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The Administrator's Corner

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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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Last year, upon my arrival at Clinton Christian School, I told my dear wife and everyone else that our beloved school was a sleeping giant. However, after entering my second year, I am beginning to fully realize not only the quality of, but also the enormity of the ministry gifts which God has generously poured out upon CCS. A sleeping giant provides a woefully weak analogy for this vital ministry of Life Church. CCS has not been asleep during the past year. In fact, we have covered more ground in one year than most public or private schools could cover in five years. For this fact we are very thankful and continue to give praise to God. Because Proverbs 3:6 tells us to acknowledge Him in all of our ways, and He will direct us to and down the right path, I want to publicly acknowledge the goodness and the faithfulness of our God just as it was done in the re-enrollment packages:

- ✚ We have adopted a more rigorous curriculum for 2nd through 12th grades.
- ✚ After 42 years, we are candidates for full accreditation. Our goal is to be fully accredited by both the Association of Christian Schools International and the Middle States Association within the current school year.
- ✚ We have enjoyed an excellent partnership with the University of Richmond and Boston University as they provide the finest technology program available today.
- ✚ We are utilizing a complete Spanish Language Instructional Program designed specifically for K – 7th grade students.
- ✚ We are excited about the implementation of a high-quality enrichment/fine arts program which includes French, vocal, brass, violin, and woodwind instruction, speech and creative writing, chess, visual and dramatic arts, creative movement and liturgical dance instruction.
- ✚ We rejoice with our high school students who have completed over 1600 community and ministry service hours.
- ✚ We are thankful for nutritious, hot lunches as being provided by Karen's Katering on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- ✚ We are blessed to have active and growing parental involvement in all areas of our school. CCS has never enjoyed the level of cooperation and support as we do at this point.
- ✚ We are grateful that our high school students may now earn college credit through our advanced placement program.
- ✚ We are likewise blessed by an active and vibrant student government organization.
- ✚ Finally, we have instituted an aggressive testing program to include the Stanford-10 Achievement Test and Otis-Lennon School Ability Tests for all students in K5 through 9th grade. The John Hopkins Talent Search Testing Program and the PSAT/NMSQT will be hosted by our marvelous school respectively on October 12 and October 20.

Nevertheless, past achievement is not the same as future growth and development. As a parent of two CCS students, I am likewise concerned about on-going school improvement. The following goals are already being planned and, in some cases implemented, this school year:

- ✚ For a discounted rate, CCS will begin providing the Schools-Out Program at a discounted rate for parents who provide advance notice of their desire to take advantage of the convenience of the program. The tentative launch date is planned for Veterans Day, Monday, November 12.
- ✚ My goal is to provide our middle school students with much needed lockers, as soon as possible.
- ✚ Due to several I.T. upgrades, we are approaching a launch date to make grades and homework assignments available to families at www.clintonchristian.org.

From the list above, it is obvious that CCS is not sleeping. She is a mature, Christian school where being good is no longer the goal. Instead, Clinton Christian School is developing a vision of greatness for the glory of God. As it is right to start each school day in prayer, it is also right to ask all members of our Christian learning community to pray for CCS.

"Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection."

Mark Twain (1898 - 1967)

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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IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND NOTES

- **BIG CHANGE** – In order to better use CCS' human and monetary resources most effectively and efficiently, re-enrollment packets will be sent home on **October 5**. Open enrollment will begin on **Friday, November 2**.
- Congrats to Seniors Brittany Lee and Lisa Williams for ranking in the top FIVE percent of the 140,000 Black American Students who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2006. CCS is blessed and proud to have both of you as students!
- Parents and students, please be reminded that for your safety and to prevent interruptions to our facilities team, please do not re-enter classrooms that have been closed-off. It is expected that children may leave something a couple of times per year. If your child forgets something, please write a note to your child's teacher for the next day. The student will be responsible to make-up all work by the following day. Students in grades 4 through 12 will be assigned to receive a detention, if the problem re-occurs.
- To protect our class time and instruction time, we are no longer hosting the Ident-A-Kid Program here at CCS. Please contact Babies-R-Us or your local police department for information on programs such as this.
- Congratulations to everyone who is arriving to school on time. We are averaging only nine late students per day this year. Also, please remember that we do not take late deliveries of lunches, homework, etc. after 9:30 AM. Any items arriving after 9:30 AM will remain at the Welcome Center. We appreciate everyone making an effort to be on time and prepared for class to help us avoid the interruptions to our classroom and instruction time.

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

- ✓ For your convenience, school activities and events can be found on the event calendar at our website at www.clintonchristian.org. Please note that the list included here is not exhaustive.
- ✓ October 1 - Creative Writing Festival Begins
- ✓ October 2 - K4 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- ✓ October 2 - First Quarter Progress Report Sent Home Today
- ✓ October 2 @ 7:00 PM - Administration-Parent Forum for K thru First Grades in the Life Church Auditorium
- ✓ October 4 @ 4:00 PM - Extended Time Safety Assembly in Life Church Auditorium
- ✓ **October 5 - Re-Enrollment Begins**
- ✓ October 7 - High School Choir Trip to New York City to see The Lion King
- ✓ October 8 - Columbus Day - School-Wide Holiday
- ✓ October 9 - Operation Christmas Child Begins
- ✓ October 9 - Kingdom Keys Piano Lessons Begin
- ✓ October 10 - Twelfth Grade Library Research Trip
- ✓ October 11 - In-School Fire Awareness Day
- ✓ October 12 - K5 Pumpkin Patch Field Trip
- ✓ October 12 @ 4:00-6:00 PM - Junior Class Car Wash
- ✓ October 12 @ 6:00 PM - CCS Hosts the Johns Hopkins Talent Search in the Life Church Auditorium
- ✓ October 16 - K4-2 Grade In-School Field Trip "Squeals on Wheels" Petting Zoo
- ✓ October 17 - 6-A Field Trip to Dumbarton House
- ✓ October 18 - Second Grade Field Trip to Museum of Natural History
- ✓ October 18 @ 7:00 PM - Room Parents Meeting in Room #9
- ✓ October 19 - Dress Down Day - No shorts are allowed.
- ✓ October 19 - Second Grade Field Trip to Museum of Natural History
- ✓ October 19 - French Class Field Trip
- ✓ October 20 @ 9 AM - PSAT for Grades 10 & 11
- ✓ October 23 - Leadership Conference for Grades 6-8 in Gaithersburg
- ✓ October 23 - 6-B Field Trip to Dumbarton House
- ✓ October 25 @ 4:00 PM - Extended Time Health Assembly in Life Church Auditorium
- ✓ October 26 - First Grade Field Trip to Green Meadow Petting Farm
- ✓ October 29 & 30 - In-School Spelling Bee for Grades 1-4
- ✓ October 30 - School Picture Make-Up Day

PRAYER NEEDS

- ◇ The spiritual growth of our students, their parents, and our faculty and staff.
- ◇ Our athletic program as it begins another year.

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