



CINCINNATI
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SCHOOLS

Christ-Centered Quality Education

COUGAR LINK

RE-ENROLLMENT



Don't miss the Re-enrollment deadline of 2/26 to take advantage of the lower fee. After 2/26, the re-enrollment fee becomes \$225 per student.

OPEN HOUSE



Our next Open House is **March 7th** from 2pm-4pm at both campuses. Please consider inviting your friends. **YOU** are our best advertising! If you refer someone who enrolls for next year you can earn a \$640 referral credit.

From the Superintendent

Mr. Terry Diefenbacher

Would you be able to accurately share with someone the mission statement of Cincinnati Christian Schools? Are you able to share with a friend or neighbor the core values of our school?

Our mission statement confirms what our school strives to do every single day. Our core values define who we are as an organization and clearly allow people to determine whether or not they are a "fit" for CCS. It is vital that these two primary pieces of information are fully known and understood by every family and employee who becomes a part of Cincinnati Christian Schools.

We know our mission statement and we know what we stand for, so where are we headed? I believe, without a doubt, that ten years from now, educators and Christian leaders across the country will know CCS as the leading Christian school in the nation. We will not necessarily be known because of our size, buildings or the many partners throughout our nation supporting our mission and vision. "They will know us by our fruit."

What is the one thing Cincinnati Christian Schools can be the best at in the World? Academics! What will drive our ability to become the best academic school in our nation? It is our passion to see lives changed for the Kingdom of God. At CCS, teaching the Bible is integrated into our

academics on a daily basis. With a disciplined focus on improving academic performance and opportunities, and a continued effort to help our Christian teachers receive all the tools and training they need, our students will graduate with a desire to serve the Lord as doctors, attorneys, engineers, pastors, missionaries and in many other professions. There will be no limit to what the Lord will "raise up" for His use.

Some of the initiatives this year have already made a difference in the lives of many of our students. These initiatives include:

- CCS Scholarship Program
- The Cheryl Williams Memorial Media Research Center (coming soon)
- CCS Land Development Committee "Focus Groups"
- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Technology Development Committee
- Discipleship Programs/small-group Bible studies

You can stay connected by reading the "VIP Report" and "Cougar Link" as we continue to make progress in all of these areas. Above all else, pray that our Lord would find great favor in all we do in His name and for His glory.

So why have you chosen CCS? I believe this is The Best Place To Be For Christian Education!

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MATINEES

10:00AM

Wed., Thurs., Fri.

For Matinee Tickets:
Contact Wayne Beaver
(513) 892-8500

All Matinee Tickets \$6.00

March 3-6, 2010
Jarson Kaplan Theater



EVENINGS

7:00PM

Thurs., Fri., and Sat.

For Evening Tickets:
Contact the Aronoff Box Office
(513) 621-2787

All Evening Tickets \$14.50

PRINCIPALS

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Elementary Principal
Mrs. Donna Hempelmann

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The month of February is super busy at the elementary. The big event is Pastor Appreciation on Feb. 12th. It is always a great time that allows us to honor our pastors during chapel and then gives the students the opportunity to eat lunch with their pastors. That's especially fun for the pastors! If that wasn't enough excitement, we will also be having the Cougar Mall that day. This mall is our Black History Mall and we are blessed this year to have a re-enactor from the Freedom Center who will come and perform for the students during the mall.

The next week, on Feb.18th, is the International Showcase which will be the opening event for International Week which has turned into two weeks! It's an exciting time of learning about 14 different countries around the world. Each class learns about a country and then presents it to every class throughout the day. We have a great time learning about different countries and usually tasting a little of their food.

Whew! Come join the fun filled February on the elementary campus!

Elementary Teacher's Lounge Gets A Make-Over



Thanks to a crew of volunteers, the teacher's lounge at the elementary campus is in the process of a make-over. With paint, fabrics, cabinetry, and plumbing, the room is becoming an inviting place for the teachers to relax and eat lunch.

