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Community Christian School
Child Care, Preschool through Grade 12
Quality Education with Christian Value

The CCS Mission

Community Christian School provides a quality Christ-centered education that assists parents in the training of the whole student – spirit, mind, and body.

CHANGES

Mr. Kevin Snyder, CCS Principal

In January of 1829, the governor of New York penned a letter to the President of the United States. He was deeply concerned with a **change** that he believed would seriously hurt the nation. Here is a portion of that letter:

Dear President Jackson,

The canal system of this nation is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as the "railroads." The federal government must preserve the canals for the following reasons:

One. If canal boats are supplanted by the "railroads", serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers, hostlers, repairmen and lock tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the numerous farmers now employed in growing hay for horses.

Two. Boat builders would suffer and towline, whip and harness makers would be left destitute.

Three. Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States. In the event of the unexpected trouble with England, the Erie Canal would be the only means by which we could ever move the supplies so vital to waging modern war.

As you may know, Mr. President, "railroad" carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of fifteen miles per hour by "engines" which in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock and frightening our women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed.

Fortunately, this resistance to change by Governor Martin Van Buren was not embraced by the Jackson administration. It's amazing to consider how far we have come since those days when the "iron horse" was first introduced to the American public with a top speed of 15 mph!

Everyone, at one time or another, has had to face real significant change in their life. The ironic thing is this; **change is the only constant in this world**. The only thing that does not change is our holy, righteous, immutable, God. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever according to Hebrews 13:8. In Malachi 3:6 we read, **"For I am the Lord, I do not change..."**

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Have you ever looked closely at the lyrics in the old hymn, *Great is Thy Faithfulness?* One of the lines of that song describes God like this: "Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been, thou forever will be." Take some time to meditate on that concept. Since God does not change, and He loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), even when we fail Him, He does not love us any less and can't love us anymore.

Since I made reference to an older song, I also thought of a more contemporary tune that really cuts to the heart of the matter. Christian artist, Stephen Curtis Chapman wrote this title song on his third album, *"More to this Life"*: *"There's more to this life, more than living and dying, more than just trying to make it through the day, more to this life, more than these eyes alone can see, and there's more than this life alone can be."*

So how do you deal with changes in life? We expect things like weather, prices, and circumstances to change. What do you do when you get that late night phone call from a family member, or you receive word that your job has changed, or that the pastor you love announces his resignation? Things like this happen every day- we should not be surprised. It's kind of like trials; James 1:2 instructs us that we should count it all joy **when** you fall into various trials. It's going to happen, just like changes in life.

May I suggest that whatever changes you face, know that God is present. This change didn't catch Him off guard and He has never uttered these words, "Now, what am I going to do?" God loves us, He sent His Son to die for us, and He has our best interests at heart. Besides, I don't think He wants us to get too comfortable down here because *there's more to this life*. Trust Him for a change.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

APRIL

- 2 Carribou Coffee 12:00-6:00 PM
- 4 School Resumes
- 9 CCS Annual Auction
- 11 CCS Board Meeting 6:30 PM
- 14 PS³ Grandparents' Day
- 14 CCS Operetta Matinee 1:00 PM
- 15 PS⁴ & K-12 Grandparents' Day
- 15 CCS Operetta Evening Performance 7:00 PM
- 15 Midterm
- 22 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
- 29 Special Busing

MAY

- 2 CCS ANNUAL MEETING
- 9 CCS Board Meeting 6:30 PM
- 17 Spring Concert – Vocal & Instrumental (5-12)
- 27 Kindergarten Program
- 30 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- 31 Track & Field (5-8) at Zion Lutheran in Alexandria

SYRUP BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR CCS AUCTION



We are looking for empty syrup bottles (or you may donate a new bottle of syrup) to be used at the pancake breakfast for this year's auction. Please turn the syrup bottles in to the school office.

Thank you so much for your support!



Please note that the APRIL LUNCH MENU was distributed Monday (3/21/11) to our CCS students. The menu is also available on our school web site.

Happy to Announce...

We are happy to announce that we have a new band teacher: Vickie Schulz. She will be meeting with individual band students during their study hall on Monday. Band will officially start on Wednesday - 3/23/11.



The Scrip Office is closed from April 4-8. That will not allow us to place an order during that time period.

Please note the updated **SCRIP ORDER DATES** for placing orders are:

April 11 & 25 and May 9 & 23

AUCTION TIME! SATURDAY APRIL 9TH

The countdown is on! The CCS Auction and Family Carnival is Saturday, April 9th and we're gearing up for a great day!

The schedule is done; you should have received your work assignment in the mail. We appreciate everyone's help so much - this event could not happen without you.

