

Principals' Notes

March 9, 2023

A bi-weekly update of information between Principals' Notes
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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:6-7*

Gym Work

The volunteers are working Saturday and Next Wednesday night. We are ready for people to do insulation. There are options during the day as well! There is something for everyone to do.

High School Missions Team Leaves for Alaska

Next Friday our High School Mission's Team leaves for a week in Alaska. Please pray for this team, and for the rest of the High School for their active week of mission work. CCS mission's week helps students learn to think and practically serve God in what He is doing in Missions.

Bus & Dismissal Changes

Reminder to please be sure you are notifying the office of any changes for your child's dismissal by 2:30pm at the latest. Please call either campus at extension 321 and leave a message. This helps us stay organized when the students are being dismissed. Please also remember we need notes from both families first thing in the morning when a student is going to go home with another student. Thank you!

Auction

Mark your calendars! The Charity Auction will be on Friday, April 21st. If you have an interest in serving on the auction committee, please talk to Val in the office. We would love to have your help. We are in need of baked items to be sold for the auction. Items could include gobs, bar cookies, cookies, pies, cakes, etc. Please let us know if you would like to donate baked goods. We are now accepting donations to be sold at the auction as well.

Theme baskets:

Child Care Basket – Self Care

Preschool Basket – Kitchen & Baking

Elementary Basket - Winter

High School/Middle School Basket – Coffee and Chocolate

Library

This week's library selection is **Blink** by Ted Dekker.

The future changes in the BLINK of an eye...or does it?

Seth Borders isn't your average graduate student. For starters, he has one of the world's highest IQs. Now he's suddenly struck by an incredible power-the ability to see multiple

potential futures.

Still reeling from this inexplicable gift, Seth stumbles upon a beautiful woman named Miriam. Unknown to Seth, Miriam is a Saudi Arabian princess who has fled her veiled existence to escape a forced marriage of unimaginable consequences. Cultures collide as they're thrown together and forced to run from an unstoppable force determined to kidnap or kill Miriam.

Seth's mysterious ability helps them avoid capture once, then twice. But with no sleep, a fugitive princess by his side, hit men a heartbeat away, and a massive manhunt steadily closing in, evasion becomes impossible.

For more information about our library and available books to check out, please visit our website http://champion.org/center_drupal/library/. Our library is open to the community and books can be reserved online for pickup. If you need assistance creating an account or checking out a book, please call our office at (724) 593-9200. We have books suitable for all, from preschool tots to adults!

Golf and Track Permission Slips are on iChampion

We are adding golf and track to our sports this season. The permission slips are on iChampion. Reminder that each student in grades 3-12 is required to participate in one sport. If your student has not participated in basketball or soccer, they will need to participate in golf or track.

Golf

This year, we will be holding golf practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:45 - 5:30 pm. Practices will hopefully be at Donegal Highlands Golf Course.

Club practices will begin Wednesday, April 12th and will finish on Monday April 24th. We are inviting students from 3rd - 12th grade to participate. This is a two-week club sport that will count for a student's required sport.

With golf being an individual sport, we will be using this club for beginner lessons. We will focus on the rules, the golf swing, chipping, putting and all the aspects of the game of golf.

Practice dates will appear on the blue athletic calendar at champion.org/calendar.

We are asking for coaches interested and willing to help with golf for these two weeks.

Track

This year, we will be holding practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Practices will be at our North Campus Harr Field track.

Practices will begin Wednesday May 3rd and we will finish the season on Saturday May 20th. We are inviting students from 3rd - 12th grade to participate.

The goal of our track team this year will be to work towards participating in the NCSAA track meet on Saturday May 20th. It will be held at either Grove City College or Geneva College. Boys and girls in grades 9-12 are eligible to compete in the High School Division, and boys and girls in grades 5-8 are eligible to compete in the Junior-High Division. We will use our track practice to find participants who will represent the school in this meet. We are also looking for coaches for track who have experience with track, enjoy running, or a knowledge of running.

Practice dates will appear on the blue athletic calendar under the shared calendars tab.

Please fill out the permission slip on iChampion and submit it to Coach Trev as soon as possible. I need to have a count of student participation.

