



PRINCIPALS' NOTES

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"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."- Colossians 3:12

EITC Gifts Coming In!

Many of you have benefitted from the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) as that is a way that your financial aid is funded in part. The work that some of you did last year in helping us contact businesses is coming to fruition as this year's gifts are beginning to come in now. HOWEVER, THERE CONTINUES TO NOT BE ENOUGH FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES TO COVER WHAT PEOPLE NEED. Without funding, scholarships put a severe strain on the Center's budget. We need your help now to help us identify businesses that may be interested in participating. Please find the attached flyer, and give them to people who work in a business. To qualify, they only have to pay taxes and not be a sole proprietorship (single family business). See Merle for additional information. If you are tempted to say, 'I don't get any help this is not for me' think about your children's best friends who may not be able to attend CCS without that help! Check things out on our website at www.champion.org/development/eitc.

Calendar Highlights

September

- 3 Early Dismissal
- 9 -10 Middle School Retreat
- 13 Tennis starts
- 17 (Time) SC Preschool Picnic
- 18 Christian College Fair
- 24 Homecoming
- 25 Preschool Workday
- 30 ChrisTomlin Concert

October

- 2 Golf Benefit
- 8 HS College Trip Geneva/ Grove City
- 9 Fall Work Day both campuses
- 14-15 No School ACSI Convention
- 19 Blood Drive NC 1 - 7
- 26 HS Soccer All Stars, Geneva
- 29 Grandparents' Day CCS

Scrip Program

Please consider trying out our Scrip program, it will benefit the Center and you. If you have any questions or need assistance contact Ann Mathews (Center scrip coordinator) at 724-455-2122 ext.108 or email ann_mathews@champion.org

Soccer Schedule

Soccer season has begun. Support our teams. Check out the soccer schedule on the calendar at www.champion.org/calendar. You can call 724-593-9200 x329 to reach the soccer information box. If your young child stays after school for the game they must have adult supervision. We are looking for parent volunteers to agree to take turns watching them. If you are interested, contact Jill at 724-455-2122 x100.

Grandparents' Day 10/29

Mark your calendars now and let your parents know that Oct. 29th is a special day at the Center. We will honor and celebrate our grandparents in a special way. Please help them to schedule time to come to visit both campuses. Look for times and details soon, but get them scheduled now!

Accounting Department

We are still adjusting to Smart Tuition so there may be some questions as we go through the process. Please see us and we'll work our way through it together. Thank you for your patience!

30 Ton Capacity Equipment Trailer for Sale

If you want more information, or know of someone who needs a heavy equipment trailer, please call Randy at the garage. 593-9200 x 122.

Interested in helping out around the facilities?

See us. We have some general work that needs done at both campuses and are looking for volunteers to help out.

PTF Needs

The decorating committee of the PTF is looking for individuals interested in donating two (one for North and one for South) garden flag poles. We will also need 4 flags for each campus (around \$10 each) for decoration. If anyone is interested in donating these items or the money for even one of them it would be greatly appreciated (I will do the shopping). We would like to make both North and South campus more attractive to the public, and this is where we would like to start. If you have any questions or comments or would like to help with decorating, please contact Cheryl Ozias at (724)628-2272 or email at ozias@zoominternet.net. Thank You!

LIBRARY NEWS

We had another successful summer reading club. This year, 15 children completed at least 500 minutes or pages of reading. Congratulations to Emily Sinsley who read over 1,000 pages! Students earned prizes for completing the program, and we had a great time at the party on August 12. In our efforts to get students reading, we are planning a reading challenge in the Elementary Program. Students who read at least 10 minutes five or more days a week will be invited to a special celebration at the end of the marking period. Students will be receiving a reading journal to help them keep track of their reading. They should bring their journal with them to every library class, so that they may receive fish for their hook on our library bulletin board.

We are greatly in need of library volunteers to help keep our libraries running smoothly. There will be a meeting of anyone interested in volunteering in the library on Thursday, September 9th in the North Campus library at 4:00. If you are interested in volunteering, but cannot attend this meeting, please call or email Kathy Foor at 724-455-2122 ext 114; kathy_foor@champion.org. If you could give even one hour per week, it would be greatly appreciated!

For your information, students are permitted to borrow up to 5 books or other library resources. These may be checked out for a period of three weeks. Books may be renewed one time for an additional three weeks. Please help your student to find a safe place to keep their library books at home and help them to remember to return them on time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chris Tomlin At The New Console Energy Center

Chris Tomlin will be in concert on September 30th, with special guest Kristian Stanfill, at the new Console Energy Center. We are considering taking a bus. The only tickets left are front and center and are \$35. We will take a bus, provide pizza for \$50 if anyone is interested. Contact Randy Winemiller at North Extension 122 or email randy_winemiller@champion.org to find additional information SOON!

