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From the Interim Superintendent

Dear Parents, CCS Staff, Students and Friends,

Are you tired of hearing the word CHANGE? I certainly am. I can tell you though if you haven't kept up with what is going on at Cincinnati Christian Schools, the past few months, I pray you will be pleasantly surprised when you return. Our administration has been working diligently to improve the facilities where needed, hire a few great teachers and review curriculum in order that we continually attempt to meet our customer's (your) needs and offer the best Christian education to your children east of the Mississippi.

I cannot tell you in words how thankful I am to all of you who put your trust in us to educate your children. I especially thank those of you who have been able to help financially with the many needs this summer allowing us to make the improvements to the facilities. Keeping our facilities safe, clean and updated will allow us in the long run spend less, by keeping things in good working order. Our desire is to be great stewards of what God has provided for His school. Our direction is to use your paid tuition dollars to develop educational programs, pay teachers and their benefits and pay for the day-to-day operation of our buildings. Special projects like cafeteria remodeling at both campuses, a security system at the High School and student scholarships, will be projects I must ask our families to help with from time-to time. I know that some families cannot help financially, but we all can support our school through a good word to others and prayer for our teachers, administration and students. I would also ask that, as our enrollment is lagging behind a bit, you would encourage those you know to send their children to CCS. The old business rule is "your customers are your best advertising", so please share CCS when and where you can, because that is part of the "partnership" in our mission statement we rely on you for.

Most all of our projects except for the "student drop off blacktop repair" have been funded by our families. The cafeterias will be completed by the time you read this. The security system protecting our students is being installed. New carpet installed in some offices fully paid for by one of our families. I am truly grateful for all your help, support and especially your prayers. For those of you who would like to see the front area of our school greatly improved and can help financially with the black top project, I would certainly appreciate your phone call (892.8500) or e-mail tdiefenbacher@cincinnatichristian.org. We can still make this improvement in time for our new school year.

As always, I pray that your family has had an opportunity to grow closer this summer and that our Lord Jesus Christ has been the one we have praised for our health, loved ones, friends and needs. I look forward to seeing you all very soon at Back 2 School Night.

Terry Diefenbacher

From the School Board

Dear Parents:

Do you wonder how the summer months can go so quickly? We hope God has blessed you with some relaxation and time with your families.

We approach the 2009-10 school year with anticipation of what God will do in the lives of our students and the entire school body. As the Board is called to direct policy and oversee the Superintendent, we have confidence in the efforts this summer of the Interim Superintendent, Mr. Terry Diefenbacher. He has worked to establish and build a strong administrative team to develop dynamic programs for the upcoming school year. Please keep him in your prayers throughout this year as CCS weathers through the tough economic times in which our country finds itself.

Welcome new CCS families. Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to meet through the course of the year. The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month unless published otherwise. These meetings are open sessions and parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Please visit the school web site, cincinnati-christian.org to read about the purpose of the CCS Board and how it functions. It is the intent of the Board to develop "Ends" which result in a learning environment that achieves well-prepared, Godly students to impact culture for the rest of their lives.

Working together and praying for God's direction at every turn, we look forward to an amazing year!

John Thomas,
Board Chairman

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Mr. Ed Wilburn
Working on a project for the Elementary Campus.

Welcome to another exciting school year at Cincinnati Christian Schools. We have been working hard this summer and have some exciting changes to share. First, Mr. Ansari has helped us with new flooring in the cafeteria and staff bathrooms. It looks great and is a much needed improvement. Next, Cincinnati Occupational Therapy Institute will have a site on CCS and that means that our students that would benefit from occupational therapy can receive the sessions in our building. It is important to mention that COTI does not work for Cincinnati Christian Schools and therefore their services must be contracted individually. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions about COTI at Cincinnati Christian Schools. Last but not least, I would like to welcome Mrs. Becky Schweier and Mrs. Traci Conner who will be joining After School Care and Mrs. Stephanie Heid as the new Elementary Spanish teacher. Mrs. Heid is fluent in Spanish, has a Master's degree in Spanish, and is the mom of Merrick, Miranda, and Margaux. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Donna Hempelmann, Elementary School Principal.