If you have any questions, reach out to Coach Trev at trevor_mccalmont@champion.org

FAMILY RESOURCES

The Adulting Bucket List

What it is: A guide to basic skills young people should know before they move out of their parent's home. <https://messyyetlovely.com/basic-life-skills-kids/>

Why it's a starting point: The advice in this piece is so basic, it's hard to believe that anyone would really need it. What's more revealing here are the statistics: 81 percent of recent college grads surveyed said that they wish they learned more life skills during their education. In another survey, Gen Z was the most likely demographic to not know how much they spent in the last month. Figuring out the skills your children are going to need if they are to live independently and contribute to a household of their own sets them up for early success, but it takes intentional conversation to figure out those knowledge gaps and address them. Your best bet is probably to ask teens to make a list of skills they want to learn and things they are nervous about doing on their own.

CHILD CARE ROUNDUP

This past week we have had a fun time learning about rhyming and letter sounds with Dr. Suess! Next week we will begin learning about the weather and seasons as we move from winter to spring!

UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS:

Every year we put together a basket for the center to auction off as a fundraiser. This year our basket theme is going to be "self-care". Items that could be included in our basket are:

- gift cards for haircuts, massages, manicures/pedicures, facials, etc.
- soft blanket
- massage oils
- nail polish
- Face masks
- aromatherapy items
- hand/body lotion
- candles

1. Please let us know if you would like your child to attend childcare this summer, and what days you would like your child to attend.
2. If you are interested in your child attending preschool this summer or this fall, please contact Miss Jen (jen_pizer@champion.org)
3. Childcare will be closed for Easter break: April 6-April 10.

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO ENHANCE LEARNING AT HOME:

1. Talk about the weather with your child, what do you notice outside? Is it windy, rainy, or sunny, etc.

2. Words we are focusing on this month are rhyming words: cat, hat, rat, sat, etc.
3. Make a special time to read with your child each day. Ask them questions as your reading. Find books they enjoy. Here is a great article on language development: <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/young-children-s-oral-language-development>
4. Find ways to count each day, count snacks as you give them to your child, count your fingers, count to play hide and go seek, etc.
5. Encourage your toddler to sit on the potty. Establish a time that they sit on the potty each day, maybe before bedtime.
6. Talk about healthy habits such as brushing teeth, eating healthy foods, and spending time outside daily.
7. Pray with your child. Let them hear you talk to the Lord, encourage them to try to participate in prayer with you.

SNOW CANCELTATION POLICY:

Childcare follows Champion Christian School for school cancellations. If the school closes due to weather, childcare also closes for that day. Childcare does not have two-hour delays. If the school has a two-hour delay, childcare will open on time at 7am that day like normal.

MISCELLANEOUS INFO:

- If your child has a fever or rash we ask that you keep your child home and visit the pediatrician before returning to care.
- Please make sure all blankets, sippy cups, snacks, bags, etc., are labeled with the child's name.
- We aim to play outside each day, please make sure your child has clothes that can get dirty, or clothes they can change into.
- Our complete childcare center regulations are located at: <http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/055/chapter3270/chap3270toc.html&d=>

We are so thankful for your families. Feel free to reach out to me at any time with any questions or concerns!

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

“For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:19

Announcements, Information, and Reminders:

Kindergarten Visit Day:

Next Thursday, March 16th, we are having our Kindergarten visit day from 10:00 – 11:30 at our South Campus in Indian Head where our elementary program is housed. All Kindergarten

eligible preschool students (turning 5 by December 31st of this year) are invited to attend the visit day along with their parents. You will meet the kindergarten teacher, Mrs. B, Mrs. Belinda Lane, the school administrator, see the curriculum, and be able to ask any questions you may have. Reservation sheets have gone home. Ligonier parents will receive theirs on Friday. Please be sure to turn them in to your child's teacher by next Wednesday, March 15th. Thanks!

Charity Benefit Auction Preschool Basket:

Our Charity Benefit Auction is coming up on Friday, April 21st. For the auction each year, each CCS program chooses a theme, collects items, and puts together a basket to be auctioned off at the benefit. The Preschool basket theme is kitchen & baking. We're collecting lots of things including baking mixes, sugar, flour, baking pans, icing, utensils, potholders, dish towels, small kitchen appliances, etc. Please consider donating items to our basket. Mrs. P. and I will have a collection spot in each classroom. All the funds from the auction go directly into the general fund and help provide funds for the financial aid that we offer. Thanks! All items need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, April 19th.