High School Principal
Mrs. Debbie Enos

Interdisciplinary Teaching

Early in the school year I challenged each of our teachers to come up with a lesson plan that would incorporate their subject matter with the subject matter of another discipline – in other words, an interdisciplinary lesson plan. I am happy to say that the results have been exciting. I have already witnessed some of these plans in action, and am thrilled to be able to share them with you. Below is the list:

- Art in the Nervous System
- Shakespeare Project
- Holocaust/World War II Perspectives
- The Linear Nature and Representation of the Relationships between Density, Mass, and Volume
- Speech and Research Papers
- Geometry and Art
- Freshman Bible and Girls' and Boys' Health
- A "Civil" Discussion – Learning about the Civil War across the Curriculum
- The Moors: People, History, Religion, Art, and Culture: an Overview

These types of lessons provide opportunities for our students to study themes, questions, or topics from more than one academic discipline. They work to create connections between disciplines such as mathematics, the sciences, social studies or history, language arts, and fine arts. Interdisciplinary teaching also enhances critical thinking, transfer of learning, and writing skills.

I applaud our teachers for their hard work, creativity, and dedication to the education of our students.

Pictured are the winners of the Shakespeare competition. From left: Junior Sarah Zaffiro, senior Kelsey Simmons, and senior Lynne Roller. As the first place winner, Kelsey received a hard-bound book of Shakespeare's complete works. Sarah and Lynne both received paperback editions.



COUGAR NOTES



ATHLETICS

Exciting things are happening in Cougar Country! Below are the accomplishments of some of our student-athletes. Don't miss the opportunity to come watch and support our winter sports athletes.

Basketball

Congratulations to senior Sarah Carroll who was selected as the LaRosas Athlete of the Week!

SENIOR NIGHT - February 19th we will recognize 14 senior athletes and pep band members. Don't miss this exciting night!

Football

Senior Garrett Peters was named the Anthony Muñoz Lineman of the year!

Senior John Katenkamp was selected to the East/West All Star Football Team. Jon will be playing June 10th at Kings High School. Mark your calendars now to watch him play! Congratulations to both these young men on their athletic accomplishments!

Swimming

Junior Kendra Bierman is swimming up a storm and set to go to State on February 19th & 20th. The district swimming finals will take place at Miami University in Oxford.

Thank you!

Thanks to the many volunteers that made our CYO, Elementary Night, and Upwards Recognition Night a big success! We couldn't have done it without each of you.

Haiti Relief

On January 29th all Miami Valley Conference basketball gate money was donated to Haiti relief. A total of \$3,000 was raised! Thank you for your support!

Spring Sports Sign-Ups

Currently over 100 students have signed up to participate in our spring sports which includes baseball, softball, and track & field.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Have you dreamed of working in fashion design?

Do you want to be on the cutting edge of style at CCS?

Then we've got the place for you!

JOIN OUR SPIRITWEAR TEAM!

We are in the process of putting a Spiritwear Team together including parent representatives from CYO/Elementary, Jr. High, and High School. You will help plan the school spiritwear included in the Spiritwear Catalog each fall, work with coaches/team parents/team captains to design athletic team spiritwear, and other club/group spiritwear. The Team will begin working on the 2010-2011 Spiritwear designs in February – so contact us NOW! - ccsathleticboosters@cincinnatiachristian.org

Parents, alumni, coaches and fans are invited to join us on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the JH/HS Diner for our monthly meetings.

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FINE ARTS SAMPLER

Make sure to mark your calendar! Cincinnati Christian Schools present their budding artists on **Saturday, April 24th**, between 3:00pm and 8:00pm. The show will be in two parts;

- Part One: Fine Arts and Fun, featuring the elementary and junior high artists.
- Part Two: a formal art show featuring the high school artists.

We will need many, many helpers from both the elementary and high school. Please contact Amy Doloresco to volunteer amydoloresco@gmail.com.

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natural resources



Volunteers Needed:

One volunteer to serve as Host/Hostess for the March 7 Open House. Please contact Lisa Coombs at 892-8500 ext. 105 if you can help.

The PTF needs someone to coordinate the Used Uniform Sales. Please contact Kelly for more information: kellyhines@fuse.net.

The PTF needs helpers for Popcorn Friday's at the Elementary and HS campuses. Contact Barb Rainey: raineybunch@zoomtown.com.

