



CHAMPION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Champion Christian School and EECS Parents (and Students),

Many school communities have noted that in some ways this year was harder than last year. Without a doubt, we faced many challenges together as a community. Some of them have been significant. Despite this, it has been clearly evident how amazing our community is, and how committed everyone is to following the Lord and supporting each other through the various trials we have faced. In our end of year staff debriefings, we always reflect on many things about the year and initiate our plan for next year. This year was no different, and we found many encouraging blessings. When we reviewed our strategic plan, we found that we had moved forward in many ways in spite of the difficulties the pandemic caused. We also noted that after Christmas things were different. We experienced what we would call almost all of our normal year's activities. This felt very good. And finally, although we are all tired, we are very hopeful about the future of our work with each of you and the community. There is a real sense that God is at work and has amazing things for all of us in this partnership for the future. 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 through these challenging times.

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 great deal of time and energy, both 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 at the Center, your interaction with communication is vital to us.

Respond 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 info@champion.org saying that you received and READ this summer letter. If we do not hear from you, our staff will call to make sure that you have received it. Please help us by just letting us know right away that you have read it! Thanks for helping us that way. It is important for your child's educational success that you read any emails that come from CCS and the Center.

We are very thankful for each of you

We appreciate the investment that you have made in sending your child(ren) to Champion. We do know that it requires a lot of commitment from your family to make this happen. Likewise, the same is true of the staff and the Center as a whole. We are very hopeful about the future and are committed to expanding high quality Christian education in our communities and are excited about the number of new families who are looking at Champion for the education of their children. There are tough times of cultural changes

around us and we enter this next year with renewed energy on our mission.

Gym & Fitness Center Project

Many of you have asked about the status of the gym complex. The ground has been cleared and work has begun for the foundation. The steel building is being delivered at the end of August. We still have one grant request pending to see if we can raise enough financial support to get the project completed, but to date we have raised enough to complete the Gym and the Stage area if we are able to come in on budget. If you would like to give towards the capital campaign, contact Barb. Please continue to pray about this with us! And, there are many volunteers that are working on this project and the track. If you would like to be on the list to get updates about opportunities to volunteer, please email info@champion.org with a note that you would like to get the volunteer updates.

Additional Staff Needed

Along with every other business in the country we are finding it difficult to find good people to join our staff team. If you know of anyone interested in working in a place that is committed to building families and communities, please have them contact us for additional information. They can find additional information on our employment website at www.champion.org/employment.

Remember that one of the best ways to get updated information is on the websites at <http://www.champion.org>, <http://www.champion.org/ccs>, and <http://www.champion.org/preschool>. 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 with 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 a 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.**

While our material fees have increased this year, families will not be paying more. **Because of our financial aid availability this year, all families will automatically be able to pay last year's material fee costs. We do encourage all families to apply for financial aid so that this aid can be fully funded by EITC and OSTC.**

In the past, parents have paid for student activities (trips, sports, graduation, etc.) a la carte. Again, with the financial aid availability this year, we are implementing a lump sum activity fee to cover these costs. **This fee, however, will be fully covered 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
- High School College Visit Trip

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 2022-2023 on Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) website. New families will need to create their accounts once they receive the STS email invitation, then can proceed to the financial-aid application. After submitting your application and registration, you will be sent an email that invites you to STS. Follow the iChampion Financial Aid instructions under Tuition and Financial Aid to complete this process. Current families can proceed straight to the 2022-2023 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 are able to afford a Christian education. We need landscapers, maintenance workers, and cleaners! This program is now open

to preschool and eeecs families as well as the K-12 parents.

If you receive financial aid, you are required to participate in two fundraisers during the school year, attend the required parent and financial aid meeting and attend one workday for a minimum of 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 2022-2023 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 26 before the first day of school on August 29. Please contact Mrs. Pam Hoffmeyer 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 <http://www.champion.org/calendar> 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 support@champion.org 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/will be published on iChampion in the student's homeroom section. Students in grades 5-12 can log in and access their report cards through the end of July. Elementary parents will access the report cards for the younger students. Please contact Mrs. Lane or your child's teacher if you have any questions, or if you would like to schedule an appointment.

