

The Mission

"To love the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission..."



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Building a solid foundation for future generations through quality elementary Christian education.

I love Christmas! The beautiful Christmas carols, the wonderful Christmas lights and ornaments, the joy of giving Christmas gifts, the Christmas cookies, and of course the much needed Christmas break. Notice I did not use the word "holiday" at all.

I remember the excitement of Christmas as a child, and now what a joy it is to celebrate Christmas with 560 students at CHCS. It is my prayer that every student at CHCS has a clear understanding of why we celebrate Christmas.

At CHCS, we should never "go with the flow" or be "politically correct". We must stand firm on God's word. Christmas is celebrated because it is the birth of our Lord and Savior. As Christians, we should not be ashamed to express our feeling about that to anyone.

As a Christian school, we must set the example for our students. Join me in wishing everyone you see a very Merry *Christmas* this year!

Greg McAbee
Administrator, CHCS

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

- Luke 2:10b, 11



Annual "Faith" Fund

We have entered into the Christmas season -- a season of giving. During the remainder of 2007, CHCS will be focusing on the Annual "Faith" Fund. The goal for the 2007-2008 school year is \$110,000. This fund, along with the four fundraising events we do each year, helps make up the difference between what tuition covers and what it actually costs to operate CHCS.

The difference is \$400 per student, and we need your help to reach the goal. Please consider a tax deductible gift to the Annual "Faith" Fund."

2008 - 2009 EZ Re-Enrollment

We are working hard to make re-enrollment even easier (EZ) for our CHCS families this year! The re-enrollment date for the North campus is Monday, February 11th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and at Green on Friday, February 15th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You will lock into the \$75 re-enrollment fee if you are enrolled by these dates! More details to come!

Planning Ahead

As we continue to strive to serve our CHCS families more effectively, the 2008-2009 CHCS calendar will be distributed with your re-enrollment packets this year during the week of February 4, 2008. We want to help you plan ahead and give you all the important CHCS dates 'way ahead of time.

¡Bienvenido, Williams!

On November 7, CHCS students welcomed Williams Aguilar, one of our sponsored students from Guatemala. He will be spending the remainder of first semester helping in Spanish classes, playing soccer with the children at recess, and enjoying time with CHCS families.



Beginning in January, 2008, Williams will study at CVCA. He is hopeful that God will provide a university education for him in the States. He is a young man with strong character, an incredible faith in God, and a desire to achieve. We are blessed to have him join our CHCS family!

Bowl-a-Thon Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars -- Saturday, January 26th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Stonehedge Entertainment Center! Information packets will be coming home before Christmas break, so students can work hard on their sponsorships!

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:31

A Message from the Board

I heard a sermon recently entitled “ThanksLIVING” that focused on living every day in a spirit of thankfulness to God. Sometimes our moments of gratefulness are soon followed by worry, strife or selfishness, but 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 tells us to “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”.

2007 has been a great year for Chapel Hill Christian School. It is easy to be joyful when we think about all of the new children and their parents that have joined the CHCS family. What a joy it was to hear Point of Grace talk about the importance of Christian education during their concert! And who doesn’t feel the unbridled joy that oozes from our kids as Christmas approaches?

Even so, we ask that you pray continually for the school. Pray that the Lord would continue to guide and bless the efforts of our Administration, Faculty, Staff and Board. Pray that, as we have already begun planning for next year, we are sensitive to God’s leading. Pray that the Lord would bless our current efforts to meet our “Faith Fund” goal so that we can continue to keep tuition as affordable as possible.

As we start the countdown to Christmas, let’s be thankful that regardless of our current circumstance, God sent His son, Jesus, to give us eternal life. On behalf of the entire Board, Merry Christmas. . . and Thank You!

Tom Orihel, Chairman - CHCS Board of Education

Parenting Tip ***Raising God-Focused Children***

We live in a performance-oriented society. Our children often get mixed signals. If a child makes the team, brings home all A’s, has lots of friends, gets invited to all the birthday parties, then in their minds they may think they are accepted and loved. When the disappointments come along they are not always prepared. We need to make sure they are God focused.

God is a God of unconditional love. Our heavenly Father loves us because He is love. Although we do not need to do anything to convince Him to love us, we must teach our children how to receive His love. What a great opportunity we have at Christmas time to remind our children that God loves them just as they are and how to receive his love. All He asks is that we come to Him honestly and sincerely.



Congratulations to our CHCS chess team, who participated in the Canton Scholastic Chess League Tournament on Saturday, November 10, 2007! CHCS Green students Andrew Cook and Katie Cook are pictured above.

Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Jodi Orihel is the Math Specialist at our Green campus. Jodi received her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Akron in 1986 -- a dual degree in Elementary and Special Education. She earned her Master’s Degree in Special Education in 1992.



Jodi and her husband of twenty years, Tom, have been actively involved with CHCS in many ways over the years.

All three of their children have attended the Green campus of CHCS. The two oldest, Joseph and Kimberly, currently attend CVCA and their youngest, Robert, is in Ms. Bailey’s first grade class.

Mrs. Orihel works with students at our Green campus to improve their math skills.

Mrs. Ashley Smith is the new Art Teacher at our North campus. She graduated from the University of Akron in 2006 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Art Education. Her husband, Ben, is a CHCS alumnus.



Ashley is teaching art to our preschool through second grade students. She says she enjoys teaching at this age level because the early years of learning are really about experimentation.

“My goal as an art teacher is to really get the children to make their own choices and let them know God made them as individuals with amazing artistic ability.”

***We Would Love
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