Dear CCS Family,

It's hard to believe that a new school year is upon us! The summer has been one of refreshment, focus, and planning. There have been some changes in policies for the 2009-2010 school year, some of which, you should take special note.

Athletic eligibility has changed to a GPA of 2.0 for the coming school year. Grades will be checked at the end of each quarter to determine eligibility for the next quarter. Fourth quarter grades will determine eligibility for the first quarter of the next school year. There are two important points to note: 1) Due to the change in GPA, EVERY student will be eligible to play during the first quarter of the 2009-2010 school year. 2) There will be no Academic Watch this year.

Safety of our students is of utmost importance and it is vital that students are always under supervision while at school. Please remember that at 3:30 each afternoon, all students must report to after school supervision if they are not being directly supervised by a coach or teacher. Students who are dismissed from practice, detention, tutoring, or any other activity should also report to after school supervision until their ride arrives. (An application for after school supervision at the Junior High/High School campus is enclosed in this mailing.)

Even though our faculty has been enjoying a much deserved vacation, they have not forgotten about their students. Not only have they been studying "brain-compatible learning" strategies, as part of their professional development, many have also been working diligently in their classrooms getting everything "just right" for the fall.

We will be adding five new members to our JH/HS faculty this year. They include: Mrs. Brenda Robeson, Social Studies teacher and Social Studies Department Chair; Mr. Ken Peters, Boy's PE/Health teacher; Mrs. Kim Richter, Bible teacher; and Mrs. Lisa McKain, Math teacher (part-time). In addition, Mr. Jimmie Ashford will be joining us to lead our chapel each week and teach our Chapel Leadership class. We are thankful for each of these exceptional individuals that God has led to CCS.

Donna Hempelmann, Elementary Principal, and I will be attending a week long "Differentiated Learning" training in early August. We are excited about this opportunity and will be bringing back information to share with our teaching staffs.

Mrs. Hempelmann and I also spent time this summer with a committee overviewing our math program in grades K-12. We have made significant progress to this point, and will continue to work toward making our math curriculum the best it can be.

A special thanks to Tim and Marianne Larsen for heading up all the work on the football practice field! Numerous volunteers have spent countless hours to make this a reality and we greatly appreciate their hard work and dedication. In addition, thank you to Mr. Biddle, Mrs. Dyer, and the entire CCS band for their great showing at the 4th of July parade in Hamilton. They represented CCS in excellent fashion.

CCS is a very special place to work and serve. I am looking forward to an amazing 2009-2010 school year.

Mrs. Deborah Enos, JH/HS Principal

Athletic Boosters News

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped with the May 9th Yard Sale and Car Wash. A special thank you to Bill and Tamara Kissel of Bell Moving and Storage for allowing us to use one of their moving vans for storing and transporting donations. Also, thank you to the many volunteers who helped collect, sort and price items in preparation for the yard sale, those who worked the day of the sale and to the JH Baseball, JH Basketball, Volleyball and Football teams for helping with the Car Wash. We made almost \$1,200 to go toward the planning and development of the athletic fields at the High School Campus!

Thank you to everyone who has helped out on the construction of the temporary practice football/soccer field at the High School Campus. Many volunteers have moved a lot of dirt to build this area up and fill in holes to prepare an area large enough for the teams to practice on. Thank you to Wayne Stone and Bill Jarvis for their expertise in operating the loader and bulldozer, Bill Spies for his many hours (days) that he has contributed, the football team who came out for "conditioning" (moving rocks), the crew of 18 who worked through the rain in early June to fill in holes and rake up rocks, Doug Bittinger for his hours of work and the use of his equipment, Don Paul and Terry Diefenbacher for allowing us to use their Bobcats, Dave Musson for supplying the straw, and to the many volunteers who have helped with seeding, strawing and watering the grass. We couldn't have done it without our CCS team!

Athletic Eligibility

All Students in grades 7-12 must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, with no F's, in order to participate in a sport or extra-curricular activity.

Grades will be checked at the end of each quarter to determine eligibility for the next quarter.

Taken from the Parent/Student Handbook, 2009-10

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ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Join the CCS Athletic Boosters for 2009 - 2010!

