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Welcome Mr. Shaughnessy

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR/WORSHIP LEADER

We are pleased to share with you that Mr. Michael Shaughnessy has joined the faculty at CCA as our new worship leader and music director. Mr. Shaughnessy has his roots in the Manchester, NH community and brings to the academy six years of teaching experience at Lighthouse Christian Academy in Santa Monica, CA.

At LCA, Mr. Shaughnessy served as the Music Director and taught music arts to all grade levels as well as film composition to High School students. He is a composer and writes and records his own music. He has produced two music CDs as well.

Mr. Shaughnessy will teach music to grade levels K-12, oversee our three annual concerts, lead the worship for our chapels, develop a MS/HS Worship Team, teach private music lessons, as well as teach small group electives (fee-based).

While in CA, Mr. Shaughnessy performed extended studies at the UCLA extension program for film scoring. He has edited, produced and engineered many projects in various genres and has scored numerous films, including a 10 episode series entitled *God Chasers* and *America at War* that aired on

the TBN Network, as well as a number of commercials. He also scored a short Italian film *Melanzone E Cioccolato* (Eggplant and Chocolate)

that was awarded the Fuji Audience Impact Award at the 2004 Angelus in Hollywood.

In conjunction with his music and film work, Mr. Shaughnessy is a certified Martial Arts Instructor. He has a devoted heart towards outreach and has partnered with Uplift Productions, Save Africa's Children, Into Africa, Cottonwood Christian Center and others.

The wealth of talent and skill that Mr. Shaughnessy brings to CCA opens the door for new opportunities for students. A complete list of offerings are noted with descriptions on **page 2**.



World Change Event – Thursday, September 17

On **September 17**, a group of Christian Schools and homeschool students will come together to build unity, deepen fellowship, and strengthen our mission and vision for what God is calling all of us to become for His glory. There will be 4 components to the day:

1. Message/Worship with Dan Underhill
2. Fellowship
3. Music Concert
4. Global Benefit Presentation on impacting our world in relation to the 3rd world.

FEATURED SPEAKER

Dan Underhill, a former graduate of CCS and NYC Youth Pastor, spoke last year to our students and it was life-changing. He feels called to come back to NH and minister to youth as God permits.

DETAILS

Theme: One Solitary Life - How to live a life that truly impacts the world!

Place: Grace Capital Church, Pembroke

Arrival Time*: 9:00 AM

Worship and Message: 9:30-11:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Music Concert and Global

Benefit Presentation: 12:30-2:30 PM

Dismissal Time*: 2:40 PM

Dress Code: Jeans and Sneakers

Cost: \$10/student

*Students should be dropped off at Grace Capital by 9:00 AM. Those who are at CCA for 7:30 AM drop off will be transported via mini-bus by CCA personnel. Pick up at Grace Capital at 2:40 PM. Students staying for Quest will be transported back to CCA via mini bus.

NOTE ABOUT THE CONCERT

Alabaster Box, a band from Australia, was expected to perform but on Friday they had to cancel due to a death in the family. We have located another band to fill their -- more details TBA.

LUNCH OPTION (ADDITIONAL)

Students may bring or buy lunch for \$5. Purchased lunch includes - 2 pieces of pizza (pepperoni or cheese), soda, and dessert.

Make checks payable to: CCA. The \$10 cost does not cover lunch. NOTE: If buying lunch, the cost is \$15.

Exciting Elective Offerings

Parents, if your student is interested in participating in any of the opportunities below, please access the Electives Sign-up Form in the Links section, fill it out and return it in your students folder on **Monday, September 21**.

GARAGEBAND

Open to students in grades 7-12. Meets for (2) 50-minute periods during school hours.

Learn to be the composer, bandleader, and the mixing engineer, as you create your own original projects.

You will create projects by adding Apple Loops, connecting a musical instrument or microphone to your computer and recording it in a real Instrument track, playing the Software Instruments included with GarageBand, or using any combination of these methods.