Mrs. Zeller, Guidance Counselor, needs parents to help with the Junior High Fun Night being held on Friday, March 12th. Please email her to volunteer. (mzeller@cincinnatichristian.org.)

8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner is HUGE Success

Thank you so much to all of the parents and students who worked so hard to make the Spaghetti Dinner successful. The diligent efforts of parents, combined with 31 students, made it possible to feed over 350 people.

It is fair to say that this dinner was also a service to our



school. Many families came to the dinner who do not attend CCS. Therefore, we had an opportunity to show off our school in a special way – service, that spoke volumes to those who attended! A big thank you also to LaRosas in Fairfield and Olive Garden for their gracious donations of food. When you patronize these restaurants, let them know how grateful we are for their support of our school. Thank you also to everyone who came to the spaghetti dinner. Your support means so much to the 8th grade class!

CCS Helps Haiti

The students of CCS at both the high school and elementary campuses collected mass quantities of soap, shampoo, lotion, bandages, and other much needed supplies for the people of Haiti. Mrs. Kim Thomas, parent and wife of CCS school board president, John Thomas,



organized the collection process teaming up with Matthew 25 Ministries. Collections bins were placed in each classroom and for 2 weeks the

supplies were collected. On January 29th a group of sophomores loaded the supplies on the CCS bus and delivered them to Matthew 25 Ministries which will be shipping them to Haiti.

Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Mary Zeller

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SENIORS:

Don't forget to fill out and submit your FAFSA.
If you have not ordered your cap & gown for graduation, please do so soon.

SOPHOMORES:

You will be taking the Ohio Graduation Tests during the week of March 15th.
Note: The make-up days for any missed tests are during ESM week, so students who miss any portion of the OGT, will be need to be on campus for the make-up day or wait until October for testing.

PSEO:

Ohio's Post Secondary Enrollment Options program allows qualified high school students to take college level courses at area colleges while they are still attending high school. Students enrolled in this program receive credit for college-level courses that may also be applied to fulfilling high school graduation requirements. There are several steps involved to apply for this program, and students will need to follow the steps in order to be accepted. Students in grades 8-11, who are interested in learning more about Ohio's PSEO for the 2009-2010 school year, need to attend an informational meeting being held on February 23rd at 6:30pm in the diner.

JUNIOR HIGH:

Junior High Fun Night will take place on Friday, March 12th from 6:00-11:00pm. Students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to an evening event of fun and games. The cost to attend is \$12 by 3/8 or \$15 after that date. Look for additional information and permission slips to be given out in homeroom in mid-February.

3rd quarter report cards will be sent home with your student on March 19, 2010.

ACT Test Date	04-10-10	06-12-10	
Registration Deadline	03-05-10	05-07-10	
Late Registration Deadline	03-19-10	05-21-10	
SAT Test Date	03-13-10	05-01-10	06-05-10
Registration Deadline	02-04-10	03-25-10	04-29-10
Late Registration Deadline	02-18-10	04-08-10	05-13-10

junior high
**Fun
Night!**

**Friday, March 12th
6:00 - 11:00pm**

**Cost: \$12 by March 8th
(\$15 after 3/8)**

See Mrs. Zeller to sign up!

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FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD



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Amazingly, it is that time again. Re-enrollment packages were just sent out and all of us are faced with evaluating where we stand financially in the coming year. The CCS leadership team has completed its formulation of the school's budget priorities for next year while our families are considering the impact of new tuition fees in the midst of an economic climate that does not seem to be getting any less stressful. This is not an easy task for any of us. But as we consider the costs involved with moving forward, we must also consider the cost of retreat. The truth is that the decisions we make on these issues are not just financial. They are matters of commitment to the things we hold most dear.

In addition to its economic challenges, this culture is testing us in other ways. In the way it values human life, in the way it honors personal responsibility, in the way it chooses leaders and respects the ones who are chosen, in the way it values the family, in the way it arrives at its ethics, and in the way it accepts the reality of truth itself. The world we live in defies our Biblical convictions at almost every turn. This is no time to throw in the towel. On the contrary, there may never have been a more suitable time to stand our ground.