Discovery

Welcome Back to Discovery. We have started sessions and everyone is doing well. Parents should be contacting Ms. Linda to set up your observation for the first nine weeks. This is important to catch any errors in formation that students may have formed while doing rhythmic writing at home. It is important that students have a parent helping with this task. We are encouraging the students to start out the year right and set up a routine to complete homework and rhythmic writing. Please call Mrs. Lane if you have any questions or concerns.

Preschool Blessings

Greetings Preschool Families!

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. At South Campus, we are happy to have three full classes this year. At North Campus, we are very excited to have two programs open this year! What wonderful things God is doing in Preschool. We're looking forward to seeing what the Lord will continue to do this year. It's hard to believe that fall is just around the corner. We pray that you all enjoy the beauty of fall!

First, we would like to remind everyone that there will be no preschool calendars or newsletters this year. Principal's Notes and Administrator's Notes will be your main source for information. Please make sure that you read them carefully each week. Ms. Linda and I will also send reminder notes home often. Further, do not forget to check the parent bulletin boards at each campus for important forms and information.

Over the last two weeks, your children have been busy learning all about preschool and themselves. We have learned about how special God has made us and how much He loves us. We've looked at things that are the same and different, the life cycle of butterflies and apple trees, things we can do by ourselves, parts of the body, fingerprints, God's creation, patterning and sorting, and so much more. We have been working on learning the preschool routine and rules. We've painted, used scissors, played inside and out, etc. Ms. Linda and I have enjoyed getting to know you parents and your children. We're enjoying learning together. Please be looking for song and finger play word sheets to come home as we begin to dive into the preschool year. They're great ways to interact with your children and to reinforce the unit of the week. Other activities will also be sent home as they apply to units.

There are several important dates to note for the coming week. There is no school on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day. Our Mountain Craft Days Field Trip is on Friday, September 10th. Please get your permissions slips and fees in as soon as possible. There will be no preschool that day. Our fall preschool program meeting is Thursday, September 16th from 6:30-8:00. Please turn in your sign-up sheets. Families with last names beginning with A through M, please bring a salad and main dish. Last names beginning with N through Z, please bring a main dish and a desert. Have a great Labor Day weekend!

God Bless,

Ms. Jen and Ms. Linda

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Medication

If a child needs medication administered during school hours we are required by law to have a medication form signed by your child's doctor. Please call the school office if your child needs to be given any medication following an absence due to illness.

Reminders For Parents

Parents: Please remember all the forms that need sent back from orientation : Summer Readers, Student Handbooks, Textbook Loan Agreement (only for new students), some parents have physical forms. It would be nice for me to get some of the elementary evaluation forms back so we can see how to serve you better.

Cents For Sisana

The pig race is on! We have a new child to sponsor this year. Her name is Sisana Dunyiswa. She is an elementary student in South Africa. Throughout the year we will be taking a free will mission offering to provide for some of Sisana's daily needs and for her to go to school. Students may bring in money anytime they wish. All classes have piggy banks. When the students fill their class bank their pig will be moved forward on the race board (still under construction). At the end of the school year the class that fills the most pigs will win a special treat.

One Kindergarten Under God

What a great first two weeks! The Kindergarten students are acclimating well to the classroom and our routine. I know this is going to be an awesome year! Remember that Library is on Mondays and Gym is on Tuesdays. In Math we have been using Tangrams and Geoboards to explore patterns, geometric shapes and the relationships between them. In Phonics we studied the letters "Ll" and "Oo", and "Gg", vowels and consonants, rhyming words, distinguishing words, how to code a short vowel sound with a breve, sentences, and compound words. Our Social Studies unit is "All About Me". Student will create books about themselves to keep as mementos. In Bible we are studying the days of creation. Please remember to make sure your child brings his/her folder to school every day with the binder clips attached. If you haven't sent in your required supplies (2 boxes of tissues, 1 bottle of clear hand sanitizer, a paint shirt labeled with your child's name, and a sleeve of plastic or paper cups), please do so as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 1	Happy Birthday Luke
Sept 3	Early Dismissal; Student Handbook Sign off Sheets Due
Sept 6	Labor Day No School
Sept 7 - 10	Snack Host is Aaron
Sept 7	"Oo" memory verse due
Sept 8	Patriot Day Chapel 11:00-11:30; Show and Share & Free will offering for Sisana
Sept 9	Oo" Handwriting Sheet Due
Sept 10	Field Trip to Somerset Mountain Craft Days
Sept 13-17	Snack Host is Braydon
Sept 14	"Gg" Memory Verse Due; Happy Birthday Joey
Sept 15	Show and Share & Free Will Offering for Sisana
Sept 16	"Gg" Handwriting Sheet Due

Current Kindergarten Needs: Paper Shredder, Cups, Age-appropriate board games, Doll accessories and dolls, pictures of Kindergarten activities throughout the year to use on our website (digitally saved pictures work best, but hard copies are fine)...you can send photos in on a disk or email them to me at ann_mathews@champion.org.

Elementary Spanish and Sign Language

In Spanish and Sign Language we are studying the alphabet.

THE BUSY BEES (First and Second Grade)

A big welcome to everyone in this new school year! Mrs. Lane and Mr. Sprinkle are excited to be back and hope we have a super good year. The children are doing a great job so far and get used to the new schedules and new teachers.

It is important to remember to take folders home each night and look for important papers. Also-please remember to sign the progress report each Friday that is included in the folder. Please return all forms to the school that need signed. And remember to bring back the forms for summer readers and money for the trip if you haven't already done so. We appreciate that so much. Thanks for your help in advance with all of this forms.

In grade 1 reading, we are reviewing our letters and vowels sounds and beginning to read out of our first reader of the year. In grade 2 reading we are working on word attack skills and comprehension. For math grade 1, we will have our Chapter 1 test on Monday, covering numbers and graphs. For math grade 2, we have finished chapter 1 and moving onto chapter 2 where we will be working on sums in addition to 20. Please check your child's folder each night for homework which needs to be completed and returned to the teachers.

Please remember that our class library day is on Tuesdays so the children need to bring their books in to return on that day.

Our class spelling test is on Thursday this week!

We feel blessed to teach your child each day! Please remember to pray for us as we begin this exciting new year together!

Butterfly Garden (Third and Fourth Grade)

We have had a wonderful beginning to a new school year! I am sure it is going to be a great year. Our spelling tests this year will be on Wednesdays. We are working on Unit 2 for next Wednesday. There is a practice test on Mondays, Students who achieve 100% on Monday will work on a challenge list for Wednesday and will earn bonus points. On most weeks we will have a math test on Fridays. This week our test is on Chapter 1, Place Value. Our memory verse test on Monday is 1 Corinthians 10:31. Congratulations to those students who are earning class bucks for working ahead on their Bible Memory! Students need to complete at least one Accelerated Reader each week. We are learning about sentences in language. In science, we are learning about ecosystems. We have 11 monarch butterflies getting ready to hatch in our classroom. It has been fun to watch their transformation! Our history chapter is about map and globe skills. Students should know the 7 continents and 4 oceans. A very big thank you to Mr. Olexa for installing a new air conditioner in our classroom. This was a good week to test it out! We do not have a snack everyday in 3rd and 4th grade; however, I keep healthy snacks on hand in the classroom in case we have a day when we need them. If you would like to contribute a healthy snack (non perishable, please) we would appreciate it. Please note that in our Friday folders it lists the date for the Summer Reader's Field Trip as this Friday. The correct date is September 10. Sorry for the error! Have a blessed weekend with your family!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUST AND MENTIONS

MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE EXTENSION : 104

Reminders for Parents

Parents: Please remember all the forms that need sent back from orientation : Summer Readers, Student Profiles, Student Handbooks, Textbook Loan Agreement, some parents have physical forms. It would be nice for me to get some of the middle school evaluation forms back so we can see how to serve you better.

If you haven't remembered to send in Kleenex, please do so. Three boxes for each child please.

Middle School Retreat

Middle school retreat is coming up. Please send your forms and money in for those reservations. It is a mandatory retreat for all students. Thank you.

www.champion.org/ccs/middleschool

Check out our Middle School webpage. It should be helpful to you. If the center does not currently have your email address, or it has changed over the summer, please send the new information to Sharon and she will give it to the office.

Here we go! Thanks to a wonderful bunch of parents. We appreciate you very much.

Physical Education MS

Gym is currently on Fridays. Please remember to send sneakers in that day.

High School Happenings **Welcome Back High School!**

High School Field Trip to Consol Energy Center.

The permission forms for the field trip to the new Consol Energy Center has been sent home. Please return this form as soon as possible.

High School Retreat

The high school held our annual start of school retreat at the Laurelville Mennonite Camp in Laurelville. Our topic this year was prayer and several Bible studies and small group discussions were held.

The worship team also played set a wonderful tone of praise and thanks to God for our school and our upcoming school year. We all came home refreshed and ready to embark on an exciting new school year.

Physical Education HS

It is a new year and we will again be exploring ways to get physically fit and incorporate an active lifestyle in our everyday lives. Boys will be having gym on Tuesdays and girls on Thursday. All students must wear tennis shoes and appropriate clothing for physical activity. If a student has trouble remembering this, we will require a set of clothes and an extra pair of tennis shoes be left at the school.

ATTACHMENTS

Christian School Comments - Alcatraz "The Rock" by Brian S. Simmons, President, ACSI