One sweet spot at the auction also could not happen without you - our Corner Pantry! Each family is asked to contribute 4 items, which need to be delivered to CCS or brought to the Civic Center on Friday, April 8. (See Corner Pantry Article for detail)

"An item" means pie, cake, loaf of bread; or a *dozen* cookies, bars, rolls or cupcakes. Presentation is key!! The yummiest/prettier it looks, the better it sells. Please wrap items in clear plastic so people can see what is being offered.

Be sure to invite your family and friends for a great day!

- Start the day off with the pancake breakfast (your favorite teacher may be flipping cakes or serving coffee).
- Our coffee booth will be serving Caribou coffee all day to keep everyone going!
- The Silent Auction has hundreds of great items, with three closings - 10 AM, 11 AM and 12 PM.
- Kids Corner is bigger and better than ever with something for every age group. Please remember to have your child wear socks!
- Browse the Library's Used Book Sale for some great reads.
- Help fulfill a teacher's wish - stop by the "Equip Our Eagles" booth and see what this year's K-4th grade teachers would love to have in their classrooms. You might be surprised what a small donation can do!
- Fill your own pantry with items from our Corner Pantry.
- Snack on cotton candy and popcorn! But don't ruin your appetite for everybody's favorite turkey sandwiches! Or, buy a slice of pizza!



- And don't forget to finish your lunch off with a homemade malt from our Malt Shoppe.
- Then find your spot for our Live Auction! We have great stuff to be auctioned off by Kristine Fladeboe Duinick, winner of the International Auctioneer of the Year Award.

A big THANK YOU goes to the Auction Committee for all of their hard work. We'll see everyone on Saturday, April 9!

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Abrams (235-8733) or Julie Bateman (354-9036) - Auction Co-Chairs.

Library –CCS Auction



Donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, cookbooks and how-to books for the Used Book Sale table, at the CCS Auction, are now being accepted. Every year, during the school auction, the Library raises nearly \$300 to buy new books. Your generosity makes it possible. Please drop off your book donations at the CCS library. Thank you

CCS Auction **Corner Pantry**



Get out the cookbooks! It's time to think about your contribution to the CCS Auction Corner Pantry.



- ▶ Each family is asked to prepare/contribute 4 items.
- ▶ Plan to deliver your items on Friday, April 8th to CCS before 3:00 PM or to the Civic Center before 6:00 PM.
- ▶ If you cannot contribute baked goods, you may pay \$20.00 to the CCS office by Friday, April 8th.
- ▶ Please call Dianna Chapin at 295-7445 with any questions. Thank you very much for your part in making this a lucrative part of the Auction.

OPERETTA NEWS! LAND OF THE GIANTS

April 14th – Matinee at 1:00 PM

April 15th – Evening Performance at 7:00 PM

At the Evangelical Free Church



The story begins with the Giants baseball team playing the Cardinals – the Giants ultimately win the game. Next they'll have to play the big, bad Phillies. While practicing for the game, they find the **Land of the Giants** where they learn that knowing God and having Jesus in their hearts can help them face anything since they are Giants of the Faith!

Land of the Giants is an inspiring musical with energetic and meaningful songs. Without doubt, this will be an unforgettable experience for the kids



OUTFITS FOR THE 2011 CCS OPERETTA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Tops: A pastel spring/light-colored shirt — solid short sleeved shirt (no designs or letters)

Pants: Blue jeans (please no dark blue jeans)

Special Props: Sunglasses (could be of any design but no “clown”/funny styles)

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

is our **GOD**

The 60th Annual National day of Prayer will take place on Thursday, May 5th, 2011. Millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast. The theme, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, based on the verse from Psalm 91:2, which states: “I will say to the Lord, my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”



We have distributed the T-Shirt order forms for the National Day of Prayer. The price of each shirt is \$7.00. Shirts must be ordered by Wednesday, March 23rd in the CCS office.

Please make checks out to CCS.

Bucks 4 Books Fundraiser

Throughout the month of February, 1st-8th students raised \$639.46 for new library books. The winning classes were: 1st grade raised \$103.45 and 5th grade raised \$192.20.

Thank you all for your support & enthusiasm!

Welcome to our new FAMILY

We welcome Kathryn West and daughter Marah to our CCS family. We look forward to getting to know you better and working alongside of you. Blessings!