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 2021-2022 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 15th. 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 5th 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:

We are so excited to once again offer summer childcare 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. Our theme this summer is "Super Sleuths, Identifying our True Identity in Christ." It is our goal that each child knows how much God loves them and the different ways 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 care for infants through three, please contact Mrs. Mandy Reed at mandy_reed@champion.org as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly to best meet your needs and those of the Center. Thank you!

WEEK OF:

June 13: "Farm Week"

June 20: "Carnival/circus week"

June 27: "Gardening week"

July 5: "Happy Birthday, America"

July 11: "Water week"

July 18: "Cooking week"

July 25: "Exploration week"

August 1: "Art week"

August 8: "Upcycle week"

August 15: To Be determined

We will continue our childcare program during the school year to accommodate infants through three years of age. Our hours of operation are 7am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. 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: www.champion.org/childcare. It is important if you are interested in attending EEECS in the fall we need you to make sure your application is into the office ASAP. Spaces are limited. Please contact Mandy Reed for more information (mandy_reed@champion.org).

Summer Preschool 2022:

We are so excited to be offering Summer Preschool once again here at the Center! This summer, Preschool will be held at our North Campus in Donegal on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM for children ages three through five. Younger children are also invited to attend (2.5 years old) if they are developmentally appropriate. Our theme this summer is “Super Sleuths, Identifying our True Identity in Christ.” It is our goal that each child knows how much God loves them and the different ways God has expressed his love for each of us in his Word. We will have weekly themes and spend our time developing our social-emotional skills through play, developing our cognitive skills through games, songs, stories, etc., developing our gross motor and fine motor skills through time outside, art projects, etc., and growing in our spiritual development through Bible songs, stories, and other activities. All students will be served free breakfast and lunch this summer. Spaces are limited and filling up fast. 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 Monday through Friday through August 19th. Come and 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 \$3.86. Like us on Facebook to check our daily offerings!

Summer Tutoring:

CCS summer tutoring is available for students. A special grant has allowed us to offer free tutoring this spring through June 30th. Tutoring will be available in July and August 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. There is some funding available through another grant that covers the cost for special needs students to tutor this summer. 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.

<http://www.champion.org/summeractivities/tutoring>

Rocket Camp:

Miss Skinner will be teaching a beginner rocket camp. This will be for students who are interested

in learning the basics of rocketry. If they are younger than 7 then they will need an adult to help with the small detail parts. We will be building a rocket and shooting it. If the weather is bad, then we will shoot them the next day. This will be on July 26th from 10 – 12 during the day and then I usually invite everyone to join us for the free lunch program. The cost is \$45 per person/rocket.

Summer New and Old Building Notes:

Have you noticed the work that has happened already this summer at our North Campus? We are thankful to the Lord for all the work that has been done to our facilities over the last couple of years. We will need help with some work with the gym construction, finishing the work on Harr Field, general landscaping, and some work done with our backhoe and heavy equipment. Please let Dr. Skinner or one of the trustees know as soon as possible if you would like 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 currently have a trip scheduled to Sight & Sound Theatre to see David in Lancaster, PA (June 24). We are also scheduling a second trip so let the office know if you are interested in being a part of picking that date. These 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 6th at the Club at Middlecreek in Rockwood, PA. 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. There will be an AM & PM flight. In between flights, lunch will be served at the Course following a program. If you have any questions, please call Barb Skinner at 724-593-9200. We are looking for teams, individual players, and sponsors who might be interested!

Sewing Camp:

Students will get the opportunity to attend a beginning or intermediate class this year. The Beginner camp is on Monday, August 8 from 9:30-12:30. Students will choose between making a change holder or a personalized pillowcase. Materials are included in the \$25 fee. The Intermediate class is on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12:30. Students will be using a pattern to make an insulated sling water bottle carrier and a change holder. The cost is \$45 and includes materials. Space is limited for both camps.

Adult Beginner Canning Class:

In this one-day class on August 8th from 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM, adult students will learn the basic

principles of water bath canning to preserve fruit or jam. 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 every Tuesday (June 7 – August 16) from 11:00 – 11:45.

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 <http://www.champion.org/development/eitc> 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 \$1000 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 2022-2023 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 Lin Podolinsky.

Soccer Season for 2022

For soccer this year we will be holding soccer practices on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30- 5:00 pm. Practices will be on Harr Field at our North Campus.

