

Life-Direction

Did you know that if you do not know where you are going – any road you choose will get you there? I remember riding in the car with my uncle and we were totally lost, but he assured me, “We are making good time.”

How crucial it is that Cincinnati Christian Schools reaffirm and recommit to the reasons we are here and “workout” (Phil. 2:12) our God given mission with enthusiasm and excellence.

Mission: Cincinnati Christian Schools, partnering with Christian families, provides a **Bible-centered, quality educational program** to **equip, train, and disciple** students to follow **Christ** and impact **culture**.

The goal of Christian education is that the presence of Jesus, acknowledgment of God, and use of His Word in principle and in daily activity will assist our children to grow up “mighty in spirit (3 John 4).” Our



students must be in constant training to be prepared for the cultural battles that Satan will continue to throw at us using humanism and other forces of darkness (Ephesians 6:12-13). Our kids must be surrounded by truth, not only taught and explained with excellence (Col 1:28-29), but lived out on a daily basis (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

Cincinnati Christian students must be prepared to meet the challenges of today’s society and we need to purposefully prepare and equip them for successful Christian living. James 3:1 makes it clear that this is not an easy task; in fact we must be sure of our calling and careful in our work for the responsibility is great and the accountability to our Lord for the lives of such precious learners is strict!

Christian education is about transformation. It must include the best practices in teaching and learning and all the tools that create a positive learning atmosphere. But it must also include a supernatural guidance that

accepts the fact that man's ways are not God's ways and our only hope of success is to follow our God in a relationship to Jesus Christ. The impact of Jesus must touch the inner core of who we are and what we believe for Christian education is also "Heart Education (Luke 6:45)."

Christian Education that makes a difference requires our best effort along with the commitment to persevere when the going gets tough. This process is an interesting combination that requires God to work on our behalf concurrently while we use our talents, physical strength, wisdom, and insight to fulfill our mission.

Pray for me, the Board, and the administrative team as we seek to keep the program and traditions that have honored the Lord, but also to improve, grow and change as the Lord leads. Pray that the Christian body has a willingness to support the school in prayer, finances and effort, while making changes when it more effectively meets a needy culture. The power of unity is a precious source of strength among those committed to the principles of Christian education. Not only is this about serving our current population, but being ready and prepared to educate those who will join us in the future. Current choices can have long term impact.

It is my hope that while leading Cincinnati Christian Schools under wise practices and principles, we will see the fruits of our labor supernaturally blessed as we educate and disciple a great number of warriors for Christ who are ready to make a difference in an ever changing world! Isn't that a mouthful!? This is a lofty goal that we must strive to attain!

Matthew 11:12 tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing and forceful men and women lay hold of it. What a privilege to work with parents who are committed to raising Godly offspring (Malachi 2:15) and who have put on the armor of God (Eph. 6).

The "for such a time as this" meetings, have gone very well! Thanks for the near 200 that have come to share your ideas and show your support. I am excited to see what the Lord does in the next several months. Please join us for the Friends and Family banquet on Nov. 30th. Not only are we going to have a great time together, hearing from our alumni and kids, along with special guest Dr. Jay Kesler, but a great announcement will be made about the Blessing of the Lord on CCS that should be an absolute encouragement to everyone!

Also, remind your pastor's about the Pastor's luncheon at 11:30 on the 30th. We hope they will all come to be encouraged by Dr. Kesler and to find out how CCS hopes to partner with the 140 churches that have children in our school.

Let's get on the same page, the same road, and see where God takes us as we journey with Him into the future!