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09-10 CCA Communications

We hope you enjoy the new look for our school newsletter. We're going color this year since in an effort to better steward resources environmentally and financially, we will be utilizing email communication as much as possible. This includes the Academy Accents, which will be delivered to you via email every two weeks this year instead of weekly.

All notices will be attached to an email correspondence as well. We can cut down on the use of paper by making this small adjustment. We expect this will be a welcome change in your home as well.

Summer Update

As we turn our minds and hearts towards fall and new school beginnings, we wanted to give you an update of what is happening at CCA and how God continues to answer prayer and showcase His faithfulness to us day after day.

We have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate. Please read on and rejoice with us as we prepare for another fruitful and productive year at CCA.



Fruitful Harvest

As many of you know, Mrs. Bowen and some of the high school students planted a garden to help families in need in our community. One of the concerns of the garden was not having a water supply nearby to water the crops regularly. Thanks to the summer downpours, the garden is teeming with life! Now we are praying for sunshine for the bumper crop of tomatoes to ripen.

School Leadership

Thanks to many of you for praying for our Board of Trustees as they seek God's direction and guidance in overseeing CCA. After much thought and prayer, the board has decided to not hire a new Head of School for CCA this upcoming school year.

Miss Alice Pinard will serve as Acting Principal of the school as well as Dean of Academics and Admissions. Mrs. Claire Roberge will continue to oversee the finances of the school.

The board and administration have worked diligently together on the budget for the current school year. It is a very sound, correlating income with expenses and enrollment.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bowen

Mid-summer, Mr. and Mrs. Sten and Amy Bowen found out that they are pregnant and will be expecting their second child in February. Congratulations! We rejoice with them and the good news of another treasure that God has entrusted to their care.

We will miss the Bowen family at CCA, as Mrs. Bowen has decided it would be best to stay close to home and prepare for their new addition.

MS/HS English/History Teacher

On the cusp of finding out about Mrs. Bowen's pregnancy, we were introduced to a wonderful replacement for Mrs. Bowen. We have hired Mrs. Kathi Mitchell, a well-loved teacher from Calvary Christian School in Derry, NH. (Calvary Christian closed in July due to an enrollment shortfall.)

Mrs. Mitchell brings 20 years teaching experience in Middle School, High School, and College positions, two master's degrees, and much more. She has a love for students, a great sense of humor, and an enthusiasm for teaching that we are confident will enhance our MS/HS offerings.

She will also serve as our HS College and Career Counselor and also hopes as well to create a Drama program at CCA this year!

Professor Schofield and Dual Credit Courses

We are pleased to announce that CCA has formally created a partnership with the NH Community College System. This connection will allow CCA Faculty who have a Masters Degree in their teaching field to become adjunct faculty of the NH Community College System.

What this means is that students taking select classes taught by these teachers will receive dual credit – both High School and College credit – for that class.

Mr. Schofield will be the first teacher to provide this benefit to our High School students. Those taking his Pre-Calculus class this year will receive dual credit for the course.

We have also worked out the school schedule for eligible Juniors and Seniors to take part-time classes at NHTI this school year. Another opportunity for our juniors and seniors is the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School E-start program which provides opportunities for students to take online dual credit community college courses.

We are thrilled to report that already we have students enrolled in all three dual credit options. Congrats to Mr. Schofield!

Library Beginnings

On Wednesday, June 17th, the faculty and staff were commenting on how we needed shelving at the school. There were no more shelves to be found for the classrooms, and we felt we needed even more shelving for a library. We asked God to provide shelving for the school.

On Friday, June 19th, a truck arrived with a full load of beautiful maple bookshelves that match the wood on the mezzanine beautifully. A business was getting rid of them, and one of our faithful grandparents was able to purchase them at an excellent price and donate them to the school for the library.

All summer long books have been reviewed and placed on the shelves. A big thank you to Shane Puskar, Ethan Fulk, Mrs. Bowen, and Mrs. McMechen for their work on the return of our CCA Library.