Supporting & Enhancing Learning at Home:

There are lots of ways that you can support, extend, and enhance your child's learning at home! The most important thing you can do is to read with your child every day and encourage your child to identify rhyming words, "read" phrases repeated in stories, track the words as you read, etc. Right now, in math, we're working on counting to determine quantity, comparing quantities, and measurement. You can have your child count groups of items in your home and compare them – how many socks? How many shirts? Which has more? With spring coming, there are lots of science things you can do outside with your child. Take a spring walk looking for signs of spring, put up a bird feeder and watch the birds return, etc. You can also engage in pretend play with your child to expand their vocabulary, build their problem solving, creativity, resilience, etc.

Important Dates:

Thursday, March 16th – Kindergarten Visit Day

Tuesday, April 4th & Wednesday, April 5th – Classroom Easter Parties

Thursday, April 6th – Monday, April 10th – Easter Break – He is Risen!

Friday, April 21st – Charity Benefit Auction

Friday, April 28th – CCS Spring Concert

Thanks Parents!

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ELEMENTARY NEWS

Primary Fair

Primary Fair projects will be due on April 24th. These are developmentally appropriate projects to help the students learn how to do a research project. Each class has

different assignments building up to the due date of Monday April 24. Please keep an eye out for more information to come.

Auction Basket

Our theme this year is Winter. Please feel free to send in anything that has to do with winter. These items should be new items. They could be blankets, snowmen, or anything that has to do with winter! The basket is in the office, and we have a few items already collected! Please donate if you can!

Mrs. Rachel C. Brant

How Can I Support My Child's Learning at Home?

Bible (K/1): Please review the weekly Bible verse with your child. There is a new pink sheet for the 3rd quarter. I begin testing the students on Thursdays each week (unless noted).

3/9	"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27
3/16	"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

English Language Arts (K): Have your child practice the ELA homework sent home in their folder. This will help to reinforce the skills we are learning in class. Continual repetition of these skills will help to make your child a more confident reader.

Math (K):

Review the following math skills:

- Practice identifying and writing numbers 1-50.
- Practice counting from 1-100
- Practice counting by 10s.

Science (K/1): This week we are starting a new unit on the topic of observation. We will specifically look at the form an object takes (solid, liquid, or gas), its color, its size, and its weight. Obtaining these observational skills will allow your child to think more critically about the world around them and give them an appreciation for the wonderful differences God has made in the world.

Upcoming Field Trips

N/A

Upcoming Holiday Parties

Resurrection Party- April 5th (Let me know if you are interested in providing a snack, craft or game for the party!)

Other Important Dates

Easter Break- No School –Thursday, April 6th through Monday, April 10th (Return to school on Tuesday, April 11th)

Contact

Please feel free to reach out to me at rachelc_brant@champion.org or leave me a voicemail at 724-455-2122 ext. 108 at South Campus. I will do my best to return your phone call in a timely manner, but I do not always have access to my phone. You can also message me on ClassDojo!

Mrs. Lane

First and Second Grade Topic Choices for the Primary are due on Friday. First grade students should choose an earth science topic, and Second graders are doing local history. Your child should have a topic choice form to complete and return in his/her folder. Please check your child's folder for information early next week and begin to talk with him/her about possible topics. Our goal is to work together with you to help the students learn, have fun and do their best!

Second grade students did a great job on their math test and have moved on to a new chapter. First grade students will have their next math test on Tuesday next week. Spelling tests for both groups are this Friday. Second grade students were able to see their rocks after eight days of tumbling. They were quite excited to see the difference in appearance. Please ask your child to recite their weekly Bible Memory verse for this week. Everyone has done a great job keeping up to date.

We have also begun to write in our daily journals. We have several students who are quite excited about writing and illustrating books! I especially enjoyed reading their reasons for why it is better to be older than younger. Most mentioned driving and being able to buy anything wanted. One student is looking forward to cleaning the house, and another is going to have lots of horses.

If you are interested in helping with our Easter party, please reach out by writing a note in your child's assignment book. Thank you so much for all the wonderful crafts and snacks for our parties.

If you want to check in to chat or need to reach me, please email me at belinda_lane@champion.org, call 724-455-2122 ext. 110, or feel free to write a quick note in your child's assignment book. I am not always available to check email or phone during the day but will check your messages and get in touch with you asap. If you have a situation that is timely, please ask the office staff to let me know right away and I will do my best to pick up or call right back. You can also reach me on my cell phone at 724-320-5277.

