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Clarifying Logistics

SCHOOL HOURS

The school hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The CCA receptionist is available for calls as early as 7:30 AM and as late as 5:30 PM each school day.

Students should arrive at school by **7:50 AM**. Classes begin at 8:00. The school day ends for **EL students at 3:15**, and **MS/HS students at 3:25**.

ABSENCES, TARDIES, DISMISSALS

Please be sure to e-mail absentee, tardy, or early dismissal notices to Mrs. Powell by **7:45 AM**. You will receive a reply message via e-mail confirming receipt of your message. Or if you prefer to send in a note with your student, that should be given to Mrs. Powell as well.

If for any reason you are unable to e-mail the school regarding absences or tardies, it is vitally important that you call the school by 7:45 AM at 228-8888. The receptionist is on duty at 7:30 AM. You may leave a voicemail message if you call before then.

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

We have a new procedure for Early Dismissal of children. As you enter the building please mention to the Receptionist that you are here to pick up your child for early dismissal. They will contact the classroom to have your child(ren) released so you can then you can sign them out.

Clear Communications

Our teachers appreciate e-mail communication as it enables them to rest full attention on students in the classroom, and respond to parents during appropriate pockets of time throughout the day. Should you have any suggestions, encouragements, or concerns we'd love to hear from you as well.

A link is provided on the last page for a **Faculty and Staff Directory** providing email addresses and phone extensions. During after school hours you can leave a message at their voice mail if you wish.

Pick up Number in Folders

Included in your student's folder this week were 2 laminated number sheets. As explained in a recent One Call Now (OCN) phone message, please place one of these in the dash of your car. There are two included for 2-car families, or to share with someone else who picks up your children for you.

This number will be used by our staff during dismissal time to notify the classroom teacher that your child may be sent out to be picked up. (We did not utilize last year's number as we thought we might so please discard any old pick up cards and use the new ones.)

If your card becomes lost or damaged, you can easily make one of your own that emulates these very special CCA-brand of cards! It will of course easily serve the same purpose.

Veracross Accounts

IMPORTANT note to all parents. Please take a moment to login to your Veracross account so that you can see the options there for you. We lean on the Veracross system to provide you with the information you need regarding your student's assignments, grades, attendance, calendar events, etc.

We are using the Veracross School Calendar to provide updated information about school events, etc. so you will want to

know how to access that.

If you try to login and it will not allow you access, please contact Mrs. McLaughlin. If the accounts are not accessed for 6 months they go into an inactive mode and must be revived. We can do that for you.

If you are the parent of a new student and have not received notice of your username/login information, please contact Mrs. McLaughlin as well.

September 16-17 event

Pastor Dan Underhill, a former graduate and youth pastor in New York City, is coming to CCA on **Wednesday, Sept. 16th** and will be sharing with our MS/HS students in an afternoon chapel time.

Then, on **Thursday, Sept. 17th**, MS/HS students from other area Christian schools and homeschoolers will gather together for a day of fellowship, teaching, and worship. Pastor Dan will be the keynote speaker.

A special highlight of the day will be featuring the Christian music band from Australia, **Alabaster Box**. They will be sharing a full concert with the students on Thursday afternoon. The cost per student is \$10. There will also be a missions' presentation on behalf of Global Benefit.

More details regarding will be sent home via e-mail this week.

Delayed Openings start next Thursday September 10

Please read the article for full details.

Weekly Delayed Openings

Beginning this week, Thursday mornings will be scheduled delayed opening mornings until 9:00 AM in order for teachers to participate in our weekly Professional Development training.

Students in MS/HS will have the opportunity to join our Worship Team directed by Michael Shaughnessy, our new Music Director and Worship Leader. (We will present a more detailed bio on Mr. Shaughnessy in the next Academy Accents.)

Worship Team practice will be from 7:30-9:00 AM. All students in MS/HS who have vocal and instrumental abilities are welcome to join the team.

HS students will also have the option of taking a Chalk Pastel Art Class during the Delayed Opening timeframe. MS/HS students not participating in an elective will have the opportunity to work on projects, online courses, homework, or assist with younger classes for Community Service hours.

There will be coverage for all students -- if needed -- as early as 7:30 AM. If they choose not to come early all other students should arrive by 9:00 AM on Thursday mornings.

MS/HS Parent Night Reminder

Pastor Dan Underhill, a graduate of Concord Christian, currently serving as a Youth Pastor in New York City will be the featured speaker for our MS/HS Parent night on **Wednesday, September 16**. His topic will be Gaining Homefront Advantage.

