

VERY IMPORTANT PARENT REPORT

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All School Announcements

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 3rd to May 7th

This special week is very important as we pay tribute to all of our teachers and staff at CCS for all they do for our students. These fine individuals teach in the classroom, instruct on the performance stage, coach on the field: all to help your student(s) grow closer in their relationship with Christ. Please take a moment to say thank you to your child's teacher(s), a secretary, or other individual who makes a difference in their (and maybe your) life everyday. We deeply appreciate the blessing that they are and their tireless commitment to Christian education!

CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS PARENT/FAMILY SURVEY

I would like to personally thank every family who took the time to complete the CCS Parent Survey. Although we did not reach the goal of having 75 percent of our families participate, your comments and opinion's are appreciated and will be used to plan and develop our programs at CCS in the near future. I will share the data with you in one of our upcoming VIP Reports.

I want to let you know that your Administration Team prays for your family every week; some of us pray for your children daily.

Thank you for your support of CCS and your passion for Christian education!

Terry Diefenbacher
Superintendent
Cincinnati Christian Schools

CCS GROUNDS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cincinnati Christian Schools Junior/Senior High Campus is fortunate to be sitting on a 32 acre plot of land on Morris Road that is owned by the school. Looking to the future, this piece of land provides the school with a number of exciting options for growth and improvement. It is imperative that this land be utilized as effectively as possible. To best determine the use of this property, a Grounds Planning Committee has been formed. Led by parents of CCS students, this committee consists of a mixture of CCS parents, school staff, and members of school leadership. The sole objective of this committee is to determine the best use of this resource in order to help assure that CCS remains a thriving school into the 21st century and beyond.

We need your input! Beginning May 4th, the committee is asking that your family participate in a brief survey. The results of this survey will ultimately be used to guide the direction of the Junior/Senior High Campus and its property.

Following are a list of times and locations that you can come and complete the brief survey.

- ❖ Tuesday, May 4th, 7:00 PM at the Junior/Senior High School Campus on Morris Road.
- ❖ Wednesday, May 5th, 8:00 – 9:15 AM or 3:00 – 5:00 PM at the Elementary Campus.
- ❖ Thursday, May 6th, 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Junior/Senior High School Campus Conference Room.

We thank you in advance for your participation!

THE CCS FINE ARTS FAIR AND SENIOR HIGH ART SHOW A SUCCESS!!!

Last Saturday, April 24th was a wonderful day, celebrating all of the artistic talents God has blessed our students with! Nearly 300 people visited the Junior/Senior High Campus between the two shows!

The Fine Arts Boosters would like to thank the following for supporting the Art Fair and Show:

- ❖ Everyone who attended
- ❖ Parents, students and staff who volunteered to set-up, clean-up and work during the events
- ❖ Senior High school art student demonstrators
- ❖ CCS Art Teachers: Susan Fox, Michele Rivera, Britni MacMillan and Patrick Dwyer
- ❖ CCS's High School Art Club
- ❖ *M&M Ministries* (James Dick) for donating the moonwalk
- ❖ *Pierre Foods* for donating the Market Day teriyaki chicken and riblets (Yum!)
- ❖ *Sam's Club* of Springdale
- ❖ "Anonymous" for funding our whole event.

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 Sunday, May 2nd at 12:00 pm. Please email your order to Dawn Palazotto at Family98@isoc.net.

TRI COUNTY ASSEMBLY TO HOST CCS FAMILY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Thursday, May 13th

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. CCS and TCA have enjoyed a long relationship as their tenant in our elementary school building. As part of the evening program there will be a special presentation!

The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. and last until approximately 7:00 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 SENIOR HIGH BAND DINNER CONCERT

Saturday, May 15th

Join the Senior High Band for a great evening of food, fellowship and fine music! On Saturday, May 15th be the guest of the band at their annual Dinner Concert, starting at 5:30 pm. Held in the Chapel on the Junior/Senior High Campus, this program will feature a delicious meal of either lasagna or a ½ chicken entrée for a mere \$10.00! In addition to this great price, a family of 4 can dine for the price of 3! Please note that all in attendance must register prior to the event and that all RSVPs are needed by Monday, May 10th. Registration forms can be found at the office of both the Elementary and the Junior/Senior High Campuses.