We cannot say it enough: The purpose of CCS begins with academic excellence, but it does not end there. Our vision is to go beyond information – to transformation. Next weekend, your School Board will be identifying and clarifying the “ends” toward which we want our students headed. Whatever the specifics, we promise you that those ends will incorporate their heads, hearts and hands in a unified, Biblical view of the world and a commitment to engage that world as the responsible leaders and role models this culture so desperately needs. We want them to leave here equipped to make wise decisions that are consistent with the convictions we all share.

As we move toward that goal we encourage

each of you to join us in a recommitment to keep heading there as a team. We invite you to do so not with indifference to the practical realities we all face, but in spite of them. Please consider donating to, or tapping into, the Scholarship Program Mr. Diefenbacher has worked so hard to implement. Take advantage of the referral credit by introducing new families to our school. As you count the costs, remember the purpose.

We understand how difficult a time this has been, and continues to be, for many of our families. Please know that every time we meet, your School Board prays fervently and specifically for you and for the future of our school. As always, we are all in this together. Thank you for the many sacrifices you make to provide your children with a Christian education and for the trust and confidence you place in us. Though it is easy to lose sight of it sometimes, the long-term ramifications of your commitment may be one the most significant choices you have ever made.

Bob Perry
For the CCS School Board

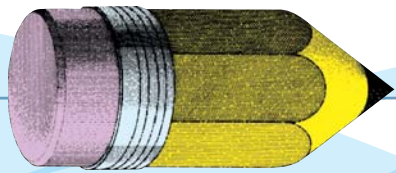
Have a Blessed Easter Season



“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; *he has risen*, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen

from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

Matthew 28:5-7 (NIV)



SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

National Honor Society Coin Drive Is a Huge Success!



Last Thanksgiving, members of the National Honor Society committed to sponsoring two families at Christmas. The NHS would provide these families with all of the material things needed to lessen the financial burden of Christmas. Students hosted a coin drive competition between the grade levels at their campus. The goal? To raise \$1,800.00 in 10 days. This was the equivalent of about \$5.00 per Junior High and High School student.

Over the course of two weeks in December, National Honor Society members collected coins from parents in the parking lots and made daily announcements in which they

announced the standings in the competition and encouraged student participation. Students donated their lunch time to gather donations and spent time after school on organizational duties.

NHS members were optimistic after nine days of the coin drive, when the student body had already raised \$1,200.00. The goal was within sight! But on the last day of the drive, the students donated *an astonishing \$1,600.00* – for a grand total of **\$2,800.00**. This averages out to nearly \$8.00 per student (instead of the requested \$5!).

The winning class (the Juniors) celebrated their victory with a “Diner Extravaganza” – dessert was served, drawings were held, and students were permitted to be out of dress code. All of the students at CCS discovered that giving to others can be a fun and fulfilling way to celebrate the season of our Savior’s birth!



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Elementary Buzzes Through Spelling Bee

Recently the CCS elementary held a spelling bee for students in grades 1-6.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st – 3rd grades:

Nick Hines

Cole Hutchins: Runner Up

4th – 6th grade:

Jordan Smith

Kyle Nash: Runner Up



*Pictured (L to R):
Cole Hutchins, Jordan Smith, Kyle Nash, Nick Hines.*



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Upcoming Dates

FEBRUARY

- 12 Elem. Pastor Appreciation Chapel
Market Day Pickup
SCRIP Orders Due
- 15 No School
- Presidents Day
- 16 School Board Mtg. 7pm
- 18 Elem. K-6th Choir Concert
- 19 SCRIP orders delivered
- 23 PSEO Parent/Student Meeting 6:30pm



MARCH

- 12 Market Day Pickup
SCRIP Orders Due
- 15-19 OGT Testing
- 21-26 8th Grade to Washington, D.C.
- 22-26 HS ESM Week
- 24 1 Hour Early Dismissal for Fairfield
Bus Riders
- 25 4th Grade to Camp Campbell Gard
- Open Parent/Teacher School Board Mtg.
- 29-4/5 Easter Break

APRIL

- 12 SCRIP Orders Due
- 16 Market Day Pickup
- 20-23 Standardized Testing K-9
- 20 School Board Mtg. 7pm
- 24 Fine Arts Sampler
- 26 No School/Teacher In-Service
- 30 4th Quarter Interims
- 30 Jr/Sr Prom