All CCA Parents are invited to come and listen in how one can Gain Homefront Advantage in the training of their young people. Plan now to attend and be encouraged, challenged, and blessed. Parent night will begin at **6:30 PM** in the Great Room.

1st
days in
Kindergarten...
...life is good!



PK/EL Parent Night Reminder

A week after Mr. Underhill is with us on the 16th, on **Friday, September 25th**, we will host our annual PK/EL Parent Night beginning at **6:30 PM**. PK/EL teachers will share with parents their goals and objectives for the year, special projects and field trips, and highlight ways you can be involved here at CCA in your child's classroom.

We look forward to seeing each family represented and building connections and community among our elementary families.

Visitors Please Login!

Upon entering the building, all visitors must sign in, and sign out when they leave. This includes students leaving the building for appointments, or other early dismissal activities.

The sign in/sign out procedure insures the safety of everyone in the building. In the event of an emergency, those forms provide vital information. Thank you for your cooperation.



Independent Reading Program

Independent Reading is a valuable part of the curriculum program here at CCA. Students in the grades 7 and 8 are expected to read a book every 6 weeks with specific page/length requirements. Students in grades 9-12 also have particular reading requirements with a bit more challenge (as well as greater incentive).

Your student's English teacher will be going over the forms with them in class so they are well prepared. So that you are up to date as well, please visit the LINKS on the last page and view the Program information that refers to your student's grade level. Included on the sheet will be the due dates on which their IR books should be completed.

Also noted are links to Classical Literature Reading lists are also noted. These are not required to book options, only suggested. Sometimes they will be required to read a classic so these lists are a great way to get some ideas.

Missing Forms

Please make sure you have gone through the links on the last pages of the Summer editions of the Academy Accents (there were two). There are various forms referenced there which families need to fill out and return to the school ASAP. There is a link to the newsletter archives on the last page.

Some of these forms apply to all families, others may apply to only some. If they are required, they are noted as such. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Flinn Lab Safety Contract

Parents of MS/HS students please visit the link for the Flinn Scientific's Student Safety Contract. There are necessary and excellent guidelines here for all students to follow when they are in the Science Lab. Each one must read the contract and agree to abide by these guidelines.

Please read this through with your student(s) and sign it together when both of you have completely digested the information. Return the signed contract in your student's folder **Tuesday, September 8.**

Game Day Rescheduled

CenterPoint Church is sponsoring a Game Day, **Saturday, October 3**, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 PM at the Clinton Street Fields property. This is a community event and all are welcome to attend. There will be special activities for people of all ages, great food, prizes, and loads of fun.

REMINDER

Acceptable Use Policy Form
for K-12 students is due
September 8!

Save this date:
Grandparents Day
October 23

Families of students whose last name begins with A-M come at 10 AM,
N-Z attend at 1 PM.
More details forthcoming.

Wish List

Many parents come to us with a heart to help the school – through their time and resources. We hear from them that they want to know what the needs are so they can help fulfill them if possible.

That is why we began posting a Wish List in the Accents a couple of years ago. If you see something on the list that you have to share, we'd love to see it benefit the school/students.

Current Needs include:

Fire extinguishers (2) for the mini buses
Small waste baskets for the mini buses
First Aid kits for the buses
Band-aids for the Nurses office

Thank you for your generosity!

In order for the PK/EL teachers to prepare for the evening,
Quest will end at 4:00 PM on September 25.

Big-Little Ways you Can Help

PASSIVE FUNDRAISERS

Families who have been at CCA for a while know about a few simple ways that you can support/donate to CCA in the midst of your every day life. We're always surprised when a check comes from one of the organizations noted below – to see the ways in which people are coming alongside in small, yet significant ways.

Each of these is outlined on the Contributions link at our website. And/or feel free to visit the websites of each organization for more information.

(Please note that participation in these opportunities is not mandatory.)

USED INK CARTRIDGES

As you may know we are collecting all kinds of printer toner and ink cartridges and turning them in for purchase points at Staples (representative of \$3 each). If you have any, please bring them in to the 1st grade room, Miss Gnnann's class. (This location is a correction from last week's Accents.)

FRITO-LAY CHIP BAGS AND JUICE POUCHES

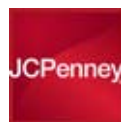
We are also collecting Frito-Lay chip pouches and drink pouches (\$.02 each). The box for these is also located in Miss Gnnann's 1st grade room.