Students also learn how to:

- Create, open, and save projects
- Set project tempo, key, time signature, and length
- Find and preview Apple Loops using the loop browser, then add them to your projects
- Play and record both Real and Software Instruments
- Arrange Real and Software Instrument regions in the timeline, and edit them in the editor
- View and edit Software Instrument regions as music notation
- Send a movie from iMovie so you can create a soundtrack in GarageBand, edit the movie's audio track, add markers, and send the movie to iDVD
- Create an enhanced podcast or enhanced video podcast in GarageBand and send it
- to iWeb, or export it as a podcast episode

INTRO TO FILM

Open to students in grades 7-12. Meets for (2) 50-minute periods during school hours.

Learn to be the Producer, Writer, and Director, and to create your own original films.

Students will learn how to:

- Write a Screenplay
- Create a Storyboard
- Cast Actors
- Shoot in particular styles
- Work with different camera angles
- Edit on iMovie and be exposed to other editing softwares
- Master a DVD and produce a dvd menu in iDVD
- Prepare to show your films at a film festival

TAEKWONDO

Open to students in grades K-12. Meets for (2) 50-minute periods during school hours.

Taekwondo is more than just another form of martial arts. Students will learn discipline, respect for oneself and others, self confidence and leadership skills. TKD teaches self-control, self defense, focus, a means to stay or get fit, and can equip the student with the physical and mental strength to achieve goals.

Students will learn:

- Physical Fitness
- Basic TKD forms
- Hand and foot technique
- Blocking, punching, and kicking
- Basic self-defense
- Basic Board Breaking
- Flexibility

JUNIOR SCOUT MUSIC PROGRAM

Open to students in grades K-5. Meets once a week after school for 50 minutes.

This class explores basic music fundamentals and provides students the ability to learn by teaching other scouts at a lower rank. A ranking system is used that inspires and encourages the scouts to grow personally and corporately. Students are tested on the requirements to advance to the next rank.

In the beginning of each course each scout will receive their personal ranking board that will remind them of where they are on their journey to becoming a Junior Gold Scout 3 star. When a student successfully completes a test, he/she will earn the symbol associated with the rank to place on his/her award board.

Students will learn:

- Reading music
- Piano Technique
- Time Signatures
- Basic Composing
- Basic Rhythmic
- Sightreading
- Basic Music Theory
- Scales
- Finger Exercises
- Music Memory songs
- Fun Music Assignments
- Performing as a group

THE MUSIC EXPLORERS

Open to students in grades 6-8. Meets once a week after school for 50 minutes.

This class explores basic music fundamentals and provides students the ability to learn in a group. A ranking system is used that inspires and encourages the scouts to grow personally and corporately. Students are tested on the requirements to advance to the next level.

Students learn:

- Reading music
- Piano Technique
- Time Signatures
- Basic Composing
- Basic Rhythmic Sightreading
- Basic Music Theory
- Scales
- Finger Exercises
- Music Memory songs
- Fun Music Assignments
- Performing as a group

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Open to students in grades K-12. Meets once a week after school for 1/2 hour.

Private music lessons will be offered as well in Piano, drums, guitar, bass and voice.

8th Grade

Cape Cod Trip Letter

Parents of 8th graders please review the enclosed letter highlighting the Cape Cod trip that our 8th grade takes in April. It is one of the long awaited events that CCA students look forward to as they move into the 8th grade. This always proves to be a great experience.



The cost of this trip is above and beyond the cost of tuition - \$325 in total – and pays for food and accommodations. We must send in monies in the fall to reserve our spot at the NEEDS Center as well as to reserve the special daytrips the students take throughout the week. The first installment of \$150 is required in October. The second installment of \$175 is required in early February. It is strongly suggested that students earn the monies for the trip throughout the school year.

Enforcing Dress Code

At CCA we are intent on upholding a culture everyday of neatness and modesty. The school dress code is of course a major component in this effort.

