



September 29, 2009

Senior Parents,

By now most of you are experiencing “SOS (Senior Overload Syndrome)! If you’re not, hang on, you will be! The three of us have already experienced it and know first-hand the ups and downs that happen during this year. This really is an exciting time in the life of your senior and there are several traditions here at CCS that continue to add to that excitement. The success of these traditions are mainly due to the commitment, support, and participation of our senior parents. There are many things occurring this year of which we know you would like to be informed so we’ve compiled this letter in an attempt to keep everyone in the loop!

First, you should have received information regarding **senior pictures**. The deadline for turning in senior photos is October 2nd. They must be in color, vertical, and from the waist up. If a senior photo is not turned in by the deadline, the photo taken on school picture day will be used in the yearbook. Also, included in this mailing is information about **senior ads** for the yearbook. If you have any questions about either of those two things please email Cyndi Totten at ctotten@cincinnati-christian.org.

Secondly, approaching quickly is our traditional senior **Thanksgiving Feast**. This meal is completely organized from set-up to clean-up by the parents. The date for our feast will be Tuesday, November 25th during senior lunch/homeroom (11:07am-11:51am). All senior parents will be asked to provide a dish. This really is a fun and memorable day with lots of photo ops! Please mark your calendar now and if you can help with this please email Cyndi Totten (ctotten@cincinnati-christian.org).

Before you blink, **senior trip** and **graduation** will be here! The dates for senior trip will be May 23-28 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We have taken the last several senior classes to this beach and the memories made as the kids spend their last few CCS days together are priceless. We are encouraging each senior and hoping for 100% participation! We will leave CCS on Saturday evening May 23, returning Thursday May 28 in the early morning hours. Wednesday, May 27th will be spent at Busch Gardens. Students making the commitment to go on senior trip will need to pay a \$100.00 deposit by Wednesday, October 14th. The cost for the trip is based on how many students participate and monies raised throughout the year. Subsequent \$100 payments will be due November 18th, January 20th, with the final balance (if any) due February 17th. We will make every effort to minimize the cost of this trip. The more students going, the lower the cost; so please encourage your senior to not miss out on this great fun-filled trip!

Senior Week will be May 18-22, just before senior trip. Again, senior week is a parent sponsored activity which involves special treats or events each day during lunch/homeroom such as a grill-out, recess (complete with games!), ice cream sundaes etc. If you would like to be on a committee for senior week please let us know. Also during senior week, parents decorate their **senior’s locker** giving them an opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and anticipate the future of your young adult. As that time approaches we will keep you informed of dates and times the school will be available for you to come and decorate. So get your creative juices flowing and don’t miss special opportunities throughout the year to take pictures at various events! We know you’ve already begun planning for graduation by purchasing caps, gowns, and announcements this week, however, if you find you need to order additional items for graduation, contact our Josten’s representative, Jeff Tanner, at (513)561-3225.

Lastly, we want you to know that we are supporting Mrs. Zeller, who does a tremendous job of meeting with your student and keeping him/her informed of **scholarship possibilities**, college fairs, as well as hosting various college reps during homeroom. She is diligent about passing information along to us where it gets read in homeroom each week and is posted on a bulletin board. Please partner with us encouraging your student to take advantage of posted scholarship opportunities paying particular attention to application deadlines. We’re sure you’ll agree that every little bit helps when it comes to paying for college!

We know this is a busy year for you and your student with a lot of life changing decisions to be made, however, we want to remind you to **slow down** and enjoy these next 9 months with your senior! As you can see there are plenty of opportunities in which you can participate and be a part of your student’s senior year. In order to better communicate in these next few months, we have created a ListServe of all senior parent emails. We have sent this letter via email as well as this hardcopy. If you did not receive the email letter or would like an alternate email address used, please email us and let us know so we can update our ListServe. Feel free to include a note if you would like to organize or help with any of these events. Thank you for the opportunity of working with your senior, We have a wonderful group of kids in the class of 2010!

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