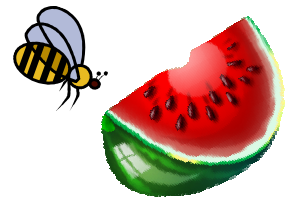




Informant

Summer 2010



From the Principal's Pen



What's the Buzz of Change at CBCS?

Parents: Thank you for your wise input in helping CBCS be a better school to the honor and glory of Christ. Pastor Loggans, Pastor Stein and Mrs. Schuyler are working to address the concerns that were mentioned at the School Board's Open Forum. The administration has an open door policy with an open ear and a desire for an open heart to God to fashion us into His image.

Communication Updated: Some changes being implemented to help you.

1. Parent/teacher communication folders have been purchased for each CBCS student which will be sent home every Monday. This folder will contain a classroom newsletter about upcoming tests/projects, papers to be signed, and graded papers.
2. Each teacher will communicate with parents weekly via email.
3. Our new handbook will clarify several areas of concern:
 - *Dress code areas including the new recreational dress for girls
 - *Academic Meet participation (required and optional areas)
 - *Homework, quiz and testing policies

Building upon Staff Strengths: CBCS teacher strengths being highlighted.

1. Pastor Stein will take over more of the daily school administration responsibilities as Mrs. Schuyler will be spending more time in the classroom. Pastor Morris will teach 5/6 grade Bible and 7/8 grade Bible Quiz. Pastor Kurtz will be in charge of the music program and will direct the CBCS band and choir. Pastor Lincoln will be our Chapel Pastor, greeting/encouraging the children.
2. Upper level teacher strengths will enhance student learning: In addition to some general teaching responsibilities, Mr. Mulder will teach history classes 5-8, Miss Whittenburg will teach English 6-8, Mrs. Schuyler will teach Math 6, Algebra 1/2 and Life Science; Mrs. Sue Turcotte will teach Earth Science 8, and Mrs. Wetzel will teach computer technology and 5th grade. An upper level class schedule will be sent later via e-mail. Feel free to call Mrs. Schuyler (261-8922) with any questions.

Curriculum Change: Several books ordered to enhance 21st century learning.

1. Brand new 5/6 grade history books: Mr. Mulder is working with Dr. Mark Holland this summer to prepare an exciting year of learning history in grades 5-8.
2. Brand new junior high science presentations: Mrs. Schuyler is preparing power-point presentations on the brand new Life Science books as well as weekly science demonstrations of how real science and the Bible agree. Mrs. Sue Turcotte, who has a masters degree in secondary education, will teach the Earth Science course using her already developed power-point presentations.
3. Computer keyboarding improvements: Mrs. Wetzel will teach word processing to students in grades 5-8 with newly purchased textbooks.

Spiritual Environment Mission: Continue to come alongside the home in the training of children to become more like Christ now and in the future.

1. Staff training will include a CD series on developing a "Culture of Grace" at CBCS.
2. Weekly prayer times will be available for staff, for students, and for parents.
3. Newsletters will come from each classroom teacher suggesting ways parents can help with character development, help to re-emphasize classroom Bible instruction, and pray for specific requests from the children and teachers.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

School Spiritual Start-up Week will include special chapel times with Dr. Morris, bowling for Grades 5-8, and a roller skating activity for Grades 3-8.
More details to follow.

Looking Ahead...

JULY 15— Last day for 10% registration and comprehensive fee discount. Payments can be made by mail, at the school office (Wednesday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), at the church office, or personally given to school administration.

August

- 1 **First Regular Payment Due for 10 Month Plan**
- 19-26 Teacher In-Service
- 24 Parent/Teacher Open House 4-6 p.m.
- 30 First Day of School (8:15 a.m.)
- 30-9/3 Spiritual Start-up Week

Open House

Parent/Teacher Open House
Make Attendance an Educational Priority!

Parents, please set aside Tuesday, August 24 from 4-6 p.m. as a **priority event** to start the school year off right. Some very important information will be presented.

Here are some highlights and instructions for the evening:

- Pick up your family packet when you enter the lobby.
- Visit each child's classroom to hear a very important presentation by the teacher and pick up a class information packet. Short sessions will start promptly every half hour. (4:00; 4:30; 5:00; 5:30)
- Take care of last minute paperwork or financial obligations at the school window during the Open House.
- Enjoy a **free dinner** of hotdogs, chips, dessert, and drinks with your family any time from 4-6 p.m.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

For those students entering **Kindergarten** and **6th grades**, two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine will be required (unless the student has had the disease).

For those students entering **6th grade**, 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) will be required.

All immunizations must be up to date by the 40th day of school, so please remember to take care of this early.

Junior High Schedule Choices for 7th and 8th Graders

- Choice in Bible: Bible Quiz or Christian Living
- Choice of Music: Band (3 days) **and/or** choir (2 days)
- Choice of Math: General Math 87 or Algebra 1/2 for 7th; Math 87, Algebra 1/2 or Algebra 1 for 8th

(Students will be called in August to set up class schedules.)