

Community Christian School

September 15, 2020



ABSENCES AND TARDINESS: Please take time and review the attached CCS attendance policy from the Parent/Student Handbook. We understand and show grace when it comes to the occasional absence or tardiness not related to illness, however we have noticed a trend in unexcused absences and tardiness already in the first 3 weeks. Please review the policy and sign/return the attendance agreement on the reverse side. If you have any questions, please contact the office to speak with Mrs. Coble-Day.

LAST CHANCE for CCS APPAREL: Reminder, CCS apparel orders are due THIS Wednesday, Sept 16th. If you need another order form, please contact the office.

CCS ON-GOING FUNDRAISER: WE HAVE A NEW SCRIP ENROLLMENT CODE: D5181E7E62477

Download “ShopWithScrip” on your phone now by going to www.myscripwallet.com, instructions will pop-up at the bottom of your screen on how to install a link to the app. When you open the app, create an account using our enrollment code. Order an egift card and wait for it to be approved before using it at the store. If you prefer the conventional method, gift card orders will be taken in the office once a week on Thursdays. Scrip donates a portion of all gift card purchases back to CCS. It’s a super simple way to help CCS out today. Instructions attached to email.

CRAZY 8s MATH CLUB (AFTER SCHOOL): It was so popular last year, so we are going to start up the Crazy 8s Math Club after school again. Students in grades K-2 will attend on Tuesday and grades 3-5 will attend on Thursday. This will keep the numbers low enough to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed. Permission slips have been sent home, please turn in your permission slips as soon as possible so we can plan snacks and group sizes for the activity. Students will be dismissed to the gym for a snack at 3 pm, continue to Math Club and can then be picked up on the south side of the school (gym door) at 4:30 pm. This will start next week!

USDA FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM: CCS is working through the approval steps required to participate in the extended meal benefits provided by the USDA. Pending approval, we’ll be able to provide free breakfast and lunches to all students through Dec. 31, 2020 or until the funding runs out, similar to the other school districts in our area. Upon approval, we will notify all families and cease charging your meal account until further notice.

CHAPEL OFFERING: We are going to start passing an offering tray during Chapel each week. The students can donate as much or as little as they’d like, but giving an offering is not required. The students will then nominate a community organization each month that they will be giving our monthly offerings to.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS: We are excited to welcome Chyne Neymeyer and Josie Huss to the CCS family. Chyne will be a paraeducator assisting in the Kindergarten and 1st/2nd grade room and Josie Huss will be our new PE teacher on Wednesday and Friday. Please join us in welcoming them both!!

MEET THE PRINCIPAL: Attached is a note from our new principal Stephanie Coble-Day. Please take a moment to learn more about her, her interests and goals for CCS. When COVID19 subsides, she looks forward to meeting and getting to know all of our CCS families in person.

PTF BOOSTER MEETING UPDATES: The CCS PTF group has the following announcements:

- A). We are looking for 1 volunteer to take temps from 7:40 am - 8 am on Wednesdays at 5th-8th door
- B). We are looking for 1 volunteer to take temps from 7:40 am - 8 am on Thursdays at 1st - 4th door
- C). We need 1 volunteer to collect physical box tops from the office, count them, and mail them in quarterly.
- D). The next PTF Boosters Meeting: October 12 @ 7 pm in chapel

CCS SCHOOL PICTURES: School pictures are next Thursday & Friday (Sep 24 & 25). All students in attendance will take pictures Thursday, those absent will go on Friday. We will send home picture flyers next week with memo.

WAYS TO HELP CCS: Remember when you're shopping in your community, there are simple ways you can easily donate to CCS. In Amazon, select Amazon Smile at check-out and designate rewards to CCS. Download the new Box Tops for Education app and scan your store receipts to collect Box Tops for CCS. When you visit KwikStar, you can designate your rewards to CCS or select us in the Casey's Reward app (at the bottom of the FD list) and send your Casey's cash to CCS. If you'd like more information on any of these, give Lauri in the office a call and she would be more than happy to help you with any of these.

CHAPEL DRESS CODE: Just a reminder, we have had a month to adjust to Chapel and the students know the expectations in regards to the Chapel dress code. Going forward, if your child is not in proper attire on Chapel day, we will be calling parents and requesting a change of clothes. Some of the rules to remember are: No jeans, t-shirts or shorts on Chapel day, no sleeveless tops or spaghetti straps, (including on a dress) unless worn under a cover garment.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: The After School program is up and running and **we have OPENINGS**. They have some wonderful things planned for your students this year, as well as incorporating in homework time daily. We are not requesting a 'calendar of intended attendance' in advance this year. Instead our rates are \$5.00/hour. We do request that you inform the office, or your child's teacher, if you know they will be attending the after school program. This alleviates us pondering at pick-up as to where your child belongs. If a last minute need for the program arises, just call/e-mail the office. 515-573-3011 // ccsofficefd@gmail.com

GRANDPARENTS DAY: At this time, Grandparents Day is currently postponed. This normally happens in September. We hope to reschedule this for another day later in the year – we will keep you posted!!

MASKS REQUIRED: REMINDER: **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** for all people entering the school. If you have a fever, shortness of breath, cough, nasal congestions, runny nose, sore throat, nausea/vomiting or have been in contact with anyone displaying these symptoms, please do not enter the school until you are symptom/fever free.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sep 22	CCS P&F Meeting - 6:30 pm
Sep 25	3-8 th Midterms go home
Sep 24-25	Fall School Pictures
Sep 28	CCS School Board Meeting – 6:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

Oct 1-2	No School (professional development)
Oct 28	End of 1 st quarter

CHAPEL: (because of COVID, we are conducting Chapel a bit differently. If you'd like to submit a 15-20 minute chapel message via video (or connect to the group to give a Chapel message via Zoom, please contact the office).

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK: **Lamentations 3:22-23** Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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