More Than We Could Ask or Imagine

After the library shelving arrived, we received a call from Sulloway and Hollis, a local law firm, saying that they had extra shelving they wanted to donate to the school.

Thanks to Pastor David Gilbert, Coach Aaron Lewis, Mrs. Claire Roberge and their hard working crew who disassembled the shelves, put them in the moving truck, and brought over to CCA. Now we have an abundance of shelving which are visible reminders of God's promise to provide for our needs. (As pictured, the shelves are still being installed.)

Elementary Play Area Fence

We fully realize that one of the concerns of our elementary parents this past year was the lack of a fenced-in area for our younger students. We are finalizing plans to fence in an area behind the elementary wing.

This project should be finished either before school begins or in early September.



Many Helping Hands

Those who have been on campus at some point through the summer have no doubt noticed and enjoyed the beauty of the landscaping efforts provided by many volunteers at the beginning of the season.

Early in the summer the flower beds and plant areas were overlaid with mulch. Beautiful hanging flower baskets welcome all who enter the front doorway.

In addition, the elementary wing glitters with a fresh coat of white paint and grass abounds on the fields awaiting our students' daily play. Many thanks to Eli Rogers, who headed up the grounds keeping team and to Marc Pickard, who power-washed and painted the outside of the elementary wing.



Alliance

Kudos to Mrs. Terry Mills, our Alliance Coordinator, who has been diligently working to finalize details for the Alliance program this year. The feedback that we have received from many of you has helped us refine our systems and align our Academy goals with our Alliance volunteers.

Over 90% of CCA families are now involved in the Alliance program. What a blessing. We are truly excited to see the wonderful impact that our Alliance members will make not only at CCA but in our community as well.

This is going to be a great year with all of us serving together.



Slight School Hours Change

We have modified the MS/HS schedule to a 7 period school day (compared to an 8 period day with shorter periods last year). Each period will be 52 minutes long, and each student will take 6 core classes with one study hall. Many HS students will be taking one on-line course as well.

The longer class periods will enable the faculty to have more dedicated teaching time and to assist students as they begin their homework.

In light of this change, the school schedule has been modified slightly with elementary pick-up times at 3:15 and MS/HS pick up times at 3:25. Other than this change, the school day will run very much the same as last year.

Guidelines are noted below:

Before School: All Students

All students should arrive at school by 7:50. School starts at 8:00. If needed, students may arrive as early as 7:30, but no earlier as there is no supervision until then.

Elementary students who arrive early will go to a designated classroom with adult supervision and MS/HS students will remain in the Great Room until 7:50.

After School: Pre-K to Grade 5

The school day goes until 3:15. Students may be picked up at that time or remain with their teachers in the classroom until 4:00 to work on homework. At 4:00 the Quest After School Care Program begins. Mrs. Jasus plans activities and games for them both creative and educational. Students must be picked up no later than 5:30 or there will be a late fee.

After School: Grades 6-12

The school day ends at 3:25 PM. Students may be picked up at that time or remain in their homeroom until 4:00 to work on homework. At 4:00, students in MS/HS may continue to work on their homework in a quiet study hall.

MS students that have completed their homework will join the Quest Program with Mrs. Jasus and will serve as junior counselors and assistants earning community service.

HS students that have finished their homework will have a bit more freedom to go off campus with parental permission, talk with friends on campus, use their time to complete on-line coursework, as well as fulfill their community service hours that will be counted for high school credit and documented on their transcript. Students must be picked up no later than 5:30 or there will be a late fee.

Pick Up & Drop Off Routine

We will follow the same drop off and pick up procedure that we used last year. Each morning and afternoon parents will come around the loop and either drop off or pick up. There will be an adult or two out there at both hours.

If you prefer in the earlier days to walk in with your student, which is especially appropriate for those with younger children, please park in the outer lot and walk in.

After a week or two we will provide your family with a pick up number that will be used in the afternoon. A staff member will be out there to see your number up on your dash and will walkie-talkie that number inside to the teacher who will send your student out to the car as quickly as possible. In the early days, we will follow the same procedure, but won't have the benefit of the numbers.

