

From the Superintendent

While walking the halls of CCS, I always make it a point to say hello to our students in an attempt of letting them know how much I value them and how interested I am in knowing what makes them “tick”. I believe every young person has a dream for their future. Often times it may take a student some time to think about it and bring it into focus but somewhere deep down in their soul, have no doubt, the dream is there. I have discovered over the many years of working with students that “the dream” can turn into a passion that drives a desire to learn and draw closer to our Creator and Lord. Stop and think about your dreams; what happened to yours? Why? Did anyone encourage you to pursue your dream and help show you how to achieve it? Or did someone crush your dream because they thought it was farfetched and unrealistic or simply was not what they were expecting? I pray that no one reading this had their dream crushed. Because I have seen firsthand where young adults have shared a dream of theirs and the harsh reply from a mom or dad was devastating. It literally changed the student’s life, unfortunately not for the better. I have also witnessed firsthand where young students, after sharing their dreams, were encouraged to reach for that dream and encouraged to pursue it with all the gusto the Lord had given them, and miracles happened. I would love to tell the story about Mike, Andy, Sharon and many others who, because they were encouraged and not discouraged, are living their dream today. I believed the Lord had great things planned for their lives, and you know what, He did. Far beyond any dream of theirs because these young students realized that God had a special plan for them and they were excited and driven to pursue it.

The key point in this letter is that as fellow believers in Christ, we have a huge advantage over “the world”. God’s word makes some serious but awesome promises; in Philippians 1:6 “be confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ”, Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” and in Hebrews 13:5 “He will never leave you or forsake you”. Hebrews chapter 12 speaks of “The Race of Faith”. The apostle Paul develops the theme of endurance. The first three verses teach us that the key to persistence is passion and the text also suggests that if the key to persistence is passion, then the key to passion is purpose, “the dream”, His purpose so deeply planted in us before we were known. Encourage your children to dream and step back and see what great things God has planned for them. Help them to answer God’s call and serve the Lord in whatever they do. At Cincinnati Christian Schools, your staff serves to help you develop your children into special God designed miracles. Miracles from God still happen; I see them in our hallways every day.

Students Attend AMF Leadership Conference

On October 8th, 12 students (Josué Hernández, Lauren Bosworth, Robert Hartenstein, Cory Seay, Ashley Rasnick, Nicole Brusman, Bethany Dick, Samantha Gulla, Megan Lowry, Nathan Granger, John Copenhaver and Delaine Jones) participated in the 2009 Anthony Muñoz Foundation Youth Leadership Seminar. Over 100 schools participated in this one day event featuring motivational speakers encouraging our students to get involved in meaningful leadership.



As a result of the seminar and the call to get involved, our students organized a clothing drive to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. The clothing drive involved the entire HS campus in the goal of collecting 5,000 items of clothing. The group worked well as a team to divide up the responsibilities. To learn more about the Anthony Muñoz Foundation visit: <http://www.munozfoundation.org/>

Elementary Tradetown Elects Mayor

CCS was the pilot school for the Student Enterprise Program developed by the University of Cincinnati. At CCS, we call it Tradetown. Over the past ten years, the program has grown to include reaching out to the community in addition to teaching our elementary students about working together to run a business, working in the government, tithing, voting, paying taxes and more! Each year, sixth grade students may run for the office of Mayor and Vice Mayor of Tradetown. This year Micah Smearsoll was elected Mayor and Alex Dunman was elected Vice Mayor. Here they are shown with Fairfield Mayor Ron D’Epifanio.



Count The Blessings

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We have been blessed with some great opportunities this school year. First, we were contacted by Joseph Beth Booksellers to see if we would let Michael Berenstain come to our elementary school. Would we let him?? We were thrilled to be asked! In case you don't recognize the name, Michael's parents, Jan and Stan Berenstain are the authors of the Berenstain Bear books and now Michael, their son, has written a faith based group of Berenstain Bear books. He spent the afternoon at CCS Elementary drawing, talking with students, and signing books. Another great opportunity that has been given us is the chance to participate in Children, Inc.'s Service Learning program.

They will partner with us as we use our existing mission projects to extend learning in content areas. Spiritual Life Emphasis Week was another great blessing. Pastor Bob and Starla built on our Diakoneo theme and encouraged the children to examine their relationship with the Lord and to spend time in Bible reading and prayer. They were also encouraged to find ways to share the Lord with others as they serve them.

