonderful moment of first seeing presents under the tree. Then my sister and I would wait - in some years more patiently than others - at the top of the stairs while the adults made coffee, turned on Christmas music, and warmed up the coffee cake (at a sloth-like pace!).

You will not be surprised to learn that our boys now wait, breathless, on the top stair while we prepare for Christmas morning. "What is taking you so long, mom?!" is a yearly refrain, usually followed by a request for patience and a reminder that the *waiting is in some ways the very best part*. The anticipation and imagining. That tingling feeling that runs from head to toe and that has been building since the very first Advent candle lighting and Advent calendar opening. *Watchful waiting.* [More...](#)

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## Announcements

**Lessons and Carols**



Please join the Canterbury community on Thursday, December 14, for our holiday tradition of Lessons and Carols in the Chapel of Our Lady at 7:15 PM.

**Parents and families, please come by for coffee on December 15!**

When you pick up your student on Friday, December 15, we invite you to stop by the Student Life Office in Steele Hall from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM for coffee and cookies before you head home for the holiday break.

**Save the Date - Canterbury Takes to the Ice in Boston**

Alumni, parents, and prospective families are invited to join us for an exciting competition of Saints hockey!



Canterbury Girls' Varsity Hockey vs.  
Chinese U18 National Team

Thursday, February 1, 2018

6:30 PM Game

8:00 PM Post-Game reception catered by Shed's BBQ

Harvard University  
The Bright-Landry Hockey Center  
65 North Harvard Street  
Boston, MA

All current families are encouraged to bring a future Saint to this event and receive a special Canterbury thank you gift! More details will follow.

**The Cube Live Game Streaming**

For those not able to make it to the hilltop for a game, please make sure to subscribe to The Cube ([click here](#)) to follow the Saints in action. Check in frequently for the latest schedule of events as they are subject to change due to weather and streaming capabilities.

**Canterbury Commencement Medal - Parents of Sixth Formers and Post Graduates**

At this time of year, we begin making plans for Commencement, which will take place on Friday, May 25, 2018. It has been our usual custom to offer to each Sixth Former on an optional basis, a sterling silver medal which commemorates the Chapel of Our Lady. If you are interested in ordering a Commencement Medal for your student, [click here for more information](#).



## Yearbook News

### Yearbook Sales

We are now taking orders for the 2017-18 yearbook, which promises to be a special keepsake for your child. They are available for sale [here](#). Thank you for your support!

### *Placing an ad for your Sixth Former:*

Please consider commemorating your child's graduation through the purchase of a [yearbook ad](#). You have three design options: you may use Walsworth's design software when you purchase your ad; you may submit photos and opt to have the yearbook staff design an ad for you; or you may submit a completed ad of your own design. The deadline for purchasing an ad is February 19, 2018. If you have any questions about yearbook sales or placing an ad please contact [Ms.Tami Devine](#).

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## Campus News



### **Weekend in Review: Christmas Concert, Basketball and Hockey Wins**

On Friday, December 8, the Jazz R&B Combo, Chamber Group, Concert Jazz Group, and Orchestra performed for the Canterbury community at the annual Christmas concert. Conducted by faculty members David Overthrow and Hafez Taghavi, the show was the culmination of the students' semester-long work in their instrumental courses. Students performed holiday favorites, movie theme music, and jazz classics. [More...](#)

### **School Gathers for Fall Sports Awards Assembly**

Canterbury gathered on Thursday, December 7, to honor the athletes who made outstanding contributions to their varsity teams during this past fall season. Each varsity coach presented two awards, the MVP Award and Coach's Award. [More...](#)



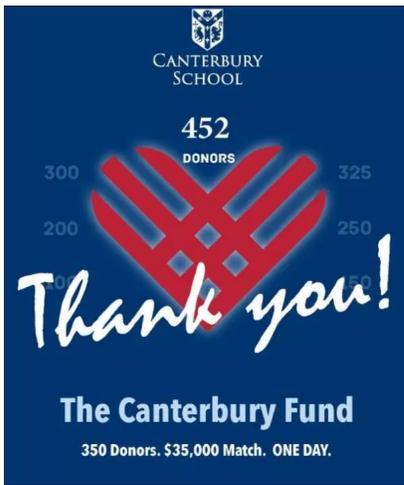
### **Community Service News**

Thank you to all who donated to the Food Drive for New Milford Social Services. We donated just over 1,000 items for the holiday season! Congratulations to Sheehan House for collecting the most items and to our day students who came in a very close second place!