If you're new, it will take the Staff a bit of practice to get your face and name down – and recognize your car as well – but after some time the process will flow very smoothly.

Parking Guidelines

For safety reasons it is important that parents do not park at any time around the loop. If you need to come in, please use the outer parking lot at all times.

Quest After School Care Program

Each day your student may stay after school as late as 5:30. In order to administrate this program we require families register each student whom they expect will attend.

In the Links to Information section (page 4) you will find the necessary paperwork to complete this process. An Intro letter from our Quest Director is listed there. You'll want to read that as well.

On the Quest Registration form you will be asked to generally note when your student will stay after. You are not obligated to fulfill the days you sign up for, this just gives us an idea of the your daily plan.

Each Friday we will encourage you via email to submit a Weekly Sign up form which can quickly be completed online. This gives Mrs. Jasus a more specific view of the week ahead.

Student Lockers

We are thrilled to tell you that we have installed lockers in various places around the building for students to keep their coats and snack/lunch items in. We are amazed at how perfectly the color matches the design scheme of the building. These are lockers we've had in storage since we took them out of our previous CenterPoint Church location.

Veracross Accounts

New families should have received notice of their Veracross account login information.

Please take a minute to test it check out your Parent Homepage. From there you can access your student's grades and assignments, behavioral events, the All School Calendar, etc. (Returning families will use the same Veracross username and password to access your Parent Homepage.)



Links to Forms and Information

Please visit the following LINKS -- as they apply -- by clicking on the colored bar. The only one that everyone must fill out and return is the Medication Administration Packet. If you have trouble accessing the links, visit the Student Life/Forms and Policies link at our website.

[Click](#) **2009-2010 Academic Calendar**
Updated July 24, 2009

[Click](#) **Pre-K to Grade 5 Dress Code**
Updated August, 2009

[Click](#) **MS/HS Dress Code**
Updated August, 2009

[Click](#) **School Store**
Visit this link for dress code apparel purchase ideas.

[Click](#) **Supply Lists**
Access this link and scroll down to appropriate grade.

[Click](#) **Quest Intro Letter**
Review a letter from Mrs. Jasus, Quest Director.

[Click](#) **Quest Registration Form**
Use this form to register your student up for the Quest After School Care program.

[Click](#) **September Milk Pre-order form**

[Click](#) **September Pizza Pre-order form**

Each month we will provide you with 2 pre-order forms which you may use to purchase milk and/or pizza for your student. This year we are asking for separate payments of each therefore separate forms are being utilized.

[Click](#) **Sports Participation Physical Form**

High School Athletes must provide approval from their doctor that they may play sports. Submit this form to the doctor for that purpose.

[Click](#) **Letter from the Health Office**
ALL parents should read this letter.

[Click](#) **Medical Survey Letter & Form**
ALL students must provide CCA with a Doctor signed physical report every 2 years. Use this form to do that. If you are within the 2 year marker, please let the school know of any health changes.

[Click](#) **Medication Administration Packet**
ALL students must submit one of these packets for their individual medication administration plan. This covers issues related to over-the-counter meds, epi-pen and Prescription medications.

[Click](#) **Allergy Information Form**

[Click](#) **Asthma Information Form**
If Allergies or Asthma is an issue for your student, please submit the appropriate form.

Join Us!

First of the Year Open House

We will host our annual First-of-the-Year Open House **Friday, August 28**, between 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon morning. The Open House is not a scheduled meeting time but is a time for parents and students to tour the facility, view their new classrooms and meet their teachers as well as get acquainted with other CCA families.

Families are free to come and go as they please during that 3 hour block, but we request that parents accompany their child to the Open House.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

20-21 Faculty Room Set Up
24-27 Faculty Professional Development Begins
28 Open House - Come anytime from 9 to 12
31 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

4-7 No School - Labor Day
17 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
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

DECEMBER

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