Kathryn (Katie) West
310 12th Street SW
Willmar, MN 56201
Telephone: 320-444-2138
Marah – 3rd grade



TRACK SCHEDULE

April 14	BOLD
April 18	Paynesville
April 26	BBE
May 2	Paynesville
May 9	NLS
May 12	Willmar (pending)
May 13	ACGS





2010-2011 School Cleaning

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS
CLOSE TO THE EXIT DOORS AFTER YOU HAVE
FINISHED CLEANING THE SCHOOL.**

FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 1ST

Primary B

Section 1 – Robert & Ruth Ann Holthouse
Section 2 – Jonathan & Shayla Honken
Section 3 – Bradley & Melissa Hopman

Primary A

Section 4 – Dale & Maria Hustedt
Section 5 – James & Julie Johnson
Section 6 – Kristine Johnson

Middle School

Section 7 – Garth & Loyda Hjelte
Section 8 – Chad & Lisa Komeplien
Section 9 – Rod & Janine Kramer
Section 10 – Jonathan & Leah Kreps

High School

Section 11 – Ryan & Deanna Lindgren
Section 12 – Denise Lundquist
Section 13 – Steve & Dawn Lykken

FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 8TH

Primary B

Section 1 – Leah Marcks
Section 2 – Corey & Christy Marthaller
Section 3 – Jonathan & Shayla Mellema

Primary A

Section 4 – Allen & Joan Marcus
Section 5 – Crystal Menter
Section 6 – Paul & Elizabeth Meyer

Middle School

Section 7 – Aaron & Kristin Miller
Section 8 – Mark & Tammi Miner
Section 9 – Mike & Paola Morrell
Section 10 – Tim & Cindy Mulder

High School

Section 11 – Brian & Sharin Nelson
Section 12 – Matt & Jodi Nelson
Section 13 – Scott & Jada Norling

Computer Room – Ace & Heather Bonnema

PLEASE WIPE YOUR FEET, especially during wet conditions when you enter the school and when cleaning over the weekends. We appreciate your consideration of those who have already cleaned. Thank you

FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 15TH

Primary B

Section 1 – Tim & Michelle O'Toole
Section 2 – Nicole Olson
Section 3 – Robert & Rochelle Orsten

Primary A

Section 4 – Ross & Rhonda Orsten
Section 5 – Mark & Christina Owens
Section 6 – Deborah Patzoldt

Middle School

Section 7 – Jena Rauschke
Section 8 – Aaron & Jeannie Reid
Section 9 – Chris & Syna Reid
Section 10 – Matt & Ben Reinertson

High School

Section 11 – Colin & Krista Rime
Section 12 – Alan & Allison Roiseland
Section 13 – Peter & Amy Scherzberg

FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 22ND

Primary B

Section 1 – Mike & Rayette Schramm
Section 2 – Daniel & Lisa Scott
Section 3 – Scott & Connie Stahnke

Primary A

Section 4 – Christopher & Amanda Stark
Section 5 – Mark & Monica Starr
Section 6 – Michael & Brenda Tait

Middle School

Section 7 – Kelly & Sheri TerWisscha
Section 8 – Trevor & Kim Thompson
Section 9 – Adrian & Brenda Titrud
Section 10 – Rob & Kelly Twedt

High School

Section 11 – Brian & Laurie Underland
Section 12 – Kevin & Lisa Snyder
Section 13 – Raymond & Maretta Velyan

Computer Room – Noe & Norma Carranza

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FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 29TH

Primary B

Section 1 – Clay & Bridgette VenOsdel

Section 2 – John & Juli Wearda

Section 3 – Nathan & Jolene Weber

Primary A

Section 4 – Donald & Carol Williamson

Section 5 – Steve & Anne Wood

Section 6 – Jared & Beth Wosmek

Middle School

Section 7 – Scott & Barb Abrams

Section 8 – Michael & Melanie Ackerman

Section 9 – Butch & Deb Allen

Section 10 – Tony & Mary Amon

High School

Section 11 – Mitch & Jeanne Ashburn

Section 12 – Michael & Julie Bateman

Section 13 – Dale & Cathy Bays



**SUBSTITUTE
CLEANING
LIST**

Jayne Starkenburg	222-2287
Laurie Underland	222-8303
Melanie Ackerman	796-0554
Heather Bonnema	235-9296
Tracy Borstad	231-0514
Sara Burgett	354-4688
Denise Davis	995-6541
Denise Dierenfeld	796-5163
Rachel Elmhurst	295-3243
Michelle Gustafson	232-7261
Deanna Lindgren	214-7214
Jodie Nelson	974-3659

If you would like your name included on the substitute list, please give the office a call.

CARIBOU COFFEE DONATION DAY

Saturday, April 2nd

2319 1st Street South – Willmar location only

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM



Invite a friend, bring a neighbor and come on down; hang out and enjoy a pastry and a cup of java.

This is a great fund raiser opportunity for Community Christian School -- 20% of all sales go to CCS.

Why not consider buying coffee by the pound.

We look forward to seeing you there!

OFFICE NEWS

Next Communicator articles due: If you have articles you would like included in the April Communicator, please turn in the article(s) by **Tuesday, April 19th**. The April Communicator will be distributed on Monday, April 25th. Thank you for your assistance.