Parents of students, please be sure to read the dress code carefully and work with your students to make sure they are in dress code when they attend school. We are enforcing the policies there and will be having your student call you if they come to campus in violation of the code.

One area we have had to address several times with girls is that of the length of their jumper/ dresses/skirts, etc. The code states the length needs to go to the knee.

Secondly, the shirt neckline rule is firm as well. If a girl wears a cami under a polo shirt that is fine, but the cami must be the appropriate distance from her neck. The policy says there should be no more than 3 fingers length exposed of the neckline.

Lastly, the hair code for boys notes that their hair should be above the collar, ears and eyebrows. If your son is out of code, please make arrangements for a haircut very soon before the end of next week. Thank you for your assistance.

Requesting Homework

If your student is going to be absent one day, please mention when you call to report the reason that you would like us to collect their homework for the day. We will need to know this first thing in the morning so we can connect with all their teachers through the day.



The homework materials will be ready for pick up at the end of the day.

New Veracross Portal

Returning families - you may have noticed that your Veracross Parent Portal has a new look this year. We think you'll find it to be more user friendly. It's an important tool for all parents to access at least one a week so please make a point of doing so.

VERACROSS

Again, if you are having trouble logging in, or it's clear your login information has gone inactive, please let Mrs. McLaughlin know. We can get that reinstated right away.

CCA Clothing Closet

Thanks to everyone who helped make the "CCA Clothes Closet" a success last year. Parents were so helped by the opportunity to exchange dress code attire that their students had grown out of with larger sized items that we're going to do it again!



Donations of "good condition, dress code clothes" will be accepted on **September 21, 22, and 23.** There

will be designated drop off boxes in the Great Room for your convenience.

The Clothes Closet will be opened with all donations sorted by gender/size for you to shop on **Wednesday, September 30th and Thursday, October 1st from 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM** in the Great Room.

Because this is the first Clothes Closet of the season, jackets and boots will be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Cindy Doubleday at c.doubleday@comcast.net.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR

Hosted by
Mount Zion Christian Schools
132 Titus Avenue, Manchester
Monday, September 21, 7:00-9:00 PM

For more information about the fair itself, visit www.nccf.us or call 888-423-2477.
For directions to Mount Zion Christian Schools, visit their website at: www.mountzionnh.org.

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 due
- HS Independent Reading 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

REMINDER EL PARENT NIGHT September 25

So that the teachers to prepare for the evening,
Quest will end at 4:00 PM.

PSATs Being Offered

Juniors and Sophomores, please note that PSATs are being offered at Bishop Brady High School here in Concord on **Wednesday, October 14 from 7:40 – 11:15 AM.**

This test requires advanced registration and fee payment. The cost is \$25 and all checks should be made out to CCA and received by Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Students should arrive at Bishop Brady by 7:30 AM, and CCA will provide transportation back to the campus after the test.

We highly recommend the PSAT's to all sophomores and juniors. The PSAT's are given only once a year and are a necessary part of the college preparatory process. Mrs. Kathi Mitchell, our College/Career Counselor, is working alongside of the High School faculty to prepare students for the PSAT's as well as the SAT's. She has prepared a step by step, college/career tracking guide for each level of High School. This guide will be integrated into our language arts program this fall and will be available on the CCA website by the end of next week.

If you are interested in having your student participate in the PSAT, please contact Mrs. Kathi Mitchell at kmitchell@concordchristian.org.

MS/HS PARENT NIGHT

*** ALL CCA Parents *
are invited to attend**

THIS Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 PM

Youth Pastor and CCS Graduate, Dan Underhill, has a word for CCA parents.

SAVE THESE DATES

September 25-26

for

CCA HOMECOMING

hosted by the Booster Club and CCA HS

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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)

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RECURRING LINKS

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Faculty Staff Directory

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Quest Weekly Sign Up Form (online)

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Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as To Students: Concord Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Asbestos Policy: There were no asbestos materials used in the construction of the CCA facility. If you have questions regarding this policy, contact David Gilbert at 228-8888.