There are other exciting things happening like the first Cougar Mall of the 2009-2010 school year, the election and inauguration of another Tradetown mayor, our Fall concert, and all the Thanksgiving feasts where we spent time thanking God for His many blessings.

High School Principal
Mrs. Debbie Enos

Recently, I have been reading a book about professional learning communities. These are defined as, "communities of professionals caring for and working to improve student learning together, by engaging in continuous collective learning of their own."¹ To some this may seem a bit philosophical or dry, but to me it is an exciting challenge as principal to nurture such a learning environment for my teaching staff and students.

As a matter of fact, I already see evidence that we have begun this journey together. The beginning of our school year was a wonderful whirlwind of academics, art, music, field trips, drama, fall sports, and amazing chapels. In the midst of all of this activity I see teachers who care deeply about their students and who are striving to find ways to improve student learning. Each week we continue to look at simple, but effective ways to differentiate instruction and reach the learning styles of our students.

In the second chapter of Acts we read about the vitality and growth of the early church. It was a time, right after Pentecost, where they were growing as a body of believers in community with one another. That is what I envision for us as a body of believers here in this place. I pray for us to be in community with one another.

Amazing as it is, we find ourselves in the midst of second quarter with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner! Leadership training opportunities, winter sports, band and choir concerts, spring musical tryouts, and semester exams are fast approaching. I urge everyone to pay close attention to the weekly VIP email updates that are sent out each Friday. If you don't have email, you can also see these updates on the CCS website. These updates are an excellent source of information about upcoming events. I look forward to continuing our journey together in 2010!

¹Hord, Shirley M. & Sommers, W.A. (2008). *Leading Professional Learning Communities: Voices from Research and Practice*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.

COUGAR FALL RECAP



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Varsity Cross country: For the first time in CCS history, the girls had a complete team. Lindsey Mead and Amanda Roden were named to the MVC 1st and Teri Candy to the 2nd Team. The girls placed second in districts and advanced as a team to Regionals. The boys finished strong and achieved the goals set before them.

Varsity Golf: In another first for CCS, golfer Brent Kraft shot the second lowest score in sectionals and advanced to Districts as a sophomore. Brent made the MVC 2nd team and Kevin Kraft was Honorable Mention. The team returns six golfers next year.

Varsity Football: The Cougars overcame many team injuries to win three games. Thirty team and individual records were broken. The team ended on a two game winning streak which puts them on track for a great 2010 season. The team fed the hungry at the Gospel City Mission this year. The boys prepared the meal and served the men. The room was packed when Coach Johnson delivered a short devotion. The men were so grateful for the wonderful food and our boys were honored at the chance to serve.

Varsity Girls' soccer: The team finished 5th in the MVC. Michelle Baab was named to MVC 1st Team, Amanda Roden and Anna McKain to the 2nd Team. Megan Lowry and Rebekah Lotspeich were named Honorable Mention. The Girls Varsity Soccer team provided two visiting teams with dinner.

Varsity Boys' soccer: The boys finished 7th in the MVC. Coach Dillard was voted Coach of the Year by the MVC coaches. Justin Langhammer made 1st Team MVC, Matthew Hartinger 2nd Team and Matthew King and Ben Snyder Honorable Mention. The Boys Varsity Soccer team, under the guidance of Coaches Brian Nelson and Mike Coombs, provided four visiting soccer teams with dinner and fellowship after games. The teams are looking forward to next year for more chances to serve other teams. What a great opportunity to witness!

Varsity volleyball: The lady Cougars won the Scarlet Division of the MVC with a record of 13-0. Casey Reames and Sarah Carroll made MVC 1st Team, Katie Bandenburg and Dani Rodulfo made 2nd Team and Melissa Baab and Anna Wolford Honorable Mention. Sarah Carroll was name to the 1st Team All City Team, Casey Reames All City 2nd Team and Katie Bandenburg and Dani Rodulfo 3rd Team. Coach Teresa Bowden was MVC Coach of the Year. The girls won Sectionals and advanced to Districts for the 4th consecutive year.

JH Cross Country: Aaron Doyle was our lone JH runner. He was energetic and a hard working runner.

JH Football: Winning three games, Coach D'Epifanio has the program moving in the right direction.

JH Girls Soccer: Finished second in the MVC. The girls had an outstanding season.