Practices will begin August 29th for conditioning and we will incorporate additional skills practice for students on Friday September 2nd and Friday September 9th with Coach Fernando Mezza.

Following those two skills practices we will continue practices Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

On the coaching roster this year will be Paul Hoffmeyer, Trevor McCalmont, Ferndando Mezza

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 are 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 October 21st. 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 September 16th. 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 belinda_lane@champion.org for additional information. View more information at <http://www.champion.org/nild>.

Fall Program Meeting:

Thursday, October 20th is our Fall Parent Meeting for all programs at Champion Christian School held at the North Campus in Donegal at 6:30 p.m. It is a wonderful time to get to know each other and find out more about what is going on. **There is also a required meeting for all those that received financial aid at 7:45 p.m. that night.**

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.

2022-2023 Orientation:

Orientation for the new school year will be at both campuses on Thursday, August 25th from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 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 (<http://www.champion.org/iChampion>). 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 has been added to the student profile. Students will need to read and sign their agreement.

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:

<http://www.champion.org/ccs/admissions/immunizations.pdf>

First Day of School 2022-2023:

Our first day of school for the upcoming school year is Monday, August 29 for both K-12 and MWF Preschool Classes. T-TH Preschool Classes will begin on Tuesday, August 30. 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. Please contact Mandy Reed (mandy_reed@champion.org) for more information on childcare.

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:

The MS and HS 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 must attend the retreat. It will be Sept. 1st and 2nd, at the Laurelville Retreat Center. Student costs will be covered by the activity fee. Parents and siblings may sign up to come for the Thursday evening meal for a cost of \$12.00 per person.

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

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

2022-2023 Service Hours:

Students may earn service hours over the summer. Please remember that MS and HS students are required to 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. 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 2022-2023 school year and will be ready for your review and use by July 1st. Most of our field trips, school events, classroom parties, etc. Are being added to the calendar. 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

EEECs 2022-2023:

Like last year, we will have material fees for our EEECS program for the 2022-2023 school year. In July we will be billing returning and new full-year students a \$130 annual material fee. For students who will be joining us only in the summer of **2022**, we will bill a \$30 material fee. To align dates with our school program, our registration fees for students returning in the next school year will be charged in March regardless of when students enroll. If you have any questions, please call Lin Podolinsky at 724-593-9200.

PRESCHOOL 2022-2023 – GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PRESCHOOL CLASSES:

Although this past year was difficult, 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 The Buchanan Church of God in White and during our Living Treasures Field Trip and Celebration Picnic at Resh's Park. 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 <http://www.champion.org/preschool>. You will find useful information there, as well. Ms. Jen Pizer and Mrs. Sharon Pasqualette are working to varying degrees over the summer. You can reach them at jen_pizer@champion.org and sharon_pasqualette@champion.org. So, if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to visit us, you can! Please let us know and we will be glad to 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 do have the opportunity to 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:

Over the summer, we are going to be rolling out some significant changes to our preschool class on iChampion. More information will be coming to you soon as we make the necessary changes. It will be crucial that you learn how to use iChampion to access preschool class resources, field trip information, permission forms, etc. For those that begin the school year using iChampion well, we will be offering an incentive (early bird discount) for our first field trip in September. More information will be coming soon. Overall, it is important to be able to use iChampion well

to have a fantastic year at Champion. Please 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.

<http://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/preschool/preschoolsupplylist22-23.pdf>

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 to be able to know what we are doing and to 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/preschool/Afternoon%20Preschool%20Schedule.pdf>

Preschool Family Picnic:

This coming September, we will be hosting a Welcome to CCS Preschool family picnic at Friendship Park in Ligonier. There is a state-of-the-art playground there for the children as well as wonderful accommodation for picnics. We will spend an evening together getting to know everyone including some important staff members from the Center. More information will come out later this summer. Please plan on attending this wonderful evening of fellowship together!

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.

Fall Program Meeting:

See the above notes in the summer letter about the Fall Parent Meeting and the required financial aid meeting which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at our North Campus in Donegal. Click the link below for more specific information.

<http://www.champion.org/ccs/orientation/preschool/Preschool%20Parent%20Meeting.htm>

Thank you everyone for choosing the Center to meet your educational needs for your family. We are looking forward to the rest of the summer and fall working with you!