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Accreditation in 2008!!!

**CCS 2007 -2008
Scripture Theme Verse**

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

JOHN 10:27

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In 2008, the vision for Clinton Christian School entails being 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. Like most well established ministries, Clinton Christian School has a clear vision statement. This statement serves to inform all parents, students, employees, and friends of the anticipated outcome after all is said and done. It is the statement by which the leadership, faculty, and staff will be judged. As the Chief Administrator, my primary responsibility is to ensure that CCS is on target to reach her vision through the careful implementation of her stated mission. Our mission is to impact the world with the life-changing love and message of Jesus Christ by educating the next generation of leaders. With this mission statement in mind, I would like to share long range goal number four with you:

GOAL FOUR: IMPROVE STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT: Although achievement test results indicate above average performance in the core subjects, Clinton Christian School will improve the academic achievement for all levels of students by putting reading first in grade five and below and math and science first in grades 6 through 12.

OBJECTIVES: CCS will do this by:

- ✓ Implementing the plans for a comprehensive achievement testing program for grades K5 - 11th. The purpose of doing so is to ascertain the academic strengths and weaknesses of the student body.
- ✓ Completing and refining the CCS curriculum guide to include specific guidelines for all disciplines in all grades. This will improve continuity of curriculum across grade levels while maintaining the mission.

- ✓ Evaluating the effectiveness of the current teaching methodologies, materials, and assessments tools.
- ✓ Using tracking data to determine the effectiveness of the entrance testing.
- ✓ Strengthening the relationships between our core classroom curriculum and enrichment programs.
- ✓ Ensuring that each student is challenged to the best of his or her abilities while at CCS.
- ✓ Actively promoting the visual, dramatic, and musical arts. Encouraging the development of each student's creativity and expanding their appreciation for the arts within a larger cultural context.
- ✓ Ensuring that each child acquires age-appropriate technology skills in an evolving world.
- ✓ Formulating instructional strategies and curriculum materials for meeting the needs of students at both high and low ends of academic achievement while providing individualized support as needed to help students excel.
- ✓ Developing curriculum and teaching strategies which are designed to enhance students' critical thinking, problem solving skills, discovery learning, and creativity.
- ✓ Developing curriculum and resource materials that reinforce Christian values and concepts.

In the fall of 2008, CCS is on track to gain full regional accreditation. Be assured that plans for a school-wide celebration of praise are in the works. You can help us to reach accreditation by faithfully doing the following:

- ✓ By praying for every aspect of CCS.
- ✓ By giving a few hours each month to serve on various committees.
- ✓ By supplying constructive criticism to the administration about current procedures and policies.

As always, it is my privilege to serve you as the School Administrator.

"Great minds have purposes; others have wishes" -

Washington Irving - Author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle"

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? The Clinton Christian School Room Parent Committee (CCSRPC) will award a "Leadership, Education, Achiever, God-Centered, Uniqueness, Exceptional (L.E.A.G.U.E.), \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating high school student from Clinton Christian School (CCS) who has demonstrated both a spiritual and social concern for his community while maintaining academic excellence.

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate candidates based on scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activity involvement, community service, ministry effort, a written essay and an in-person interview. Finalists will be contacted for an interview. The scholarship packet will be evaluated based on the applicant's responses to the specified L.E.A.G.U.E. qualities and the essay criteria. The application packet must be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Academic Dean not later than 3:00 pm on Friday, February 8, 2008. Applicants will be contacted after February 8, 2008 to schedule an interview. The award winner will be announced on or about May 9, 2008, and the decision of the judges will be final. The awarded funds will be dispersed to the winner upon receipt of acceptance and enrollment letters from the winner's institution of higher education.

ROOM-PARENTS, WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DO FOR CLINTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AND FOR THE LORD!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- ✓ January 14 - Fourth Grade History Notebook Project Begins
- ✓ January 15 - Fourth Grade Ben Carson FT
- ✓ January 15 - Reptiles Alive In-School FT for Grades K5 - 5
- ✓ January 16 - High School Exams Begin
- ✓ January 17 -Breakfast for AM ET students 6:30 - 7:15 (pancakes and orange/apple juice).
- ✓ January 17 @ 12:30 PM-Jr. Class Sponsored Elementary Talent Show Sign-Up
- ✓ January 17 @ 7:00 PM - Room Parents' Meeting in Room #9
- ✓ January 17 @ 7:00 PM - Third Grade Parents' Meeting Rooms 10 and 11
- ✓ January 18 - Last Day of Second Quarter
- ✓ January 18 @ 7:00 PM - Jr. Class Sponsored HS Talent Show
- ✓ January 21 - M. L. King Day - No School
- ✓ January 22 - Paula Frey--Accreditation Visiting Team Chair on Campus
- ✓ January 22 -- Spirit Week Begins
- ✓ January 22 - Cheerleaders School Spirit Sale Begins
- ✓ January 24 - K-8 Grade Book Fair begins
- ✓ January 25 - Homecoming
- ✓ January 29 - Report Cards go home
- ✓ January 29 - Dress Down Day
- ✓ January 29 - Field Trip for HS Students with No Detentions
- ✓ February 4-7 - In class speech competitions begin
- ✓ February 8 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Ford's Theater
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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.

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