

VERY IMPORTANT PARENT REPORT

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All School Announcements

CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS PARENT/FAMILY SURVEY

A very important survey has recently been developed to help CCS learn about your student's/family's experience in their time with us. Your answers to the questions on this survey will provide critical information to help guide the future of our schools and all it can offer current and future students to help them grow closer in their relationship with God through academics, athletics, fine arts and other programs and activities.

This survey will online and will be going live on Monday, April 19th, running for one week. Your family will be receiving a message from the "One Call Now" phone system as well as an email with a link to the survey online. Please take a moment to participate in this most important survey.

THE CCS FINE ARTS FAIR (ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS)

Saturday, April 24th

The Fine Arts Fair will be 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and showcase artwork from both the elementary and junior high schools. Ribbons will be awarded and the Elementary Select Choir will perform. There will be crafts for kids, art demonstrations, a moon bounce, and lots of fun!

This event is in need of your assistance!

Fine Arts Fair needs:

- ✓ empty plastic bottles any size between 8 ounces to 20 ounces.

Please deposit at either campus in designated box in the lobby areas

THE CCS SENIOR HIGH ART SHOW PRESENTED BY THE FINE ARTS BOOSTERS

Saturday, April 24th

CCS Fine Art Boosters presents an art show of all 9th-12th grade artwork and a semi-formal reception with complimentary appetizers, desserts, and beverages on Saturday, April 24th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the high school gym.

Prizes in seven categories will be awarded including a cash award for "Best-in-Show". We will also be honoring Mrs. Rivera for her many years of service at CCS. All high school art students (1st & 2nd semester) and their families are highly encouraged to attend. Everyone is invited.

Please help to support this grand event in the following ways:

- ✓ Delicious desserts such as mini cream puffs, lady fingers, lemon squares, mini éclairs, cookie bars or Milano cookies are still very much in need. Please contact Lisa Johann to make arrangements for delivery at school if you can donate!
- ✓ Parent and student volunteers to set-up the high school gym on Thursday, April 22 from 3:30-7:00 pm.
- ✓ Parent and student volunteers are needed for clean-up after the Fine Arts Fair at 5:00 pm at immediately following the High School Art Show.

To RSVP, assist with these events or to make donations, please contact Lisa Johann at ljohann@woh.rr.com.

2010 FINE ARTS BOOSTERS FLOWER SALE

Not sure what to buy for your Mom this year for Mother's Day? Buy her some pretty flowers and help support the CCS Fine Arts Boosters at the same time! You can select from a wide variety of flats, hanging baskets, vegetable flats and much more! All orders must be made by Wednesday, April 29th.

Please see the informational flyer and/or order form for more information or contact Dawn Palazotto at Family98@isoc.net.

TRI COUNTY ASSEMBLY TO HOST CCS FAMILY APPRECIATION NIGHT

On Thursday, May 13th, the congregation of Tri County Assembly has invited all CCS families to be their guest for a special Cincinnati Christian Schools Family Appreciation Cookout as their way of showing their appreciation and support for your dedication to Christian education. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last until approximately 7:30 p.m. It will be a great evening of food, fun and fellowship!

Please RSVP to Mark Phair at mphair@cincinnatichristian.org by Tuesday, May 4th so they can properly prepare for the festivities.

CCS FINE ARTS BOOSTERS

All Booster Members and parents interested in the Boosters, please join us at our April 26th meeting, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Diner at the high school campus. At this meeting there will be an election for next year's officers. Although all current officers are willing to serve another term, nominations are still requested for additional candidates. The offices of vice president, secretary and treasurer have a term limit of one year (serving for the 2010-2011 school year) while the presidency is a two year term.

To nominate an individual please contact Susan Zaffiro at szaffiro@fuse.net.

COUGAR ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Help support our student athletes by becoming a member of the CCS Athletic Boosters. The boosters support all Cougar teams including our CYO/elementary, junior high and high school teams. Parents, alumni, coaches and fans are invited to join us on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the High School Diner for our monthly meetings. Their May meeting, however, will be held on Monday, May 17.

For more information about joining please contact the boosters at ccsathleticboosters@cincinnatichristian.org.

HOST A CCS EXCHANGE STUDENT FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

The International Cultural Exchange Service (ICES) is looking for families to serve as hosts for 2 exchange students for the 2010-2011 school year. Both potential students are strong Christians from Korea. These young ladies would have all of their tuition paid by their parents as well as spending money for assorted expenses.

If you are interested please contact Kim Shreve with ICES at (513) 729-7061 or kshreve@icesusa.org.

ENJOY SOME FUN IN THE SUN AND HELP REPLACE THE PARKING LOT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS!

Does your family have summer vacation plans yet for this upcoming summer? If not you will want to take advantage of a great opportunity to travel to the beaches of Seabrook Island, South Carolina and support Cincinnati Christian Schools at the same time! A generous CCS supporter has offered their condominium at a highly discounted rate for a family who would want to vacation this summer in either July or August for a mere \$900.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity please contact Mark Phair at (513) 892-8500 or mphair@cincinnatiachristian.org.