### **Winter Athletic Season Starts Off Strong**

With winter athletics underway, Canterbury's Boys' and Girls' Varsity Ice Hockey teams kicked off their competitive season with games on Wednesday, November 29. Both squads earned impressive wins. [More...](#)





## Thank You to All Our Donors on Giving Tuesday!

With tremendous gratitude, Canterbury is excited to announce the success of our #GivingTuesday goals. We extend enormous thanks to our 452 donors who made a contribution to our School -- 102 more than our original goal! Thanks to the generosity of trustee Tom Clarke '86 and an anonymous donor who matched the first 350 gifts with \$100 each, the School raised more than \$178,000 on this single day. [More...](#)

## Canterbury Transitions from Fall Activities to Winter Season

As winter creeps into Connecticut and sunlight becomes a scarce commodity on campus, Canterbury paused just before the Thanksgiving Break to celebrate several remaining moments of the fall season. [More...](#)



## New Study Abroad Program: Canterbury Institute in Puigcerdá, Spain Sunday, June 10, 2018 – Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Canterbury School offers two, core study abroad programs that extend from the summer months into the academic year, both located in Spain and led by Language Department faculty member Julio Omaña. While unique in their individual focus, the two Spain trips allow students to practice their Spanish language skills and engage in a cultural transformation. Please contact Julio Omaña or [click here](#) for more information.

## Please refer a prospective family to Canterbury

Below you will find a list of our Admission receptions:

RSVP to [Admission Office](#)

Questions? Email [Camille Gangi](#) or call [860-210-3934](#)

## Upcoming Receptions

**Hosts: Trustee Dorothy Alpert '78 and Morrey Halfon**

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:30 – 8:30 PM

40 Plumb Hill Road

Washington, CT 06793

**TBA - Spring 2018**

**Hosts: Doug and Sandra Griebel**

Parents of Jackson '19

Rosa Mexicano Restaurant

9 East 18th Street

New York, New York 10003

**We extend special thanks to the hosts of our previous receptions.**

**Previous Receptions**

**Hosts: Richard and Mary DellaRusso**

Parents of Julia '17  
Tuesday, October 17  
Darien, CT

**Hosts: Frank and Philippa Poli**

Parents of Sophia '18 and CC '20  
Thursday, November 9  
Fairfield, CT

**Hosts: Greg and Christine Steiner**

Parents of Olivia '14, Sam '17 and Willem '19  
Ridgewood Country Club  
Thursday, November 2  
Danbury, CT

**Hosts: Donald and Zari Callahan**

Parents of Michael '21  
Wednesday, November 15  
Rumson, NJ

**Share Your Canterbury Experience**

If you know someone who may be interested in Canterbury, please call 860-210-3832 or fill out our [online form](#). We will send the family an information packet and acknowledge your referral. Please visit our Admission travel [calendar](#) to see when Canterbury is attending a school fair in your area. Your experiences are our strongest references. Thank you for being our best ambassador and sharing your enthusiasm and pride for our school!

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**Upcoming Events**

**Dec 14**

Lessons and Carols  
Chapel of Our Lady  
7:15 PM

**Jan 12**

Last day to add/drop

**Dec 15**

End of Semester 1  
Special schedule; classes end at 1:00 PM  
Students depart after athletics  
  
School Store Open 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Matthew Best Art Exhibit  
Edward J. Duffy Family Art Gallery  
6:30 PM

**Jan 13**

Charles Huntington Annual Alumni Hockey  
Game and Open Skate  
11:00 AM  
O'Neill Arena

Parent Coffee

Student Life Office  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Jan 19-20**

Trustee Weekend

**Jan 3**

**Jan 25**

Boarders return by 7:00 PM

**Jan 4**

Second Semester classes begin

Instrumental Music Lesson Recital

L. Michael Sheehy '56 Choral Classroom

8:00 PM

**Feb 1**

Girls' Varsity Hockey Game and Reception

6:30 PM

Harvard University

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