JH Girls' Volleyball: Both A and B teams went undefeated and won the MVC postseason tournament.

The CCS Athletic Department honored our 23 graduating seniors on October 23rd. It has been an honor to coach and mentor these young men and women. It is our hope they use the lessons learned on the field and court to continue to honor Christ with a servant heart.

CYO Girls Basketball: The team is the champion in their league with a record of 10-0. They will be a formidable foe when they reach the junior high next year.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Join us as we cheer for our Cougar Teams this season. Check out the game schedules on HighSchool-Sports.net

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

Check out the Spiritwear Catalog and Membership opportunities on our webpage:

cincinnati.christian.org/athletics/boosters

Important Dates:

- January 15 – CYO Elementary Night at the Varsity Basketball game
Spaghetti dinner sponsored by the 8th grade
- January 22 – Upward Night
- February 19 – Winter Sports Senior Recognition Night
- March 11 – Winter Sports Celebration
- March 16 – CYO Celebration

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one of life's most valuable
natural resources.



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MAGAZINE SALE UPDATE

With your support of the sale, we will earn nearly \$15,000!

You may place orders throughout the year by going to: www.cincinnatichristian.org/support-ccs-2/magazine-sale/ and clicking on the Midwest Fundraising link. From there click on "Magazine Store". Enter our school code WC2317 and we will receive 40% profit.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Packets will be sent home in January with the youngest student in your family. Return forms before February 26 to take advantage of the discounted rate. Refer friends for the 2010-2011 school year through the Referral Bonus Program and receive a \$640 credit!

** The reenrollment fee and tuition will be set by the Board in December.*

Contact Lisa Coombs, 892-8500, with questions.

SKATING PARTY

The PTF invites all student to SKATETOWN USA for a night of skating and fun!

Thursday, January 22nd - 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Tickets Prices: (On sale Jan.19-22)

- \$4.00 during (elementary) lunch
- \$4.50 at Skatetown

Skate Rental:

- \$2.00 quad skate rental
- \$4.00 inline skate rental



She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him
the name Jesus, because
he will save his people from
their sins." *Matthew 1:21*



Merry Christmas!

As part of your commitment to CCS, each family is asked to give a minimum of 20 hours per year of voluntary labor to CCS (CCS Parent/Student Handbook pg. 32). Much of what is done here is accomplished by the helping hands of our CCS families. Below is a current list of how you can help:

URGENT NEED:

The Elementary needs parents to help serve lunch on Fridays and 2 Tuesdays a month. Please consider stepping in to help; you get to eat lunch for free the days that you serve. Contact Amy, ahiggins@cincinnatichristian.org.

Parents are needed to tutor 4th, 5th, and 6th graders from 30 minutes to 3 or 4 hours. Main needs are reading and math but could be any subject. Contact Mrs. Hempelmann at dhempelmann@cincinnatichristian.org.

PTF NEEDS:

Parents are needed to help with the uniform sale at the elementary concert November 19. Please contact Kelly, kellyhines@fuse.net.

If you would like to help with the Christmas Teacher Appreciation meals in December, contact Susan, sdungan@cinci.r.com.

We need parents to sell tickets for the Skating Party during elementary lunch and at the door the night of the event, Monday November 23.

Please contact Carmen, bhallbach@cinci.rr.com

ren web

RenWeb, our school management software program, provides parents password-secure access (ParentsWeb) to their children's data such as attendance, grades, homework, missing assignments, and discipline.

ParentsWeb is available 24/7 from home, work, or on the road. If you haven't yet signed up for **RenWeb** – it's easy! Go to www.cincinnatichristian.org, click on **RenWeb in the "Quick Links"** on the home page and follow the instructions.

list serves

We know that being an informed parent is important to you. Are you interested in being included on a list serve? This enables you to receive informative emails from the school. Contact Ann, aklusmeier@cincinnatichristian.org indicating which list serve(s) you wish to join: elementary, junior high, or high school.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

College bound students need to know: What is the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is the first step in the college financial aid process. You use the FAFSA to apply for federal student financial aid, such as grants, loans, and work-study programs. In addition, most states and schools use information from the FAFSA to award non-federal aid.

The U.S. Dept. of Education enters your response to the FAFSA questions into a formula from the Higher Education Act of 1965. The result is your "Expected Family Contribution", or EFC. The EFC measures your family's financial strength. It is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Your state and the schools to which you apply may also use some of your responses to determine if you will be eligible for school or state aid in addition to federal monies.

