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Underhill Lifts Christ at CCA

MS/HS Parent Night

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. Please note the DATE CHANGE. His topic will be Gaining Homefront Advantage.

Parents of children of all ages 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 p.m. in the Great Room.

Investing in CCA Youth

Pastor Dan was used in an extraordinary way last year as he visited CCA and ministered to our high school students during spiritual emphasis week. He would like to deepen his investment in our young people and our families this year at CCA. Years ago when a student at Concord Christian, his life was transformed by God through the ministry of the school and teachers. He therefore believes deeply and personally in the mission and vision of CCA.

This Fall he will be sharing with our MS/HS students on Wednesday, Sept. 16th and Thursday, Sept. 17th. He must return to NYC the afternoon of the 17th which is why we have changed the MS/HS parent night to Wednesday, Sept. 16th.

Encouraging CCA Faculty and Staff

Pastor Dan kicked off our teacher orientation time on Monday, August 24th, by inspiring each of the Faculty and Staff to invest deeply and celebrate richly the opportunities that await our young people this 09-10 school year. We fully believe that this is going to be a great school year, and there has been much time and attention given to the spiritual formation of our young people.

PK/EL Parent Night – Friday, Sept. 25th
As you will read in the article about Pastor Underhill, we are inviting all CCA parents to attend the MS/HS Parent Night to hear about Gaining the Homefront Advantage. You won't want to miss this wonderful night of Godly insight!

A week later, 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.

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

NH Interscholastic Athletic Association Awards CCA

A couple weeks ago we received a letter from the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) informing us that CCA has been awarded the NHIAA/National Federation of State High School Associations Award of Excellence from NHIAA Sportsmanship Committee.

This award is presented to the school exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship this past school year. CCA was one of 32 other schools that similarly did not receive a

player or coach disqualification during the 2008-2009 school year.

The letter states: *You should be proud of your athletic accomplishments this past year and our presentation to you recognizes your efforts to promote the values of ethics and sportsmanship in your school.*

An award like this is tangible evidence of the kind of growing character we desire to see in all our students, particularly in athlet-

ics where ego and tempers can so easily get the best of a player.

Congratulations CCA Athletes and Coaches. Recognition of this award will be formally presented to CCA Athletic Director, Mrs. Nancy Peters, during the NHIAA Annual Meeting on Monday, September 21.

POLICIES to REVIEW

Dress Code/Hair Code Policy

All families are encouraged to review the CCA Dress Code before coming back to school on Monday, August 31st. Please ensure that all policies are followed including the hair code for boys.

The hair code policy is as follows: Young men should be clean-shaven with hair worn in a neatly groomed, masculine style, not touching the eyebrows or the collar, and neatly trimmed at the top of the ear. No earrings for boys are permitted.

Cell Phones/Pagers Policy

Cell phones or pagers will be collected daily in the morning homeroom period by the homeroom teacher. Students may pick up their cell phones at the end of the school day at the receptionist area.

Parents please fill out the Cell Phone Survey (link on p. 3) indicating whether or not your student is bringing a cell phone to school. Parents will be notified before 9:00 AM if their student does not bring the indicated cell to school.

Electronics Policy

IPods, radios, and MP3 players are not to be visible or in use on campus or in the school building. Other electronic devices such as laser pointers and two-way radios are similarly prohibited.

Any such devices brought to school may be taken, and returned only to the parent directly upon a Student/Parent/Principal conference.

Student Parking

Student drivers, please park in the area of the lot near the garden. For safety reasons, we will soon provide families with a parking tag or sticker which will authorize vehicles which frequent our lot.

Driving Around the CCA Lot

Please help us to ensure that we can safely expedite the movement of people and vehicles by observing the following rules when navigating around the CCA driveway and loop:

- 1) Please refrain from cell phone use when you are behind the wheel and not in "Park" on the CCA campus. We had an incident last year where a parent was "clipped" by a driver who was on their cell. We need the full attention of drivers to safely move people and vehicles through the dropoff area.
- 2) Please follow the directions of the traffic attendant. Please park where directed and please wait your turn to depart the dropoff area as directed by the traffic attendant.
- 3) Please drive very cautiously on the CCA grounds. Speeding on the campus creates a safety hazard for pedestrians who are walking to the school from the parking lot.
- 4) Driver's should not park and leave their vehicles in the drop-off area. If you need to run a quick errand into the school building, or escort your children into school, please park in the adjacent lot.
- 5) Please have your children ready to be dropped off. If your child needs extra time to dress, pack school bags, eat breakfast, etc., please park in the adjacent lot.
- 6) Please no "parent - parent" or "parent - staff" conferences in the dropoff area!

