

# CCS Eagle Express Newsletter

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“...WHETHER YOU  
EAT OR DRINK, OR  
WHATEVER YOU  
DO, DO ALL TO  
THE GLORY OF  
GOD.

**1 COR. 10:31**

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## The Administrator's Corner

After our successful transition from the first semester to the second, many parents, and in some cases students, are now engaged in the often stressful process of determining if they should continue their enrollment at CCS. I would like to utilize this space to address concerns re-enrolling parents may have during this re-enrollment season.

**Issue 1: School Accreditation**—CCS has officially applied for candidacy accreditation status with the Association of Christian Schools International ([www.acsi.org](http://www.acsi.org)). I am anticipating receiving our official acceptance notification by early March. “Accreditation is a process of recognizing educational institutions for their standards, performance, integrity and quality.” Once in candidacy, schools may have no more than three years to complete the process. However, because CCS is truly blessed with clear standards, proven performance, recognized integrity and long-term quality, I am planning to lead CCS to full accreditation status within eighteen months. Please be reminded that the CCS Board desired accreditation because of the benefits to the long-term health of this ministry of Life Church.

**Issue 2: Tuition and Fees**—I have been encouraged by the overall response to our new tuition and fee schedule. As I have personally shared with many of you, I join you in desiring the very best Christian education for our children. Although no one enjoys paying more for services, the reality of increases due to the cost of living exists. However, the cost of living increase only provides for the status quo. *We are not committed to the status quo, but to excellence.* Therefore, I appreciate your willingness to “dig deeper into your pockets” in order to provide a quality, Christian, college-preparatory education for your child.

**Issue 3: Re-enrollment**—As we enter the enrollment period for the 2007–2008 school year, please ask yourself the following questions before finalizing your application for re-enrollment:

1. Do I agree with CCS' philosophy of Christian education?
2. Am I committed to working alongside the school, as she reaches for excellence?
3. In accordance with Amos 3:3, am I committed to walk in agreement with CCS as she seeks to aid me in providing my child with the spiritual, academic, emotional and physical tools needed for a successful Christian life?

If you answered “NO” to any of the questions above, I strongly advise you to consider another school. However, if your answers were “YES,” please re-enroll your child in our marvelous school and continue to partner with us as we assist you with the Christian education of your child. The re-enrollment packets were sent home last week. Students will be considered for re-enrollment on the following priority basis:

- ◇ First, priority is given to returning families who are enrolling more than one student.
- ◇ Second, priority is given to returning families with one child on a first-come, first-serve basis until March 1, 2007. Starting on March 1, new students and re-enrolling students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Issue 4: Prayer**—Please remember to pray for Clinton Christian School as we seek to groom our students for excellence and for future leadership.

Excellence demands that we finish what we start.  
Our standard of excellence must include finishing what we begin.

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## 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.

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### WHAT'S NEWS AT CCS?

- ✓ Because CCS is blessed with cultural representation from many racial and ethnic groups, this administration is encouraging recognition of each group. Since CCS is predominately African American and in recognition of Black History Month, students in grades 3-12 will view a high quality presentation of "Harriet Tubman: The Chosen One" by Interact Story Theatre. The monologue will be performed by Gwen Briley-Strand on February 6, 2007. Teachers have also incorporated various themes that emphasize the contributions of Christians of various races and cultures. Parents are encouraged to assist their students as needed.
- ✓ Many parents have asked if a simple donation toward the upcoming cheesecake fundraiser could be given in order to support the school and to guarantee the appropriate prize for our students. Because the average profit for the school is \$75 per student, a donation of \$75 will be the equivalent to selling ten (10) items.
- ✓ CCS uses FACTS GRANT & AID to assess eligibility for Financial Aid. The cost to apply for financial aid is \$20. Financial Aid is open to returning families only, and enrollment begins February 1, and ends on April 1, 2007. You can request an application from the Finance Office, or contact them directly at [www.factsmgmt.com](http://www.factsmgmt.com), and click on GRANT & AID to complete an application. Parents will be notified by phone, if you are/are not awarded financial aid for the upcoming year. Decisions are usually determined by the end of June.
- ✓ Congratulations to Michael Cheung (Grade 8) and Darryl Washington (Grade 7) for winning our CCS 7 & 8 Grade Spelling Bee Competition. We are very proud of these students. They will represent CCS in the Prince George's County-Wide Spelling Bee Competition this spring.
- ✓ Effective January 12, 2007, the Extended Time drop-in rate is \$15 per hour for any portion of the hour used. This fee applies to students who are not enrolled in the extended time program, who fail to make prior arrangements with Mrs. Cooper. The fee also applies to students who are not picked-up by 4:45 PM after serving a detention and to students not picked-up by 4:00 PM from late car room.
- ✓ Our Room Moms and Dads will be meeting at 7PM on February 13, in the Church auditorium. All Room Moms and Dads are encouraged to attend. You can find more information at [www.clintonchristian.org](http://www.clintonchristian.org).
- ✓ Senior High Career Day will be held in the gymnasium from 9AM-12:30PM on March 9. All students in grades 10, 11 & 12 are required to participate in an awesome learning exercise. This event is sponsored by the Room Moms and Dads. Students will sit through several career activities such as: brief seminars on how to prepare for an interview, the interview process, and at least two actual mock college entrance interviews, job related interviews, and/or full-time Christian ministry interviews.
- ✓ Along with producing an outstanding 2006-2007 yearbook, Mrs. Harper also serves as our Fine Arts Director. Please visit our website for details about our fine arts program. Depending on your child's grade and involvement level, opportunities exist for competitions in chess, instrumental music, math, science, voice, speech and visual arts. Please encourage your student to participate. **We NEED parents to help us with our fine arts and academic competitions.** You can reach us at [nharper@clintonchristian.org](mailto:nharper@clintonchristian.org) or [dbonar@clintonchristian.org](mailto:dbonar@clintonchristian.org).
- ✓ Grandparents' Day has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, April 3, for grades K4-2 and Wednesday, April 4, for grades 3-8. Contact Miss Logue @ [plogue@clintonchristian.org](mailto:plogue@clintonchristian.org) for more details.

**On April 23, buses and dismissal for 3-12 graders who are participating in the ACSI Fine Arts Super Activity Day will be delayed by 30 minutes. Speech, Visual Arts, and Math Olympic Competitors will challenge students from the Mid-Atlantic States. Please plan accordingly. If you are available to assist us on that day, please e-mail Mrs. Harper, [nharper@clintonchristian.org](mailto:nharper@clintonchristian.org). Information can be found on our website.**

### PRAYER NEEDS

- ◇ Since the last report, seven more students have been saved. A total of 63 students have been saved, since the beginning of school. Please pray for them and their families.
- ◇ Continue to pray for all the staffing needs, including nursing personnel.
- ◇ Pray for our juniors and seniors as they make important decisions about college attendance.
- ◇ Our students, as they minister throughout the community, and our seniors, as they travel to the Dominican Republic to serve the poor people of that country.