It is important to complete your FAFSA early, but it cannot be completed prior to January 1, 2010 because it is based on your income taxes from 2009. Many schools make final decisions about awarding financial aid to incoming students in February of the current school year, so it is best to complete your FAFSA by early February. During his/her senior meeting with the Guidance Counselor, each senior student will be offered an informational booklet regarding the FAFSA.

If you would like more information about this important document, feel free to investigate at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Junior & Senior Students:

The following dates are available for the 2009-2010 administration of the ACT and SAT.

CCS school code: 360-954

ACT Test Date	02-06-10	04-10-10	06-12-10	
Registration Deadline	01-05-10	03-05-10	05-07-10	
Late Registration Deadline	01-15-10	03-19-10	05-21-10	
SAT Test Date	01-23-10	03-13-10	05-01-10	06-05-10
Registration Deadline	12-15-09	02-04-10	03-25-10	04-29-10
Late Registration Deadline	12-30-09	02-18-10	04-08-10	05-13-10



Mandie Reiber

CCS Sophomore is Published Author

Sophomore Mandie Reiber began her first novel at the age of ten, finished that and its three sequels, by her fifteenth birthday. She has won several local and national art and writing awards and currently stands as one of the youngest published novelists in America.

Title: Sapphire (by A.K. Reiber)

Available at: Amazon.com and <https://www.createspace.com/Customer/EStore.do?id=3376608>

List price: \$19.74

ISBN: 978-1442110694

Author: A.K. Reiber

Synopsis: Ebony Winter lived with a thousand secrets, the most prominent of which being her pointed ears; but when she and her two best friends, Angel and Merwyn Madison, are kidnapped from their high school, it seems the past doesn't want to remain hidden. The teens are thrust into a world of magic and wonder, but also of corruption and war. Along with the mysterious Amesly Dupain, the friends will enter an adventure that will threaten all they trust. Secrets revealed, romance ignited... The Darkness is closer than you think.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

By Donna Snyder

The Board recently spent a Saturday participating in Carver Model Training. This meeting was a valuable resource to help the Board improve its governing methodologies for CCS.

One of the highlights of my day was an exercise in "What are our (CCS) values". As we began brainstorming a list, it made me stop and realize the impact of these values on our students. Life is exceedingly fast-paced these days and we are distracted with responsibilities that can draw us away from things that we "value". As a Board, we know that we partner with parents to raise Godly students and that you value the education that they receive. You have entrusted CCS to "train, equip and disciple" your students in accordance with the values that you hold dear. We thank you for that trust and do not take it for granted.

As a reminder to you, the following is a list of CORE values that the Board has adopted for CCS: Biblical Philosophy, Balanced Education, Christian Partnerships, Outstanding Leadership, Disciple of Christ and Institutional Accountability. They are explained in detail on the school website. Go to www.cincinnatichristian.org, click About CCS, School Board, CORE Values.

Going through this school year, we know you will see these values in our superintendent, administration, teachers, staff and coaches. As you observe them, join with us in thanking God for the opportunity your students have to learn in a Christian atmosphere every day.

The next School Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room at the High School. Parents are always welcome.

JH/HS 1st Semester EXAM SCHEDULE



December, 2009

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Time	High School	Junior High
8:00 am – 9:50 am	Exam 3A	Exam 3A
9:55 am – 11:45 am	Exam 4A	Exam 4A

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Time	High School	Junior High
8:00 am – 9:50 am	Exam Blue 1	Exam 1A
9:55 am – 11:45 am	Exam White 1	Exam 1B

Thursday, December 17, 2009

Time	High School	Junior High
8:00 am – 9:50 am	Exam Blue 2	Exam 2A
9:55 am – 11:45 am	Exam White 2	Exam 2B

Friday, December 18, 2009

Time	High School	Junior High
8:00 am – 9:50 am	Exam Blue 5	Exam 5A
9:55 am – 11:45 am	Exam White 5	Exam 5B

*All JH/HS students may be dismissed at 11:45 Tuesday, December 15 through Thursday, December 17, **only if** there is an early dismissal form filled out by a parent on file at the front office. There will be a study hall provided after lunchtime for students who do not leave early on those days. Normal bus service is available at 3:00pm.