Athletic Booster Memberships Available:

Basic Membership - No Membership Fee

Jr. Varsity Level - Single \$15 / Couple \$25

Jr. Varsity Level includes \$1 off each home game

Varsity Level - Single \$100 / Couple \$150

Varsity Level includes

FREE admission to ALL HOME games

Print out a Membership form from the Booster webpage:

www.cincinnatiachristian.org/athletics/boosters

Please turn your membership form in to the Athletic Office or mail to CCS - 7474 Morris Road - Fairfield, OH 45011 - ATTN: Athletic Boosters

Questions, contact us at

ccsathleticboosters@cincinnatiachristian.org

All CCS parents, teachers and coaches are invited to join us as we support and encourage our student-athletes, coaches and Athletic Department. Our monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the High School Diner. Our next meeting will be Monday, August 10th. Join us as we prepare for an exciting fall sports season!

Officers for 2009-10

Tim & Marianne Larsen
- Co-Presidents

Missy Mann
- Secretary

Bill Spies
- Treasurer

Committee Chairs

Mary Reams & Nancy Leisen
- Spiritwear

Mary Perry
- Concessions

Kim Thomas
- Scholarship

Stop by our table at the Back 2 School Night on August 18th to join the Athletic Boosters and purchase or order new Spiritwear items for 2009!

School Board Meetings

2009-10 - 3rd Tuesdays - 7pm - HS Conference Room

Open Session 7-7:30pm



Sept. 15

Oct. 20

Nov. 17

Dec. 15

Jan. 19

Feb. 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

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Tuesday,
August 18th



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Cincinnati Christian Schools Presents:



When and Where:

Preview will be at the Cincinnati Christian School High School on Monday, August 31, 2009 in room 207. Regular classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at the high school beginning September 8th for 13 consecutive weeks. Please plan on bringing your teen age children for a life changing education in financial management. There is one price for the whole family, which has not yet been determined. Updated information will sent via the list-serve.

For more information please contact
Terry Diefenbacher @ 892-8500 or
tdiefenbacher@cincinnatichristian.org.

Calendar

August

- 18 Back 2 School Night
- 19 First Day of Classes
- 21 Chik-fil-A CEO - HS chapel

September

- 7 No School Labor Day
- 10 HS Magazine Sale Kickoff
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HS Chapel - 9.11 Memorial
- 18 1st Quarter Interims issued, K-12
- 28 - 10.02 HS Spirit Week

October

- 2 Homecoming Game
- 3 HS Homecoming Banquet
- 9 End of 1st Quarter - HS only
- 15-17 HS Fall Play
- 14 PSAT
- 16 1st Qtr
HS only Report Cards Issued
End of 1st Quarter - Elem only
- 21 PLAN Test
- 22-23 No School -
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Elem 1st Qtr Report cards
issued at conferences

5:30 - 6:30 Elementary School building will be open:

- Teachers will be in their classrooms, you may bring your classroom supplies to drop off
- Mrs. Traci McLaughlin RN will be available to accept medical forms and answer questions

6:00 - 7:00 High School building will be open:

- Teachers will be in their classrooms
- Mrs. Zeller, Guidance Counselor, will be available for questions
- Mrs. Shari Parker RN will be available to accept medical forms and answer questions

7:00 - 7:20 All School Meeting in the High School gym

7:20 - 8:15 Various activities

- Purchase:
Spiritwear
PE uniforms
(\$8 for t-shirts, \$13 for shorts)
Elementary uniform resale
(\$1 each piece)
- Kroger gift cards (\$1)
- Sign-up for organizations
- Learn about Fundraisers
- Ice Cream
- Hot air balloon rides
for elementary students



Fine Arts Boosters
Forming.

Officers needed:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Contact:

szaffiro@fuse.net

by August 7th

Parents are Invited
to share our
First High School Chapel
of the year!

Friday, August 21,
9:30am - 10:20am

Dan Cathy, President and
Chief Operating Officer
of Chick-fil-A, will be
the guest speaker of this
special chapel, sharing
his thoughts on making
good decisions and the
importance of family.

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