

## ***VERY IMPORTANT PARENT REPORT***

***04.23.10***

### **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 is now live and can be completed relatively quickly. If you have not yet completed the survey, please click the link below:

[http://survey.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV\\_3dZTHuG9dJL2PNa&SVID=Prod](http://survey.qualtrics.com/SE?SID=SV_3dZTHuG9dJL2PNa&SVID=Prod)

Please take a moment this weekend to complete the survey. We would appreciate that all surveys are completed by Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. If we can have 75% of all CCS families complete the survey by this date, an anonymous donor will contribute \$1000 to our scholarship program!

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

**THIS Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Fine Arts Fair will be 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Junior/Senior High Campus and will 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!

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

**THIS Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

CCS Fine Art Boosters presents an art show of all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade artwork and a semi-formal reception with complimentary appetizers, desserts, and beverages on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester) and their families are highly encouraged to attend. Everyone is invited.

**For more information on either event, please contact**

Lisa Johann at [ljohnn@woh.rr.com](mailto:ljohnn@woh.rr.com) or (513) 235-9753.

#### **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 29<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or contact Dawn Palazotto at [Family98@isoc.net](mailto:Family98@isoc.net).

### **PTF OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The CCS PTF is currently conducting elections for 2010-2011 Officers. Hard copies of the ballot are available at both the Elementary and Junior/Senior High campuses. Please take a moment to stop and vote for our officers. Please contact Carmen Hallbach with any questions at [bhallbach@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bhallbach@cinci.rr.com).

### **TRI COUNTY ASSEMBLY TO HOST CCS FAMILY APPRECIATION NIGHT**

On Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. For many years, CCS and TCA have enjoyed a great relationship as we are their tenant in our use of the elementary school building.

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](mailto:mphair@cincinnatichristian.org) by Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> so they can properly prepare for the festivities.

### **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](mailto:ccsathleticboosters@cincinnatichristian.org) to join the most "fashionable" group at CCS!

### **ENJOY SOME FUN IN THE SUN THIS SUMMER!**

Thank you CCS families for all of your interest in the special condo offer at Seabrook Island, South Carolina. We are pleased to share that we have a family who will be renting the condo and helping the school! At this time there are still a few weeks available from the family who rents the condo at their normal rate of approximately \$1400 weekly.

If you are interested please contact Mark Phair at (513) 892-8500 or [mphair@cincinnatichristian.org](mailto:mphair@cincinnatichristian.org) to learn about available options.

### **NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS**

The state of Ohio has passed a new law requiring all students entering 7th grade for the school year 2010/11 to have an additional Tdap immunization. This must be completed before the first day of school. Avoid the summer rush and get it done now! If you have any questions about this new law, please contact Shari Parker at [sparker@cincinnatichristian.org](mailto:sparker@cincinnatichristian.org).

### **CCS FINE ARTS BOOSTERS**

All Booster members and parents interested in the Boosters, please join us at our April 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:szaffiro@fuse.net).

### Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✓ 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@cincinnatiChristian.org](mailto:aklusmeier@cincinnatiChristian.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.cincinnatiChristian.org>.

## Elementary Campus

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES NEWS

#### 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](http://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](mailto:hi99ins@zoomtown.com).
- ✓ **ASSIST WITH TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** Contact Susan Dungan at [sdungan@cinci.rr.com](mailto: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:

- 05.06 SELECT Choir Concert
- 05.07 Grandparent's Day

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

## High School Campus

### ACADEMIC NEWS

#### 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](http://www.xavier.edu/collegefair).

#### UPCOMING TESTING DATES

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

## THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP)

LEAP is hosting a free College Bound Event on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Hope Church in Mason. Families with college bound high school students will benefit from presentations on: choosing a college major, how to pay for college without giving up your retirement fund, organizing a smooth home to dorm transition, and other topics. Information is available online at [www.leaprogram.com](http://www.leaprogram.com)

## CCS STUDENT SCHEDULING FOR 2010-2011

Evening meetings to provide information about choosing classes for next year are being held for parents and students. Though much of the information discussed is pertinent to all grade levels, these meetings are scheduled with a specific grade of focus because some details are relevant only to a certain grade.

The meetings for students entering grades 7,9,10, and 11 have already taken place.

Students entering Grade 8: April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Junior/Senior High chapel (prior to the JH fun night)

Students entering Grade 12: April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Junior/Senior High chapel.

Junior High students who do not attend the meeting will receive their scheduling paperwork in homeroom on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

High school students who do not attend the meetings will receive their scheduling papers in homeroom on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## STUDENT ARTWORK PICKUP

All Junior/Senior High student artwork from the art show must be picked up from the tables in the art hallway by Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Any artwork that is left behind will be given away or disposed of. Please take the time to take care of all the fine items you put so much hard work into.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOR SOCIETIES CEREMONY

The Academic Awards presentations as well as the NJHS and NHS induction ceremony will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> grade and are entering the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, and students may apply online at: [www3.wooster.edu/BWISER](http://www3.wooster.edu/BWISER) or email: [mkilpatrick@wooster.edu](mailto:mkilpatrick@wooster.edu)

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES NEWS

### JOIN THE STUDENT COUNCIL IN SUPPORTING THE HAMILTON CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK

The Student Council is sponsoring a food drive for two weeks running through Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:agotulla@cincinnatiachristian.org)

### JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM 2010: MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

Cincinnati Christian Schools' 2010 Prom "Music of the Night" will be held Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.partyontheweb.com/ccsprom) to select your preferred package.

Questions? Please contact Kim Stone at [kstone@cincinnatiachristian.org](mailto:kstone@cincinnatiachristian.org).

### JUNIOR HIGH FUN NIGHT

Junior High Fun Night is an evening event for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to come out and have a night of fellowship with friends. This event is scheduled for April 30 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm at the Junior high/High School campus. The cost is \$15. Please contact Mary Zeller with questions at [mzeller@cincinnatiachristian.org](mailto:mzeller@cincinnatiachristian.org).

### 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](mailto:sdungan@cinci.rr.com) to help with Teacher Appreciation Luncheons.
- ✓ JOIN THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

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

### Upcoming Dates:

04.25 Xavier University College Fair @ Xavier University  
04.26 Student Scheduling: Upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
04.27 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Students in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
04.30 Junior/Senior Prom @ Music Hall  
04.30 Junior High Fun Night  
04.30 Student Scheduling: Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

The entire school calendar is available from the CCS website, <http://www.cincinnatiachristian.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 1<sup>st</sup>**

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 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the High School Chapel.

### 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](mailto:ccsathleticboosters@cincinnatichristian.org).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:david@odtaaimages.com) or at (513) 807-6785.

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

## Spread the Word!

The Very Important Parent Report or VIP Report, is a weekly publication of Cincinnati Christian Schools.

If you have an event, activity or valuable information to share with CCS families, please contact:

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