Friday, December 18, JH/HS students are dismissed at 11:45, Elementary students at noon. Please make sure you have transportation for your child on that day. If you need transportation, please check with your local school district.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS



Market Day – Quality, prepared frozen foods.

Order forms are available at each campus. There is a link to Market Day along with order due dates on our website on the “Support” tab. Proceeds benefit the PTF.

Box Tops for Education and Campbell’s Labels - Box tops and labels are accepted any time at each campus office. The school website lists the specifics of each program under the “Support” tab. Proceeds benefit the PTF.

Target – Take Charge of Education Program. CCS earns .5 to 1% of all purchases made with your Target Visa card. See any store for details and the CCS website under the “Support” tab. Proceeds benefit the school’s general fund.

Meijer Community Rewards – CCS earns 1% of purchases made with your Meijer credit card or .5% using your Meijer 1 card. Registration forms are available at each campus or sign up at any Meijer store. Our school code is 753567. Proceeds benefit the school’s general fund.

Kroger Neighborhood Rewards - Purchase a card from PTF for \$1.00 (they have \$1.00 loaded on them). Simply take your card to Kroger and load any amount on the card with either cash, check, or credit card and purchase your groceries and gas using this gift card. PTF earns 4% of all reloads.

SCRIP - A term that means a form of payment, as in gift cards. There are over 300 retailers that participate; gas stations, department stores, restaurants and more. The school purchases the cards at a discount. You pay and receive full purchase price for these cards and CCS receives the discounted difference as profit. These look and spend exactly the same as those you would purchase directly at the store or restaurant. The return percentage ranges anywhere from 2% to as much as 30% for some stores! A list of retailers can be found at www.shopwitscrip.com; our school code is LLLD78FE7312 (case sensitive). This year’s proceeds will go to the Fine Arts Boosters to purchase a tenor saxophone and a piccolo.

JC Penney - purchase IZOD school wear from JCPenney’s then submit your original cash register receipt to either campus office, attention Kelly Hines, PTF. CCS earns 5%!

Food Items for Purchase During JH/HS Lunch - Ice cream on Tuesdays, Pretzels on Wednesdays, and Chic-fil-A on Thursdays. Proceeds are used to pay for prom; senior proceeds pay for their class gift and trip.

Inkjet Cartridges and Cell Phones – The sophomore class is organizing this fundraiser which collects used cartridges and old cell phones. You can begin saving these items now; details will be coming soon about where collection bins will be located.

8th Grade Washington, D.C. Fundraisers - LaRosa’s Buddy cards and World’s Finest Chocolate bars are being sold. Contact Candy Edmonston at candeeta@gmail.com or 860-3877. You are invited to attend the Spaghetti Dinner before the Varsity Basketball game on January 15, 2010. They are also selling Cookie Dough through Market Day during the month of November. Cookie dough will be delivered the first week in December. For questions regarding any of the 8th grade fundraisers contact Mrs. Granger (8th grade sponsor) at bgranger@cincinnatiachristian.org.

Cookie Dough - 4th and 5th grade students will be selling tubs of cookie dough in January. Proceeds go towards the cost of attending camp this spring. Details will follow after Christmas break.

Upcoming Dates

November

- 19 K-6 Music Concert
- 25–27 No School
- Thanksgiving Break

December

- 3 5th/6th & JH Band Concert
- 4 4th Grade Chapel
- 7 JH/HS Choir Concert
- 10 HS Band/Jazz Band Concert
- 14 Athletic Boosters Meeting
- 15-18 JH/HS Exams -
(JH/HS dismisses at 11:45 each day)
- 17 School Board Meeting
- 18 7th-12th Dismiss at 11:45
PS-6th Dismiss at Noon
End of 2nd Quarter PS–12
- 21
-Jan 1. Christmas Break

January

- 4 Classes Resume
- 8 K-12 Second Quarter Report Cards Issued
- 11 Athletic Boosters Meeting
- 15 3rd Grade Chapel
Spaghetti Dinner, Elementary Night at
Varsity Boys Basketball game
- 18 No School -
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19 Fairfield Bus Riders Early Dismissal
School Board Meeting
- 31 Open House, PS-12

February

- 1 No School -
Teacher In Service
- 5 3rd Quarter Interims Issued, K-12
- 8 Athletic Boosters Meeting
- 12 Elementary Pastor Appreciation
- 15 No School -
President's Day
- 16 School Board Meeting
- 18 K-6th Music Concert