Every dollar of your rental fee will be given back to CCS to help pay for improvements to the parking lot at the High School Campus!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✓ Help with the Fine Arts Fair: please see message above for details
- ✓ Information Technology Help Needed: Mrs. Klusmeier is looking for parents who have experience upgrading servers from Windows Server 2003 to Server 2008. She is also looking for expertise with VM in Server 2008. If you can help, please e-mail her at aklusmeier@cincinnatiachristian.org.

All time spent volunteering counts toward the 20-hour volunteer pledge to the school!

Upcoming Dates:

- 04.24 The CCS Fine Arts Fair at the High School Campus
- 04.24 The Senior High Art Show
- 04.26 Fine Arts Boosters Meeting

The entire school calendar is available from the CCS website, <http://www.cincinnatiachristian.org>.

Elementary Campus

CCS PHOTO OPP!

Mrs. Moon has taken hundreds of pictures for Mrs. Fox and the yearbook. There's only enough space in the yearbook for a few of them. If you would like to view all the photos that Mrs. Moon took, go to her website -www.photosbymoonlight.com. The pictures are in the 'school' gallery. Click on the event you would like to view. CCS groups are closed to the public and are password protected.

In order to open any elementary events gallery you would need to type in the password:
elementary

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✓ **HELP SERVE LUNCH** on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:30 – 12:30 pm.
If you are able to help, please contact Amy Higgins at hi99ins@zoomtown.com.
- ✓ **ASSIST WITH THE FINE ARTS FAIR** by donating the materials listed in their article above.
- ✓ **ASSIST WITH TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Contact Susan Dungan at sdungan@cinci.rr.com to help with Teacher Appreciation Luncheons.**
- ✓ **JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**
- ✓ **JOIN THE FINE ARTS BOOSTERS**

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Upcoming Dates:

- 04.16 1st Grade Chapel Service
- 04.19 Standardized Tests
- 04.29 SELECT Choir Concert

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High School Campus

MORNING DROP OFFS

When dropping off your student in the morning, please remember to pull up as far as you can by Mrs. Nimmo and remind your student to exit the car quickly. Also, now that the sun has reappeared and can be blinding, pay close attention to Mr. Peters' signals and it is always helpful to have your blinker on. Thank you for helping things run smoothly and safely in the parking lot.

JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL IN SUPPORTING THE HAMILTON CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK

The Student Council will be sponsoring a food drive for two weeks beginning Monday, April 19th on the Junior High/High School campus. All food items will be donated to the Hamilton Christian Food

Bank in Hamilton. Any nonperishable food items are acceptable. However, some specific things the food bank needs are as follows:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Canned Meats (Tuna Fish, Chicken)
Canned Soup
Chili or Stew
Boxes of Mac & Cheese
Hamburger Helper
Rice
Cereal
Crackers
Spaghetti
Cans of Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruit or Vegetables

The class that donates the most items will receive an extra twenty minutes added to their lunch and will be able to go outside for recess! Instructions on how to turn in their donations will be shared with students next week in homeroom. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Gottula at agotulla@cincinnatiachristian.org

UPCOMING TESTING DATES

Students in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades will be taking the Stanford Achievement tests during the week of April 19th.

Students in the 11th grade will be taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) on April 27th from 8:15 to 11:15 am.

CCS STUDENT SCHEDULING FOR 2010-2011

Student scheduling for the 2010-2011 school year will begin in April. Evening meetings that will provide scheduling information to students and their parents will be held by grade level. Though some of the information provided at the meetings will be general that crosses all grades, there will also be information discussed that is grade specific, so it is intended for students to come to the meeting that pertains to the grade that they will be in for the 2010-2011 school year.

Students entering grade 8:	April 30 th at 5:30 in the HS chapel (prior to the JH fun night)
Students entering grade 9:	April 22 nd at 6:30 in the HS chapel.
Students entering grades 10 or 11:	April 19 th at 6:30 in the HS chapel.
Students entering grade 12:	April 26 th at 6:00 in the HS chapel.

Junior High students who do not attend the scheduling meeting will receive their scheduling sheets in homeroom on May 5th.

High school students who do not attend the scheduling meeting, will receive their scheduling sheets at school during homeroom on April 28th.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM 2010: MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

Cincinnati Christian Schools' 2010 Prom "Music of the Night" will be held Friday April 30th at Music Hall in downtown Cincinnati. Appetizers and photographs begin at 5:30 p.m and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Be aware that Friday evening traffic may be very heavy so plan accordingly.

You can also sign up for your Prom photos early by going to www.partyontheweb.com/ccsprom to select your preferred package.

Questions? Please contact Kim Stone at kstone@cincinnatiachristian.org.

