



Winter Fine Arts Festival and Chili Cook-Off Competition



Important Details

- Thursday, December 12, 2019
- **Upper and Middle School Christmas Concert and Fine Arts Show begins at 7:00 p.m. in the gym**
- Doors open for the chili competition at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Cost for the competition is \$10 per person at the door; includes tasting of each contestant's chili, a bowl of chili, and a drink
- Dessert: The Music Department will also hold its annual Cookie Walk in the Music Room during the Chili Cook-Off (small tin of cookies may be purchased for \$5, medium tin for \$10, and large tin for \$15)
- The Christmas Concert is free and open to the public

All attendees, along with designated judges, will vote for the best chili. Contestants will be awarded prizes for first and second place, as well as People's Choice. Awards will be announced during the concert.

We are also in need of individuals and teams who wish to share their favorite chili recipe and compete for prizes. To join the competition, please contact Mrs. Joy Johnson at joyjohnson@concordiaprepschool.org by **Monday, December 9**. Competitors must bring the following items: chili in a crock pot, serving utensils, and any sides or toppings. All contestants are asked to stay until the concert begins. The school will provide paper goods, utensils, and drinks.

Chili Cook-Off Rules and Regulations

For this Chili Cook-Off, chili will be defined as ANY combination of meat, spices and seasonings, beans, and liquid such as broth or tomato juice. Whatever you call CHILI, we will call chili. All entries must be homemade.

NOTE: Entries may be meatless, beanless, gluten-free, chicken, or turkey chili.

- To enter the competition, participants must e-mail Mrs. Joy Johnson at joyjohnson@concordiaprepschool.org. (Include name, phone number, and type of chili.) Registration deadline ends at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9. Contestant numbers will be assigned day of event.
- A minimum of 10 teams is required for the competition.
- Contestants must prepare a crock pot or heavy metal pot full chili—enough to feed 10 to 15 individuals—approximately 8 quarts.
- Chili must not melt taste buds.
- NO store-bought chili allowed.
- Please label chili mild, medium, or spicy.
- Main ingredients must be displayed.
- Sides or garnishes such as but not limited to: cheese, cilantro, sour cream, crackers, etc. are entirely optional.
- Electricity will be provided to heat the chili. Crockpots will be plugged in and left on “warm” setting. There will be no food prep on location.
- Please bring your own ladle or other serving utensil. Spoons and bowls for judging and dinner will be supplied.
- Contestants must be onsite by 4:30 p.m. and remain until the concert starts at 7:00 p.m.
- Judging will be based on overall taste and “People’s Choice.” See below.
- Remaining chili will be served to attendees before the concert and art show.
- All proceeds will benefit the Fine Arts Department.

Chili Cook-Off Judging

Before judging begins, designated servers will fill small cups with samples of each chili. All attendees and pre-selected judges will be given a piece of paper on which they will circle the number correlating to their top choice. Attendees will then place their papers in the voting baskets. Once all the votes have been cast, votes will be counted and the winners announced at the concert. There will be three winners: First Place, Second Place, and “People’s Choice.”