Classroom Supplies Needed: Permanent markers and gel pens. Soil and seeds for a spring planting project.

Miss Skinner

Primary Fair Outlines will be due next week on Monday. The students have started this in class. Please contact me for more information.

Math 3 and 4: We are working on geometry.

Reading $\frac{3}{4}$: Both classes have stories that we read in class and then do an activity that asks comprehension questions, phonics rules, and writing skills. We are also working on paragraph skills and handwriting.

History: We just finished a unit and had a test.

Science: We have just finished our weather unit. Our next unit will be plants. The students will be learning about the different parts and about why plants grow.

Bible: We are on the purple page for our verses. The students should have said the third verse. If your child has not said it, then they should try to say it during the next week. It is very hard to make up multiple verses. Please continue to practice with them.

Contact Info

If you need to reach me, please email me at danah_skinner@champion.org or call 724-455-2122 ext. 109. I am not always available to check my email or my phone during the day, but I will check my messages by the end of the day. Thanks, Danah Skinner

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SCOOP

Pi Day

Prizes! Snacks! Videos! Pi Chain! Fun and Hilarity!

Tuesday, March 14th is Pi Day at CCS. Memorize and recite digits of Pi for fantastic prizes. Students who bring circular snacks to share with their math classes will be awarded a bonus point as well. Students who make Pi Day videos will be awarded additional bonus points. See Mrs. Brant for details.

Middle School Spring Trip

The middle school students and staff will be traveling to Gettysburg and Harrisburg areas for our spring trip this year. Some of the highlights of the trip will include visiting the Capitol, the PA State Museum, and participating in a guided tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, as well as some fun activities. Parents are invited to attend on a first-come, first-served basis.

Auction 2023 is April 21st

Middle school and high school students are putting together a coffee/chocolate basket to be sold at our annual auction. Asking each student to donate at least one item for the basket, more than one item is even better!!! Thank you for helping with this amazing activity.

Annual Spring Concert

Our annual Spring Concert will be presented at the Church of the Brethren in Somerset on April 28th. All middle school students and high school choir members are required to attend. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

High School Spring Trip

The high school students and staff will be traveling to Philadelphia for our end of the year trip. Some of the highlights of the trip will include visiting the Philadelphia Art Museum, Independence Hall and The Liberty Bell. Parents are also welcome to attend; please let us know if you're interested by March 1st as we will be making reservations.

Middle School Social Studies Fair

The MS Social Studies Fair will be presented the week of March 29. Students have chosen their topics and are currently doing research and writing their rough drafts. The rough drafts are due March 9th.

2023 HS Mission Trip

High School is actively planning their mission trip to Alaska next week. We will leave for Anchorage on March 17th and return on March 25th. So far, we have plans to work with park

ministry, service and construction projects, and service to the elderly. We also hope to see the Northern Lights, a glacier and Denali. We request your prayers for our safety, growth, and the ability to be God's hands and feet. Students have sent out support letters, so please pray for the Lord's provision for our team.

Service Hours Forms

There is a service hours requirement for all middle and high school students at CCS. 5/6 students are required to serve 10 hours in their community or at the school. 7/8 students are required to serve 20. 9/10 students will serve 30 hours, and 11/12 students will serve 40. Remember that serving family members, while important, will not count in this requirement.

Students should be working through the school year on the completion of their required service hours, as well as submitting their forms. You can find the form to fill out on the website:

<http://www.champion.org/ccs/highschool/hsserviceprojectform.pdf>

CCS Online

Be sure students are checking and completing all iChampion activities by the due dates. These activities make up a large portion of students' grades. Students and parents can review their current grade averages on iChampion as well.

ASSIGNMENT BOOKS

Assignment books have been provided for middle school students. Be sure to check your student's assignment book each night and help them with their time management.

Phys Ed

5/6 students will have Phys Ed Mondays and Wednesdays this year and 7-12 students will have Phys Ed Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to have appropriate clothes on these days including sneakers. Some students like to keep a pair of sneakers in their locker for gym days.

Email the Middle/High School teachers anytime: middleschoolstaff@champion.org,
highschoolstaff@champion.org

Phil 1:9-10 "And this is my prayer that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ."