

# CHAMPION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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# Dear Champion Christian School Parents, Students, and Childcare Parents,

During the 2022 – 2023 school year, God provided us with many blessings. God continues in His promises to strengthen and uphold us. I want to say that we are so proud of everyone on our team and in the parent and student community. THANK YOU for allowing us to be a part of your lives. Whether you are a continuing, past, or new family to CCS, we pray that you and your families are enjoying your summer vacation! The staff and faculty spend a lot of time and energy at the end of the school year and before school begins planning for the upcoming school year. Regardless of which program your child is in, this letter will contain vital information for you. We will also have it posted on the website for your reference. No matter where you are in the education continuum here at the Center, your interaction with communication is vital to us.

# Respond by letting us know you have received this email:

This year, like last, we are tracking your receipt of this email. Please send an email with your name to <a href="mailto:info@champion.org">info@champion.org</a> indicating that you have received and READ this summer letter. Please note Summer Letter in the subject line. If we do not hear from you, our staff will call to ensure you have received it. Please help us by letting us know right away that you have read it! It is important for your child's educational success that you read any emails that come from CCS and the Center.

## Gym & Fitness Center Project:

There are many volunteers that are working on this project throughout the summer, especially every Saturday beginning at 9AM. We are at a critical point needing help if we want to make our goal of opening this facility in September! If you are a painter, stainer, willing to clean up, do carpentry, electrical work, or just are willing to come and help however, please let us know. You can contact me or Trevor to get scheduled. If you would like to give towards the capital campaign, contact <u>Barb</u>. Please continue to pray about this with us! If you would like to be on the list to get updates about opportunities to volunteer, please email <u>info@champion.org</u> with a note that you would like to get the volunteer updates.

Remember that one of the best ways to get updated information is on the websites at <a href="http://www.champion.org/ccs">http://www.champion.org/ccs</a>, and <a href="http://www.champion.org/preschool">http://www.champion.org/preschool</a>. Also, if you do need to contact us, North Campus is normally open from 7 am- 5 pm Monday through Friday during the summer months.

Have a blessed summer!

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Dr. D. Merle Skinner, LPC, Executive Director

## **NEW FAMILIES TO CCS**

We are excited that you have chosen to partner us in the education of your child. If you need assistance in finding out what is expected of you, feel free to call your child's teacher or any support staff member at the school. There are several things that are important for you to do now if you have not already. Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) accounts must be created online for financial aid and for billing and payments. In addition, material fees are due at the end of July and will be billed to your STS account.

Teachers will be contacting all new families to make an appointment to complete a developmental history after enrollment has been established. This information is helpful for students of all ages and provides families with an opportunity to become better acquainted with CCS and our staff.

In the summer, as part of the enrollment and reenrollment process, we ask parents to work through some tasks and paperwork on iChampion. If you need help with iChampion, computers are available to you during our summer hours at North Campus and our support staff can walk you through the process. We will continue to share more information about these tasks throughout the summer. Keep in mind that parents at CCS use iChampion to view and track student assignments and grades. Teachers will go over that process with new families during orientation.

#### Financial Aid

As some of you know, the tax credit programs (EITC and OSTC) have helped us tremendously in the past and the Board has taken that opportunity to provide more financial aid to those who need it this year. All these additions will put money in the pockets of families that need it to help make sure their children can do other things that require financial support.

In the past, parents have paid for student activities (trips, sports, graduation, etc.) a la carte. Again, with the financial aid availability this year, these fees will be fully covered by financial aid for all families this year. For CCS to fully fund this benefit with EITC monies, we ask all families to apply for financial aid. There are some exceptions to events and activities that WILL NOT be covered by this activity fee including:

- high school leadership trip (other fundraising opportunities possible)
- high school mission trip (participants solicit donations)
- high school junior/senior banquet

Please email lin\_podolinsky@champion.org if you need specific clarification on other fees. As noted earlier, families can ask for additional help if they need it because of financial difficulties. Board requests should be emailed to financialaid@champion.org.

The financial aid application is now available for 2023-2024 on Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) website. New families will need to create their accounts once they receive the iChampion email invitation, after they complete the enrollment application and pay their registration. Follow the iChampion Financial Aid instructions under Tuition and Financial Aid to set up an STS account and complete the financial aid process. Current families can proceed straight to the 2023-2024 financial-aid application on STS. The Award Letter and Service Agreement will be uploaded to iChampion for your signature once the STS application process is complete and we receive your eligibility. Early applications help provide processing time to complete the financial aid process.

If you are interested in working at the school to help with your tuition, you may contact Val Varesio at val\_varesio@champion.org. It is important to us that you can afford a Christian education. We need landscapers, maintenance workers, and cleaners! This program is now open to preschool and childcare families and K-12 parents.

If you receive financial aid, you must participate in two fundraisers during the school year, attend the required parent and financial aid meeting and attend one workday for at least four hours. You can donate \$50 in place of one fundraiser instead of participating. If you do not fulfill your financial aid requirements, part of your financial aid package will be reduced. This is part of the financial service agreement.

# Returning Families regarding STS balances:

Please be aware that we will be moving all balances and credits from this past year to the new 2023-2024 school year. All balances need to be paid in full before the first day of school in the fall. Material fees will be billed in July and due at the beginning of August. Tuition is due Friday, August 25 before the first day of school on August 28. Please contact Mrs. Val Varesio with questions about your STS account or the financial aid team (financialaid@champion.org) with financial aid questions.

## ADDITIONAL ONLINE INFORMATION

Let us help you to stay in the loop. If you are still having trouble reading your email or getting things from the web, please let us know how we can help. It is important that you make sure that our domain, champion.org, is not blocked by your email server or your virus protection program.

Just a reminder: The Center's online calendar will keep you up to date with the most current activities and school schedules. Throughout the summer it will be updated with tentative dates through the end of the next school year. This is located at <a href="http://www.champion.org/calendar">http://www.champion.org/calendar</a> and will give you some ideas about what dates to save. Please remember to continually look at that calendar for the most current information and do not forget to check the Center (green) calendar, the school (burgundy) calendar, the athletics (blue) calendar and the chapel (lavender) calendar. You will have to select these calendars on the left side of the page under 'shared calendars' to see the details. Activities do change sometimes due to reasons beyond our control. Please use this and regular email communications like Principals' and Administrators' Notes to plan more effectively. If you would like to keep your settings on the calendar (not have to check the red school calendar each time you open the calendar) we can give you your own login to use. Just email <a href="mailto:support@champion.org">support@champion.org</a> and we will set you up. This will also give you a champion.org email account if you would like one.

# Report Cards:

All report cards are available by contacting Danah Skinner at danah skinner@champion.org.

## **Achievement Test Scores:**

This year we did our testing in the Spring. Soon we will be posting results on *iChampion*. Please continue to check your email for more information.

# **Returning Student Profiles:**

Returning students going into grades 6-12 will be able to access their completed student profiles from

the 2022-2023 school year on *iChampion* during the month of July. Students will need to reflect on those old profiles and create a new response that describes how they have grown spiritually over the year. These reflections will need to be uploaded on *iChampion* by August 15<sup>th</sup>. During the first month of school, each student will be appointed a faculty or staff advisor and with the advisor's help, the student will edit the profile and establish new or amended goals for the new school year. Returning students entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade will need to complete a new student profile as this is the first year that they will go through this process.

## **New Student Profiles:**

New students in grades 5-11 should complete their profiles during the enrollment process.

## **SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

# Early Education Extended Care Services (Childcare):

We are so excited to offer summer childcare once again through our Early Education Extended Care Services (EEECS)! This summer, these services are available at our North Campus in Donegal, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., for children ages infant through three. It is our goal that each child knows how much God loves them and that God has expressed His love for each of us in His Word. Each day throughout the summer we have themed games and crafts the children will enjoy. Enrolled students will be served free breakfast and lunch as part of the summer hot lunch program. Listed below is a schedule of what we will be doing this year! If you are interested in childcare for infants through three, please contact our office at 724-593-9200 as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly to best meet your needs and those of the Center. Thank you!

We will continue our childcare program during the school year. We also offer before and after school care to school-age children. Our childcare services are designed to meet the needs of your child and your family. Each day we focus on games and activities that are developmentally appropriate and help children learn and grow. Champion Christian Childcare is a play-based childcare center that centers around the Word of God. We believe that no one is too young to learn about our Lord. We read Bible stories, sing Bible songs, and learn to pray. To find out more information about our childcare and extended care program, check out the web at: <a href="www.champion.org/childcare">www.champion.org/childcare</a>. It is important if you are interested in attending EEECS in the fall that you communicate that need to Mandy ASAP and that your registrations are paid for the new school year. Spaces are limited. Please contact Mandy Reed for more information (mandy reed@champion.org).

## Summer Preschool 2023:

We are so excited to have Summer Preschool every day of the week here at the Center! This summer, Preschool is being held at our North Campus in Donegal on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 AM - 4:00 pm for children ages three through five. There is also a Tuesday and Thursday morning Preschool class offered from 8:00 AM - 12:30 pm. Younger children are also invited to attend (2.5 years old) if they are developmentally appropriate and actively toilet training. Please contact Ms. Jen, jen pizer@champion.org, if you are interested. There is financial aid available.

# Free Summer Lunch Program:

Our summer lunch program is bustling and will continue daily from 11:30 – 1:00 pm Monday through

Friday through August 18<sup>th</sup>. Eat and get a sneak peek of the work at the gym and wellness center. Kids through 18 years old are free. Adult meals cost \$4.02. Like us on Facebook to check our daily offerings!

# **Summer Tutoring:**

CCS summer tutoring is available for students. Tutoring will be available at the cost of \$20.00 per 30-minute session for individual students, \$30 per 45-minute individual session or \$40 per hour per individual session. If you are interested in enrolling your child in tutoring this summer, please contact Mrs. Lane for more information. Tutoring payments are due each week for students not enrolled at CCS. We can bill CCS student STS accounts for summer tutoring.

# Summer New and Old Building Notes:

We are thankful to the Lord for all the work that has been done to our facilities over the last couple of years. We are continuing to need help with work for the gym construction. Please tell Dr. Skinner or one of the trustees as soon as possible if you want to help. If you are interested in being a trustee or would like to help with certain projects, please check out the website at http://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/needslist.pdf and let Dr. Skinner know!

# Community Coach Bus Trips:

We have scheduled an overnight trip to the Ark & Creation Museum on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 12th. Please call North Campus at 724-592-9200 for specific details. Community trips really are a fantastic opportunity to be involved with the Center and can be a wonderful time of fellowship with friends and family, so be sure to keep an eye on your email for some fun opportunities as we are able to get some trips scheduled!

## Golf Benefit:

This year's golf benefit will be on Saturday morning, August 5th at the Club at Middlecreek in Rockwood, PA. We have room for some individuals and ONE more foursome. Download the registration form to sign up! Do you or someone you know play golf and wants to support the Center? This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with them. It is always a great and fun event. This year's event is a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. If you have any questions, please call Barb Skinner at 724-593-9200. Only one spot left for teams, but sponsors are still needed!

## Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting Camps:

Students will get the opportunity to attend a class this year. The beginner camp is on Wednesday, August 2 & Friday, August 4 from 9:00am-12:00pm for ages 8 & up. Students will make a short set or jumper using a pattern. Please bring your own material. Beginning Crochet/Knitting Class is on Thursday, August 3 from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm. Bring a hook (K, J or H). Reservations required.

## Adult Beginner Canning Class:

- Peaches Tuesday, August 1 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | bring cans & lids
- String Beans Wednesday, August 2 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | bring cans & lids
- Applesauce Friday, September 15 | 5:00pm-8:30pm | bring cans & lids
- Salsa Saturday, September 16 | 3:00pm-7:00pm | bring cans & lids

In these one-day classes, adult students will learn the basic principles of water bath canning. Call 724-593-9200 or email info@champion.org to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

# Summer Library:

Our FREE Summer Library Program will be in our North Campus Library: Thursdays (July 6 & 20, Aug 3 & 17) from 11:00 am- 12:00 pm.

Our library program is open to any children aged two through fourteen and will feature interactive read-aloud, hands-on activities, and the opportunity to check out books each week. We ask that parents remain with any children under the age of four.

Registration is required. Please give us a call to register for any or all of our library days.

# EITC (Business Tax Credits):

Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.champion.org/development/eitc">http://www.champion.org/development/eitc</a> to download a brochure (or pick some up at either campus) about the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) to pass on to any business owners you know. If the business pays PA income tax, they can redirect those funds to help provide scholarships here at Champion Christian School. If you are a new business, July 1st is the target deadline for all new businesses to apply for the credits, so now is the time to think about this!

You can participate in this program as an individual! Instead of your PA tax dollars going to Harrisburg, you can donate those funds to help provide financial aid for Champion Christian School students and get over a 90% tax credit back. There is a \$2000 minimum. Contact Barb (barb skinner@champion.org) if you want more information.

## PREPARING FOR SCHOOL IN THE FALL

## Regular Van Drivers Needed:

We need additional regular and substitute route drivers (van or bus) for CCS daily runs and special trip drivers. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities or know of someone that might be a great candidate for these roles, please contact Mrs. Podolinsky ASAP. Most of our daily runs just require a regular driver's license for driving. If desired, pay can be put toward your STS.

# Next Year School Breakfast & Lunch Program:

We are planning on continuing with the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for free breakfasts and lunches in the 2023-2024 school year. Participation in this program is based on the percentage of CCS families/students who participate in SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, Medicaid, or students who are considered homeless, migrant, and runaways. Our eligibility for this program is evaluated over a 4-year cycle. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Mrs. Lin Podolinsky.

## Soccer Season for 2023

For soccer this year we will be holding soccer practices after school from 3:30-5:00 pm. Practices will be on Harr Field at our North Campus location and will begin August 28<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school, for conditioning a. We will incorporate additional skills practice for students. We are inviting students from 2nd grade through 12th grade to participate in all practices. However, with travel or home games we

will be able to field a MS/Jr. High (5th-9th grade) team and an Elementary Team (2nd-5th grade). This is subject to change based on participation. Games are being scheduled now and will appear on the blue athletic calendar at champion.org/calendar.

Our schedule this year will reflect learning soccer in an intramural atmosphere, and through that our coaching staff will incorporate competitive opportunities to help our players mature into those who love the game of soccer. Our goal is to compete with other teams to assess where we are as a program.

Our focus is to:

learn Christian sportsmanship,
learn the game of soccer and to function as part of a team
learn self-discipline
learn and exhibit school spirit
build self-esteem, and
learn the importance of physical fitness.

We are looking for additional coaches who have a Christian background, love soccer and enjoy coaching children. If you are interested, please email Coach Trevor at trevor mccalmont@champion.org.

Permissions slips will be on iChampion and may be filled out. Direct any additional questions to trevor mccalmont@champion.org.

## Homecoming/CCS Fall Family Picnic:

Participants from all Center & CCS programs are welcome to attend our homecoming/Fall Family Picnic on Friday, September 29th, 2023. We will provide hot dogs and drinks and ask families to each bring their favorite side dish to share.

# **Elementary Summer Reader Program:**

It is time for Summer Readers to begin. Summer Readers is a wonderful way for students to continue to work on their learning as they are enjoying the summer! Students who complete their reading are invited to spend the day at Mountain Pines Campground on Friday, September 15th, 2023. Parents are also invited. Each grade has different requirements for summer reading. This program is optional for Elementary students. ALL students entering Kindergarten are invited to join us on the trip. Those entering fifth grade are also included and invited to the picnic and have a fun time helping and playing with the younger students. If your child does not participate in Summer Readers, they will stay at school and have a normal day while the other students attend the picnic. http://www.champion.org/ccs/activities/elementary/summerreaders

# Middle School and High School Readers are Needed:

The library at North Campus has undergone significant changes which have enhanced its usefulness. We want to encourage the older students to read over the summer. There are many excellent stories in our library that are full of exciting adventures and life lessons. We are looking for students to help screen new books in our library and would also like to expand student selections and participation in

our library program. If your middle school or high school student is interested in this opportunity, please contact us. Also, if there is a book or a series that your teen would like to suggest to add to the library contact the office.

# Discovery Program:

This program is designed for students with learning difficulties. More information about this program can be found on the school web site. Contact Mrs. Lane at ext. 111 or via email at <a href="mailto:belinda\_lane@champion.org">belinda\_lane@champion.org</a> for additional information. View more information at <a href="http://www.champion.org/nild">http://www.champion.org/nild</a>.

# Fall Program Meeting:

There will be a required Fall Parent Meeting for all programs at Champion Christian School held at the North Campus in Donegal. This date will be announced soon, and it is a required meeting for those who receive financial aid.

## **Busing Contracts:**

Because of summer schedules, we will not know anything about bussing until two weeks before school starts at the earliest. You will be contacted by your child's driver if you are in Rockwood, Somerset, or Uniontown. If you are from another district, the districts' bus companies or their drivers will notify you.

## 2023-2024 Orientation:

Orientation for the new school year will be at both campuses on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m for all families, Childcare through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please plan accordingly. This is an especially valuable time as much information regarding the new school year will be provided. Check out the link below for more information.

http://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/

## Handbooks:

All parents and students are to review the handbooks and will sign a statement that they have read and agree to the policies before the beginning of school by uploading them to iChampion.

The handbook signoffs are all on iChampion (<a href="http://www.champion.org/iChampion">http://www.champion.org/iChampion</a>). To access the handbook the username is **handbook** and the password is **E@gle\$** 

## Social Media and Communication:

Social media is a fantastic way to share the wonderful things that are happening at the Center. We encourage you to connect with us on Linked In, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Please like our pages and regularly share information about what we are doing. This really helps make the footprint of the Center and CCS much better. However, it is essential that CCS families resist the current trend to use social media as a tool to vent and voice personal opinion. As a part of the family commitment, you agree to talk directly with teachers and the administration about your concerns. Please remember that talking to other parents about concerns before you have worked with staff or posting negative comments on Facebook does not help to solve the problem and is hurtful for all involved. Please note that our social media policy is also on the student profile. Students will need to read and sign their agreements.

## Health Forms:

All health forms can be accessed at http://www.champion.org/ccs/admissions.

Click on the Health & Immunization link in the upper right-hand corner of the page and then select the appropriate link from the drop-down menu. Make sure to view the PA State Immunization Requirements for all students at: <a href="http://www.champion.org/ccs/admissions/immunizations.pdf">http://www.champion.org/ccs/admissions/immunizations.pdf</a>

## First Day of School 2023-2024:

Our first day of school for the upcoming school year is Monday, August 28th for both K-12 and MWF Preschool Classes. T-TH Preschool Classes will begin on Tuesday, August 29. Childcare will continue into the school year for infants through two years of age. We will also offer our before and after school care for school-aged students.

## Parent – Teacher Communication:

Remember that communication regarding school-related information or issues needs to happen through either the faculty or staff member's **email** account, your **iChampion messaging**, or **Center phone**. Center policy keeps our faculty and staff from responding to communication through Facebook, texting, and/or any type of social media messaging. This year, part of your agreement in iChampion is to commit to read and respond to email communication from the Center.

## **Dress Code Reminder:**

Please take a moment to look over the dress code stated in the handbooks. Students need to come to school dressed accordingly. Those who choose not to follow policy will be given something to wear or asked to stay in the office until a parent can bring something appropriate.

## MS and HS Retreat:

Grade 5-12 retreats are momentous events in the life of the student body at the Center. You can find out more about what we normally do at retreats by checking the links out below. Please look for information later in the summer. These events are set up at the beginning of the school year as a kick-off event and play an essential part in setting up spiritual unity and goals for the school. All students in these grades must attend the retreat. It will be Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Christian in Mill Run. Student costs will be covered by the activity fee. Parents and siblings may sign up to come for the Thursday evening meal at cost.

http://www.champion.org/ccs/activities/middleschool/retreat

http://www.champion.org/ccs/activities/highschool/retreat

#### 2023-2024 Service Hours:

Students may earn service hours over the summer. Please remember 5-12 students must earn a certain number of hours per year. Contact one of the staff if your student would like to earn some summer service hours at the school helping with the gym project. Students need to have service hour forms completed, signed, and uploaded to iChampion to receive credit.

## **MATERIAL LISTS K-12:**

Material lists https://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/

## CCS Calendar:

Our school calendar is being updated for the 2023-2024 school year. Many school events have already been added to the calendar, and more events are still to come. It is important that you learn how to navigate the calendar and refer to it often, so you do not miss any events and information. You can access the calendar at:

# http://www.champion.org/calendar

To access the full calendar, ensure that the Athletic, Chapel, Champion Christian, and Center calendars are all checked on. Some dates are subject to change as reservations for trips are secured.

## CCS EARLY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PARENT INFORMATION

## Childcare 2023-2024:

Like last year, we will have material fees for our EEECS/Childcare program for the 2023-2024 school year. In July, we will bill returning and new full-year students a \$150 annual material fee.

#### PRESCHOOL 2023-2024 – GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PRESCHOOL CLASSES:

This past year, we had a fantastic year in preschool and are praising the Lord for His work! And, we are so excited for the upcoming school year when we will welcome many new and returning families as well. Please make sure to read each of the notes in the above sections because they contain valuable information that applies to all preschool families, regardless of your involvement in any of the three campuses. It was great celebrating together at the graduation ceremonies this year at Christian Life Assembly of God in Melcroft, during our Pittsburgh Zoo Field Trip, and our end of year classroom parties. Please join us in praising God for His mighty work in our preschool program this year and giving thanks for each other and the fellowship we shared!

This letter also relates to you if you are coming new to Preschool or moving on to kindergarten. As you can imagine, lots of things have been happening around here. For the preschool homepage, please visit us at <a href="http://www.champion.org/preschool">http://www.champion.org/preschool</a>. You will find useful information there, as well. Ms. Jen Pizer and Mrs. Sharon Pasquarette are working to varying degrees over the summer. You can reach them at <a href="mailto:jen-pizer@champion.org">jen-pizer@champion.org</a> and <a href="mailto:sharon">sharon</a> pasquarette@champion.org</a>. So, if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to visit us, you can! Please tell us, and we will gladly schedule a time! We trust that God will bless your summer!

Please note: If you are interested in enrolling your child for more than one preschool class, you can do so depending on openings. All you must do is indicate on your application all the classes you would like your child to attend. If your child is a returning preschooler and you would like multiple classes, please contact Ms. Jen Pizer for more information regarding that enrollment process.

#### Preschool Communication:

It is important to note that much of our communication must be electronic during the school year because of efficiency. It is IMPERATIVE that we have your most up-to-date e-mail address and that you check your e-mail frequently. Preschool e-mails, Administrator's Notes, Principal's Notes, and other important school information will come to you via e-mail; and, if you are not checking e-mail, you will miss information regarding events, etc.

Also, please note that the preschool teachers will NOT respond to your text messages unless they are an emergency. Please communicate with teachers using only e-mail, school phone, or face-to-face. Thank you!

# Preschool iChampion Accounts and Usage:

It is crucial that you learn how to use iChampion to access preschool class resources, field trip information, permission forms, etc. It is important to be able to use iChampion well to have a fantastic year at Champion so please don't hesitate to ask for assistance if you need help. We are willing to help you to learn!

# Preschool iChampion Handbook Sign-off:

Important note! As you are completing the required portions of iChampion for this upcoming school year, please be sure to complete the handbook sign off in the Parents Classes. This verifies that you have read and understand all policies and procedures of the Center and Champion Christian School.

## Next Year's Preschool Class Preferences:

Returning preschool families, your preschool application was automatically rolled over into next year's preschool program. You do not need to complete a new preschool application. The only necessary thing you need to complete is to inform Ms. Jen Pizer of any changes in class preferences. Returning families are given first choice of classes, so it is important to be timely as some classes are filling up very quickly. New families are given choices of available preschool classes when they enroll. PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE CORRECT PRESCHOOL CLASS OR CLASSES OF YOUR CHOICE WITHOUT SPEAKING WITH MS. JEN. PLEASE NOTE: If you have preferences regarding your child's preschool teacher, those requests and decisions will be directed to and decided by Mrs. Belinda Lane and Dr. Skinner.

## Preschool Developmental Appointments:

Just as a reminder, if your child has attended Champion Christian Preschool this past school year, you do NOT need to complete a developmental appointment with your child's teacher. If you are a new family to the Preschool program or your child is new to the Preschool program, once your application and registration fee are taken care of, your child's teacher will be in touch with you to schedule a developmental appointment that will be completed this summer prior to the beginning of school.

#### **Preschool Orientation:**

Please see the orientation information above. Preschool participates in the whole-school orientation. For more information, click below.

http://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/

## Preschool Supply List:

For the upcoming school year, the preschool students will need to bring several items with them to school. You can drop off the classroom supplies during the Open House Orientation or during the first week of school. Please click below for specific supplies. If you are in Mrs. Pasquarette's Ligonier classes, she will provide you with a supply list separate from this one. You will need a folder in a full-sized backpack, a box of Kleenex, anti-bacterial wipes, a pack of small paper plates, a pack of 9-ounce cups, a pack of napkins. There will be a snack schedule she will send out at the beginning of the school year. Preschool 2023-2024 Supply List

#### Preschool Class Schedule:

The class schedule for the upcoming school year is available in the handbooks and the website. Please use it to help your child prepare for his or her preschool days. It is intended to help parents know what we are doing and interact with your child about their days in preschool. These schedules are general guides, but are specifically geared, as needed, within each class. Click below for general morning and afternoon class schedules.

http://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/preschool/Morning%20Preschool%20Schedule.pdf http://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/preschoo/Afternoon%20Preschool%20Schedule.pdf

## Preschool Toilet Training:

Following COVID, we observed some developmental expectation changes in early childhood development specifically in toilet training. As we continue to adjust back into typical and healthy developmental milestones, it is important to note that children attending preschool here at CCS need to be toilet trained PRIOR to enrolling in preschool. However, we recognize that each child's development and needs are different. So, we are willing to work with your child and enroll them into preschool if they are ACTIVELY toilet training (experiencing dryness most of the time and wearing training pants or transitioning into underwear) and can successfully complete toilet training within the first few weeks/month of preschool. If you have questions or needs, please let us know. We are here to support you in the growth, development, and learning of your children!

## Preschool Fall Events:

We are currently working on plans for several field trips that will occur in September and October this year. More information is to follow. Starting in August, the trip permission forms will be made available on iChampion in the Preschool class. It is important that you learn how to use iChampion and can locate the Preschool class there. Please be looking for more trip information soon.