As a school we are recycling paper and plastics as well. It is our desire to be good stewards of our resources. Sending the Accents and attachments/forms to you via email/links is another way we are conserving as well. This way you are not receiving forms you don't need, and we are not making copies in excess!



CAMPBELLS LABELS & BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Submit to CCA the UPC bar code from the label of any of the specified products and we will turn them in for \$.10 per label. Submit to CCA the Box Top (include the expiration date) for any of the specified products and we will turn them in for a percentage donation.



See the last page LINKS for more about both programs.

JC PENNY & TARGET



If you have a JC Penny or Target credit card, and you use it when you shop there, a percentage of each purchase can be designated for a specific school on their list -- which CCA is on.

QSP MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS/DRIVE

This program is available year round, and to anyone who wants to purchase a magazine subscription. They have a great selection and offer excellent cover prices on their magazines. Plus, they then donate a substantial percentage (40%) of the subscription to CCA.



Go to www.qsp.com and follow directions there. You will be asked to give our name as the school recipient. We are in their database so there should be no problems.



HANNAFORDS

A bulletin was included in this weeks student folders describing how families can earn "School Dollars" when they purchase specified products.

SPORTS

Concessions at home games

We are gladly into the Soccer season with the Game schedule now in full swing. We strongly encourage all CCA families to attend the games. When this happens, it can't help but build loads of school spirit! Let's give that gift to our kids!

Another great part of being at the games is the Concession stand hosted by the CCA Booster Club. They will be present at all of our Varsity Home Games providing hot dogs, drinks, snacks, etc.

You can see the game schedule by visiting the School Calendar on Veracross. Please check it out regularly as there can be changes which have to be made due to weather and/or schedule changes initiated by the opposing school.

All home games are held at Clinton Street Fields in Concord, on Clinton Street off exit 2 on Rt. 89. If you're going north on 89, take a right off the exit. The fields are about 1/2 mile up on your right. Or if you're in Concord, come up Clinton St. away from the city and the fields will be on your left about a 1/2 mile from the Rt. 89 entrance.

So come, support the players and coaches, **build some school spirit**, and get a treat to boot! Hope to see you there!

1st and 2nd grade soccer

1st and 2nd grade soccer will begin on **Monday, September 14**. Practices will be held on the CCA campus right after school from 3:30 to 4:45.

Please have your student pack practice clothing, and a water bottle. Sneakers are fine for this age group. (Cleats are not necessary.)

Please plan to attend the Jamboree Tournament with your player which we will be hosting at our home fields at the end of October. The date and time are TBA but we'll let you know as soon as we can.



Dylan practices his throw-in for the 3/4 team.

Schedules

For the most up to date information, please make a habit of visiting the Athletic Calendar link at Veracross. Both Practice and Game Schedules are provided there.

Once at the calendar, if you click on the event that you are interested in you will be provided with additional details such as transportation plans, game time, return to campus time for away games, etc.

We will do our best to limit changes to the schedule, and notify you of any changes within 24 hours of the change via a phone message and email -- except in cases where weather conditions are the issue.

For directions to the away game locations, please visit the Athletics link at our website: www.concordchristian.org.

Links

If you have trouble accessing the links, visit the Student Life/Forms and Policies link at our website. Return requested forms in your student's folder at the beginning of each week. (*=Required)

NEW THIS WEEK

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[Click](#) **MS Independent Reading Program***

[Click](#) **MS Suggested Reading list**

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RECURRING LINKS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 16 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Night - 6:30 PM
 - 25 PK/EL Parent/Teacher Night - 6:30 PM†
- Quest ends at 4:00 due to the Parent Night**

OCTOBER

- 9 No School - Professional Development Day
- 12 No School - Columbus Day
- 15 MS Independent Reading Pledge due
- 20 Fall Picture Day
- 23 Grandparents Day Concert #1 at 10 AM (A-M)
- Grandparents Day Concert #2 at 1 PM (N-Z)
- 30 First grading period ends

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 No School - ACSI Conference
- 11 No School - Veteran's Day
- 13 Gr 7-12 Fall Sports Awards - 5:30 PM
- 20 PK/EL Family Night†
- 25 -27 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 30 MS Independent Reading Pledge due
- HS Independent Reading Project due

DECEMBER

- 11 Christmas Concert (Dress Up) - 6:00 PM†
- 16-18 MS/HS Mid-term exams
- 21-1 No School - Christmas/New Years Break

All are invited!