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A Habitual Vision of Greatness

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Scripture Theme Verse

“MY SHEEP HEAR
MY VOICE, AND I
KNOW THEM, AND
THEY FOLLOW
ME.

JOHN 10:27

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The Administrator’s Corner

A habitual vision of greatness for CCS – This summer, I had the privilege of participating in the ACSI Leadership Academy for Christian school administrators. This yearly event was held in beautiful Colorado Springs. While there, I was motivated by the words of the speakers and convicted by the power of the Spirit to lead CCS into doing great exploits for our God. I was especially moved by the 78 year old phrase “habitual vision of greatness.” Not only was I challenged by the phrase, but also by each word in the phrase. As a good student should, I could not wait to do a word study on the meanings of habitual, vision and greatness. I was so blessed by what I found that I was led to use my findings as a framework for my strategic thinking for the next several years. Because you are a Friend of CCS, I would like to share the framework with you.

The word that best describes the meaning of habitual is addicted. CCS has a sincere desire that her students come to know and then to love our Lord Jesus with all their hearts, souls and minds. The word vision, as it was used in 1929, meant a “mental picture.” Every parent has a mental picture of their child doing great things. Likewise, CCS has a mental picture of the growth of her students as they excel in and through our wholesome, learning community. Finally, greatness means with prominent. CCS also has a sincere desire for her beloved students to be set apart for God as prominent leaders for the next generation.

In short, during the next year, I ask you to pray that our entire Clinton Christian School Family be addicted (habitual) in implementing the mental picture (vision) of a prominent Christian school (greatness). Neither a perfect school nor a private school can compare with a Christ-like school which is established for God’s glory.

With the “habitual vision of greatness” in

mind, the following major enhancements to our overall school programs have been implemented for 2007 – 2008 school program:

- **FACULTY AND STAFF** - God has blessed us with an outstanding faculty and staff who will love and educate our students. On August 24, during parent orientation day, I will provide each of you with a brief written biographical sketch of those who are serving in the noblest of occupations.
- **NEW HOT LUNCH PROGRAM** – I am proud to announce that Ms. Karen Gant of Karen’s Katering will provide nutritious hot lunches for CCS. Additional information about the program will be mailed to you this week.
- **SCHOOL-WIDE FUNDRAISERS** – After speaking with many parents, we will not conduct school-wide fundraisers this year. Instead, we will trust the Lord to lead us to committed donors who are willing to partner with us in the Christian education of children and youth.
- **ENRICHMENT AND ELECTIVES** - A full enrichment/elective course schedule for all students which includes technology, creative movement and liturgical dance, Spanish or French, physical education and instrumental instruction. Please find the attached course offering listing.
- **STUDENT GOVERNMENT** - The addition of active student government and leadership organizations within our newly separated middle and high school divisions.
- **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT** – After a year of enjoying the vital input of many involved room parents, we are glad to announce that quarterly meetings are scheduled throughout the school year.

Please pray for CCS, her leadership, her marvelous students, her fabulous faculty and staff, her supportive parents and the entire CCS learning community.

“To be a schoolmaster (teacher) is next to being a king. Do you count it lowly employment to imbue the minds of the young with the things of Christ and the best of literature and to return them to their homes as virtuous persons? In the opinion of fools, it is a humble task, but in fact, it is the NOBLEST OF OCCUPATIONS.” [Desiderius Erasmus](#), *Letter to Johan Witz*, c. 1515

Vision Statement

Clinton Christian School seeks to be a distinctively Christian educational institution for the purpose of assisting Christian families in their God-given responsibility to train their children in a God-centered worldview with the goal being a lifetime of service to Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement

Clinton Christian School exists to prepare students to impact our world with the life-changing love and message of Jesus Christ by educating the next generation of leaders.

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WHAT'S NEWS AT CCS? & UPCOMING EVENTS AT CCS

- ✓ CCS High School students may earn college credit by successfully completing the required coursework and final examination of our new Advanced Placement courses in Biology, United State History and European History.
- ✓ Parents of students in grades 6 - 12, please carefully read the CCS Student Code of Honor with your student. Please return the signed form to his or her homeroom teacher on Parent Orientation Day.
- ✓ August 5 - 10—The Boys & Girls Soccer Camp at Baptist Bible College
- ✓ August 10 - The last day for Summer Camp.
- ✓ August 14 - This summer, the officers of the student government met with Mr. Crutchfield to discuss and plan for the school year. A follow-up luncheon for class presidents is scheduled for August 14, from 11AM to 1PM.
- ✓ August 15 & 16 - A Philosophy of Christian/Biblical Education Course will be offered on August 15 and August 16. Parents are strongly encouraged to join our faculty members who are in need of the coursework. There is no cost and lunch will be served. The course defines the foundations on which Christian education is built.
- ✓ August 16 - Room Parents Meeting at 7PM.
- ✓ August 17 - Parent-Student Orientation Meetings
 1. K4 -1st Grades 9:00AM - 10:00AM
 2. 2nd - 5th Grades 10:30AM - Noon
 3. 6th - 8th Grades 1:00PM - 2:30PM
 4. 9th - 12th Grades 3:00PM - 5:00PM
- ✓ August 26 - You are invited to Back to School Sunday at Life Church on August 26 at 11:00AM. Parents are always welcome to attend the services of Life Church.
- ✓ August 27 - First Day of School for K4 through 12th grades.
- ✓ August 28 - Chess/Spelling Bee Info Sent Home with students. Please read and follow instructions for helping your child to have a great experience.
- ✓ August 30 - Yearbook Assembly - 10 - 11AM. Parents are welcome to attend.
- ✓ August 30 - Third Grade Parent-Teacher Meeting at 7PM.
- ✓ September 3 - School-Wide Holiday -No School - Offices Closed
- ✓ September 4 - Spelling Club - 3:45 - 4:45PM - Meet in the Library
- ✓ September 4 - Middle School (Grades 6-8) Parent-Teacher-Administrator Forum will be held at 7PM in the Life Church Auditorium. This meeting is very helpful for new middle school students and their parents.
- ✓ September 5 - 7 - High School Retreat
- ✓ September 6 - Chess Club - 3:45 - 4:45PM - Meet in the Life Church Auditorium
- ✓ September 6 - Fourth Grade Parent-Teacher Meeting at 7PM.
- ✓ September 13 - 6-12 Grade Meet the Teachers Night at 7PM in the Life Church Auditorium
- ✓ September 14 - 15th - Cheerleading Tryouts - Grades 6-12, Friday 4-6PM, Sat 10-Noon -- Gym
- ✓ September 15 - Campus Pride Day from 9AM until 2PM. Please bring your lawn tools and your elbow grease and participate in this great workday. We want our campus to shine! Double ministry service hours are available for CCS high school students.
- ✓ September 18 - Upper Elementary (Grades 2-5) Parent-Administrator Forum at 7PM in the Life Church Auditorium. This informative meeting is designed to give parents access to the administration.
- ✓ For your convenience, school activities and events can be found on the event calendar at our website at www.clintonchristian.org. Please note, the list included here is not exhaustive.

PRAYER NEEDS

- ◇ The spiritual growth of our students, their parents and our faculty and staff
- ◇ A full-time high school math teacher and high school Bible teacher

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