Music Lesson Offerings

We are in the process of finalizing our music lesson offerings and costs for the 09-10 school year. More information will be given in the next Academy Accents.

08-09 YEARBOOKS ARE IN!
On Thursday, September 3 we will have a yearbook party during school at 2:30 PM.

Game Day at Clinton St. Fields

CenterPoint Church is sponsoring Game Day, Saturday, August 26th, from Noon to 3:30 PM at the Clinton Street 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.

Note from the Quest Director

I want to welcome any new and seasoned "Questers" to the program. We're going to have a great jump start to Quest this year with the anticipation of some great activities after school!

Quest is a bustle with activity. Each day there will be an option to participate in a craft or special event. Time is given to finish homework, or you can play or read quietly. Once a week we will be using the laptops to practice the computer lessons from Mrs. Allen (and to play a few approved games).

Many other new and exciting activities are in the works for this Fall. To assist us in these a few supplies are needed to help us get up and running. Do you have any of these things to share?:

salt	board games
glue	drinking straws
pony beads	all purpose flour

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges

Like last year we will be collecting your used printer cartridges and turning them in to Staples for points.

You may bring the cartridges to the 1st grade room in the Elem. wing. Thanks!

Orphan's Ministry fundraiser

The River of Grace Church Orphans Ministry is coordinating a fund raiser in which they are selling tickets to the August 30th Fisher Cats game against the Portland Sea Dogs. The game is at 6:30 p.m. and there will be fireworks after the game. If you are interested in buying tickets, please contact Heidi Lommen (heidilommen@tds.net).

The Orphans Ministry will also be running one of the concession stands, so if you come to the game, please buy from the Orphans Ministry concession stand! It's sure to be a fun night! Thanks for your support.

Soccer Game Anyone?

Did you know that CCA has two varsity soccer teams this year? A HS boys' team and a HS girls' team. These are exciting days for our athletic department.

It's great when student athletes experience the cheering-on-support of the school community - peers, parents, faculty and staff. As we head into the Soccer season please keep an eye on the game schedule and consider joining us at any games you can. It's a lot of fun!

For an up to date schedule, always consult the School Calendar accessible on your Veracross Parent page. Please be sure to check it frequently as there are changes that occur between games due to weather or unexpected circumstances.

Links to Forms and Information

Please visit the following LINKS by clicking on the colored bar. If you have trouble accessing the links, visit the Student Life/Forms and Policies link at our website -- www.concordchristian.org. ***Required**

Click **Emergency Contact Form (1 per family)***

As previously mentioned, communication between school and family this year will largely be done through email and automated phone calls. Please fill out this form to identify the correct contact information for your family.

With regard to the One Call Now numbers, please identify which numbers you want to receive all the calls, and which should receive emergency calls only.

Click **Emergency Information Form (1 per student)***

Use this form to identify any health issues for your student, and/or any pertinent health concerns. Parents of returning students please be sure to note any changes as well.

Click **Cell Phone Survey (1 per family)***

See article under the Policies section on page 2.

Click **Summer Reading Log (1 per student)**

Please use this form to log which books your student has read over the summer months, the authors, and the number of pages each contains. Please return this form the first day of school.

Click **Quest Weekly Sign-up Form (1 per family)**

Quest will begin on the first day of school. Each week you will be asked to fill out an online survey so you can note which days your student(s) will be staying for Quest. Please go to this link now and fill out the first week's survey so that we can be well prepared.

Click **Acceptable Use Policy (1 per student)***

All students must read and sign this policy which addresses conduct as it relates to computer usage and information uploading/downloading. Please read through the policy with your student(s) and make sure they understand the agreement before signing.

You and they should sign the last page. (Leave the teacher section unsigned.) Return the form by Tuesday, Sept. 8 or computer privileges will be withheld.

Click **2009-2010 Student Handbook**

The updated CCA Student Handbook is posted online now. You may access it at this link. (There have been only minor changes since the 08-09 spring when you were given a chance to review it for the first time.)

Click **Academy Accents Summer Volume 1**

Please be sure to read the Academy Accents - Summer edition 1. There are many wonderful announcements and information necessary for you to review.

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 AM to 12 noon. 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.

Delayed Opening Thursdays

Beginning September 10, Thursdays will be Delayed Opening days for Faculty Professional Development Training. Coverage for those that need it is available at 7:30 AM. Otherwise students should arrive by 9:05 AM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 28 Open House - Come anytime from 9 to 12
- 31 First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

- 4-7 No School - Labor Day
 - 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**

All are invited!

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