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Scripture Theme Verse

“...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

WOW! What a great year! I am so glad to announce that our God has blessed us with a strong re-enrollment for next school year. Unlike public schools, Clinton Christian School's teachers, students and parents have true "school choice." I thank each of you for choosing to return to CCS and for inviting families like yours to join our school family.

As a CCS parent, I understand why you chose to continue with us. During my short tenure here, I have observed how our school has been stretched to achieve more than she thought she could achieve. Under the marvelous leadership of Mrs. Harper, we now have school-wide math, spelling bee, chess, speech, vocal, violin, and science fair champions who will compete against other Christian schools in the Mid-Atlantic Region. I know that you join me in being very proud of our students. However, as the Administrator, I desire more for our students. I want them to excel still more. For much of this month, I will enjoy the privilege of teaching our 8th grade scholars. As I look into the faces of these very bright students, I am constantly reminded that Christian education involves much more than attending a school. Education involves the multi-intelligences of the student body. One student may excel in grammar while another excels in the creation of an artistic piece. One student may excel in creative writing while others may excel in geometric proofs. CCS exists as a distinctively Christian School for the purpose of educating the next generation of leaders.

My plan for educating the next generation of leaders requires four components to work together. First, the next generation will only be reached when a loving commitment to the needs of each student is practiced. It is my experience that this commitment is often spoken of but sadly neglected in far too many Christian schools. The reality is that our children need discipline as well as hugs. They need to learn to complete assigned tasks just as much as they need recreation. Re-enrolling

parents, I thank you for your support in this area. I promise to continue to provide firm, loving discipline for each child God sends to CCS. Second, the next generation will be reached as we continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to our faculty and staff. Each year, God calls some faculty and staff to a new place of ministry. Naturally, we will continue to ask God's blessings upon the one out of six teachers who will relocate, retire, enter another career, and/or take a promotion next school year. However, we must be committed to the five out of six who remain with the Clinton Christian School Faculty. I am honored that such a high percentage of faculty members are returning for the 2007-2008 school year. Pastor Bonar, The School Board and I are committed to these excellent educators. Third, the next generation will be reached when parents partner with us in this education process. A core value of CCS is that God gave the child to the parents and not to any school. Deuteronomy 6 clearly instructs parents to teach their own children about the things of God. We exist to assist parents with this commandment. Our school has been blessed with a vast number of parent volunteers. Without exception, parents have, are and plan to assist us as classroom aides, chaperons, open house greeters, tour guides, and event coordinators. I offer special recognition to our Room Moms and Dads. These women and **ONE MAN** have served in all of the above capacities. Most importantly, they also serve in the truly unique role of advisory council to this Administrator. *Proverbs 15:22* clearly states that "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they are established." I am truly thankful for this wonderful group of counselors and all of our re-enrolling parents. Finally, we must cover our students, teachers and parents in prayer...fervent prayer. Prayers WORK!

Commit your works unto the LORD, and your thoughts shall be established. *Proverbs 16:3*

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?

- ✓ Parents, please be aware that on the PS2 games there are some disturbing pornographic pop ups that can appear. I STRONGLY SUGGEST that you inspect your children's PS2's for pop ups, and especially look at the STORED PICTURES.
- ✓ Grandparents' Day has been re-scheduled to 12:30 - 2:30 PM on Tuesday, April 3, for grades 3 - 8 and to 9:00-11:00AM on Wednesday, April 4, for grades K - 2. Parents are also encouraged to contact Miss Logue at plogue@clintonchristian.org.
- ✓ CALENDAR CHANGE—Due to the high interest in Fine Arts Competition and the need for teacher judges, CCS will be closed all day on April 23. The Regional Fine Arts Competition will be held at Riverdale Baptist School. We are so thankful for our Fine Arts Finalists. Our goal is to have their names published at www.clintonchristian.org ASAP.
- ✓ CCS is proud to announce our partnership with the Southern Maryland Eagles. Walk-In Registration will be held on March 15, 19, and 22, from 3-6 PM in the Welcome Center. To register online, please visit their website at www.southernmdeagles.org. Please download and complete the Track and Field Registration Packet prior to coming to the registration meeting.
- ✓ The CCS Room Moms & Dads will lead our Juniors & Seniors in a Career Day Program. Parents who are directly involved in human resources will lead seminars on how to prepare for an interview, the interview process and at least two mock college and career related interviews. The program begins promptly at 9 AM and will end at 12 PM.
- ✓ High School Science Fair Projects are on display in the gymnasium until Thursday, March 8, 2007. Please feel free to get a visitor's pass and to visit the displays.
- ✓ School-wide art projects will be on display during the week of March 12, 2007. Judges are needed. If judging is a little to much of a commitment, please come by just to view our students' work.
- ✓ CCS uses the FACTS GRANT & AID to assess eligibility for Financial Aid. The cost to apply for financial aid is \$20. Financial Aid is opened 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 directly at www.factsmgt.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.
- ✓ Effective on January 12, 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 the late car room.
- ✓ Effective immediately, extended time workers will no longer accept payment for late pickup. The workers will issue a slip indicating the amount being charged. That amount will be charged to your account.
- ✓ Our Room Moms and Dads will be meeting on March 20, at 7 PM, in Mr. Kerkulah's Classroom. All Room Moms and Dads are encouraged to attend. You can find more information at www.clintonchristian.org.
- ✓ Our next Open House for prospective families will be Tuesday, April 3, from 9-11 AM. If you know of someone interested in enrolling for next school year, please encourage them to attend. We opened our enrollment to the public on March 1, and several grades are filled already.
- ✓ Spring Musical - *The Victor* will be performed by the combined ministries of Life Church. You are invited to worship with us at 7:00 PM on March 30, 2007. Admission is free to everyone.

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.
- ◇ Please pray that God will give us wisdom about how to protect our children.
- ◇ Pray for our students as they complete in the Fine Arts "Super Day" on April 23, 2007.

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