Questions? Please contact Teri Dyer at dyerama6@gmail.com.

CCS SUMMER GAPS

Although summer vacation is just around the corner, it is not too early to begin thinking about next school year (or at least meeting your fellow classmates for the 2010-2011 school year!). We are

currently in need families (or maybe families) who are interested in hosting a Get Acquainted Party or GAP for their child(ren)'s grade for this coming school year. These parties can be held at a local park, recreation center, your home or other fun location. Past hosts have had this event at locations such as Winton Woods or Parky's Farm. These parties will be held in late July or Early August to get our students back into the CCS spirit and to gear up for a great 2010-2011 school year! Please note that there will be a separate gathering for all grades.

If you are willing to host a party or to receive more information please contact GAP Coordinator Mark Phair at mphair@cincinnati-christian.org.

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@cincinnati-christian.org to join the most "fashionable" group at CCS!

CCS FINE ARTS BOOSTERS

The Fine Arts Boosters provides support and resources for all fine arts programs at CCS. They are a vital organization to the strength of our music, drama, arts and other programs.

To become involved in this great organization, please contact Susan Zaffiro at 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@cincinnati-christian.org.
- ✓ Summer Sorting Team Needed: Mr. Phair is recruiting parents or older students who are available to help assemble a variety of publications this summer. Please contact him at mphair@cincinnati-christian.org if you are able to help.

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

Upcoming Dates:

- 05.04 Grounds Planning Committee Parent Survey Meeting
- 05.13 CCS Family Appreciation Cookout at TCA
- 05.15 Senior High Band Dinner Concert
- 05.17 Athletics Booster Meeting
- 05.18 School Board Meeting
- 05.31 Memorial Day-No School
- 06.01 Spring Sports Awards Night

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

Elementary Campus

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES NEWS

GRANDPARENTS DAY!

This coming Friday, May 7th, will mark one of the most exciting days all year at CCS Elementary Campus as we celebrate Grandparents Day! Be sure to have your children's grandparents come out for a great day of fun and worship! If you have not yet done so, please RSVP to the Elementary

Campus office so we can properly prepare!

Please contact Karen Bennett at kbennett@cincinnatiachristian.org to RSVP or with any questions!

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 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:

- 05.06 SELECT Choir Concert
- 05.07 Grandparent's Day
- 05.11 5th/6th Grade Band Concert @ Junior/Senior High Campus
- 05.14 Market Day Pick Up
- 05.25 6th Grade Graduation
- 05.27 Kindergarten Graduation
- 05.28 Preschool Graduation
- 06.03 8th Grade Graduation

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High School Campus

ACADEMIC NEWS

THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LEAP)

The Learning Enrichment & Assistance Program (LEAP) is hosting a free College Bound Event on Tuesday, April 27th 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

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, 11 and 12 have already taken place.

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

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

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 30th. 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 NIGHT AND HONOR SOCIETIES CEREMONY

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

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.

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: <http://www3.wooster.edu/bwiser/> or email: mkilpatrick@wooster.edu.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE HAMILTON CHRISTIAN FOOD BANK

The Student Council would like to thank all CCS families who so generously supported their food drive, which ended on Friday, April 30th. Over 350 items were collected, all of which will be going to the Hamilton Christian Food Bank. Congratulations to the 7th grade class, who was able to collect the largest number of items-112! To God be the Glory in helping those in need!

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM 2010: MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

Thank you to all of our CCS parents and other volunteers who helped to make sure our Junior/Senior Prom will be an evening to remember for our students!

JUNIOR HIGH FUN NIGHT

Junior High Fun Night is an evening event for 7th and 8th graders to come out and have a night of fellowship with friends. This event is 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@cincinnatiChristian.org.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Help to lend a hand with Senior High graduation

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

Upcoming Dates:

- 04.30 Junior/Senior Prom @ Music Hall
- 04.30 Junior High Fun Night
- 04.30 Student Scheduling: Upcoming 8th Graders
- 05.01 CCS Speech and Drama Invitational
- 05.03 Academic Awards Night; National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society Induction
- 05.11 Junior High Band Concert
- 05.28 Exams Begin
- 05.30 High School Graduation

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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 Junior/Senior 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.

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/>.

Spread the Word!

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

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