XAVIER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FAIR

Xavier University is hosting a college fair on Sunday, April 25th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Cintas Center. More than 150 nationally recognized universities from throughout the country are represented. For more information call (513) 745-3301 or visit www.xavier.edu/collegefair.

JUNIOR HIGH FUN NIGHT

This event has been postponed due to lack of interest. The new date is April 30th. Many fun activities have been planned for the evening. Please encourage your student to attend. Please look for additional information in future VIP Reports!

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETIES CEREMONY

The Academic Awards presentations as well as the NJHS and NHS induction ceremony will take place on May 3rd starting at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Students who are receiving awards or who are being inducted into NHS or NJHS will be notified prior to that evening.

ACT/SAT PREPARATION

Workshops to prepare for the ACT and SAT are available to our students. Please click here for complete details and dates - <http://www.cincinnatichristian.org/jh-hs-campus/act-and-sat-workshops/>.

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES:

The Ohio Supercomputer Center in Columbus, Ohio is offering a summer camp for students who are entering grades 10, 11, or 12, and who would like to learn more about using computers to solve practical problems in science and engineering. This is a 2 week residential program which takes place from June 20 to July 2, 2010. The cost is \$500 which covers meals and housing. Interested students should apply by April 16th, on the OSC Summer Institute website: www.osc.edu.

Summer 8th Grade Science Camp: The Buckeye Women in Science, Engineering, and Research Institute (B_WISER) is a team-taught, hands-on, weeklong residential experience in a state-of-the-art science facility from June 20-25, 2010. The program is open to girls who have completed the 7th grade and are entering the 8th grade. Students will attend the College of Wooster and take a full curriculum with classes in chemistry, energy conservation, physics, life science, robotics, and earth science. The application deadline is April 30th, and students may apply online at: www3.wooster.edu/BWISER or email: mkilpatrick@wooster.edu

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✓ HELP WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE
- ✓ ASSIST WITH THE FINE ARTS FAIR or SENIOR ART SHOW by donating the materials listed in their article above.
- ✓ ASSIST WITH TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Contact Susan Dungan at sdungan@cinci.rr.com to help with Teacher Appreciation Luncheons.
- ✓ JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

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Upcoming Dates:

- 04.19 Stanford Achievement Test Students in the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades
- 04.19 Student Scheduling: Upcoming 10th and 11th Graders
- 04.22 Student Scheduling: Upcoming 9th Graders
- 04.25 Xavier University College Fair @ Xavier University
- 04.26 Student Scheduling: Upcoming 12th Graders
- 04.27 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Students in the 11th grade
- 04.30 Junior/Senior Prom @ Music Hall
- 04.30 Junior High Fun Night
- 04.30 Student Scheduling: Upcoming 8th Graders

The entire school calendar is available from the CCS website, <http://www.cincinnatichristian.org>.

Athletics

SPRING SPORTS PARTICIPATION FEES

If your child is playing a spring sport, please send the \$95 participation fee to Mrs. Fox in the athletic office as soon as possible. Thank you.

2010 SPRING SPORTS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 1st

Come join your student athlete in celebrating the success of our Cougar Sports teams on the track and in the field this spring. The Junior High and Senior High teams will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 1st at 6:30 pm in the High School Chapel.

JOIN THE CCS COUGAR SPIRITWEAR TEAM!

Have you ever dreamed of working in fashion design? Do you want to be on the cutting edge of style at CCS? Then the Spiritwear Team is the place for you!

The Athletic Boosters are in the process of organizing our 2010-2011 Spiritwear team and need representatives from our CYO/elementary, junior high and high school families. You can share your talents and creativity to help plan the annual fall CCS Spiritwear catalog, work with coaches, parents and youth team captains to design their team spiritwear as well as spiritwear for other school clubs and organizations. Our designing will be starting soon so do not delay! Contact us soon at ccsathleticboosters@cincinnatichristian.org to join the most "fashionable" group at CCS!

COUGAR FOOTBALL COOKIE DOUGH SALE

The Cincinnati Christian Schools Varsity and Junior High Football Teams are selling cookie dough as a fund raiser for much needed equipment and supplies. If you are interested please contact Coach Johnson njohnson@cincinnatichristian.org or speak to a young man involved in the football program. The cougars appreciate your love and support in our efforts to make it a great season this coming Fall!

ORDER YOUR CCS COUGAR SPORTS PICTURES!

ODTAA Images, LLC is offering all Cougar Athletes and their families the opportunity to order "action" photos from all of this year's sporting events. This service is available for all elementary/CYO, junior high and senior high teams. They can then put your photos on a broad array of items such as posters, blankets and buttons.

You can view their photo galleries at <http://ccs.odtaaimages.com> or contact David at david@odtaaimages.com or at (513) 807-6785.

Click here for **Current Cougar Specifics** (the most current Athletic update):
<http://www.cincinnatichristian.org/athletics/>.