



Community Christian Academy Newsletter

March 2010

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

In this letter, I'm focusing on the question: "Why spend money on a "Christian School" education?" More than ever before, most of us are thinking twice before making purchases, especially the more substantial ones. I think this is a good thing. As a matter of fact, it's a great thing because it emphasizes the exercising of wisdom in these decisions. You obviously made the decision to place your child here at CCA this year, but every year about this time, you face the decision again. Many have submitted registrations for the 2010/2011 school year. Some simply haven't gotten around to it yet, but some may be struggling because of cost. My remarks in this letter are directed not only to those of you for whom this decision is "automatic", but especially for those who are really struggling with the sacrifice involved.

First of all, I invite you to call me if you are struggling in this decision. While I cannot claim to be "unbiased" in my passion for Christian education, I promise I will in no way pressure you, but simply listen, answer questions, and hopefully help you reflect objectively. I believe the best place to go in asking yourself: "Why should I continue at this school?" is the CCA "Mission Statement." If that mission statement (see below) is compelling enough, the obvious *next* question is: "Does the school faculty, administration, and staff carry it out?" That question needs to be answered by you, but I will say this – every faculty member recites our mission statement from memory each week in faculty meeting to help ensure that we are focused on carrying it out.

As you see, academic excellence is a major piece of our mission. However, I want to focus here on the biblical worldview piece in the context of answering the question I posed at the top of this letter. If your child is to have a meaningful future, not just a "successful" one, all the academic training in the world is not going to be enough! To truly have an impact on their world of lasting {eternal} value, they will need a **view of the world which is consistent with the Creator of the world**. You have heard it said that truth is power. That is exactly what we are talking about here. God's word is truth. This is what our mission statement means when it says "*by empowering with a biblical worldview.*" Again, you have to be the judge as to whether we are effectively doing that, but it certainly is our aim. I hope this helps in answering the question.

As always, if my comments here evoke any questions or comments, I invite you to please call me. May God richly bless you and your family.

Rick Graham

Superintendent's Message:

What you are getting when you invest in a quality Christian education:

According to the most recent *National Math & Science Initiative Report*, U.S. students recently finished 15th in reading, 19th in math, and 14th in science in the ranking of 31 countries by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Only 29 percent of American fourth grade students, a third of eighth grade students, and barely 18 percent of 12th grade students perform at or above the proficient level in science.

We are proud to say that here at CCA, your students are doing significantly better than the averages. Your 4th graders' average score for science was in the 81st percentile of all students in the US taking the 2009 Stanford Achievement Test. They scored in the 68th percentile in Math and the 87th percentile in Reading.

In contrast North Thurston Public Schools reported that last year, in their 4th grades, 77% of their students showed proficiency in the WASL reading assessment and 60% in the math. They don't assess their students in science until 5th grade where 46% were proficient.

Of course, academics is just one part of what you are getting. Mr. Graham's message this month is focusing on the important spiritual aspect of what and how your children are taught. Then there is the all important, by whom they are taught.

Thank you for choosing, and in many cases sacrificing, to send your children where God is the center of what we teach. We look forward to many more years of helping you train them.

God bless, Bob Willey

CCA Mission Statement: It is the mission of CCA to prepare students to impact their world for Christ by *equipping* them with a sound education, by *empowering* them with a biblical worldview, and by *inspiring* them through godly leadership.

Canned Food Drive Continues

February 16th - 26th



SCRIP (gift cards)



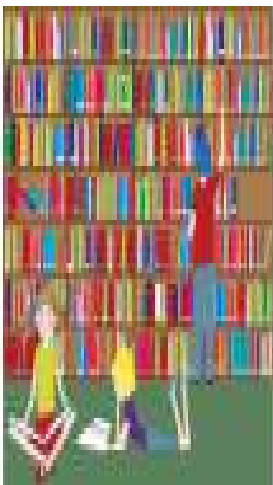
- Please turn in your order by **9:30am, Tuesday to the CCA Office.** Safeway, Fred Meyer, Albertsons, Starbucks and misc. gas cards are generally in stock.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?



Open Enrollment has begun and classes are growing, especially 1st and 2nd grades! If you have yet to register and plan to attend next fall, please turn in your paperwork and registration fee as soon as possible! Tuition will increase May 1, so register early to receive the lower rate.

Please turn your Registration Form with signatures and your Registration Fee* to the CCA office to hold your child's spot for next fall.



Scholastic Book Fairs will host Spring Book Fair in the Library; April 12 through the 19th - 9:00 to 5:30. Fair dates are scheduled to coincide with the Parent Teacher Conferences.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products. Classes schedule times for just browsing or purchasing. Everyone is welcome to browse or purchase at any time.....This is a great opportunity for us to meet and greet parents.

If you would be interested in helping with the Book Fair, please contact Vi Davidson in the Library.

Vi Davidson, Librarian

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" *John 11:40*





Auction News

Important Auction Dates

- Tonight, 7:00 pm —
For all Class Coordinators
- Monday, 7:00 pm March
1st, For all Class
Coordinators
- Monday, 7:00 pm March
8th—**ALL EVENT
VOLUNTEERS**
- Monday, March 15 6:00 pm,
Auction Work Party—
prepare items for Auction
- Wed., March 17
Afternoon—evening Silent
Auction Preparation
- Thurs., March 18—Silent
Auction Setup
- Friday, March 19—Dinner &
Live Auction Set up



**BUY YOUR
TICKETS NOW!**



**FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

Join other parents - bring your family & friends - for a great "Olive Garden" style dinner at the

ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

Friday, March 19, 2010

5:30 pm in the Pathfinder Pavilion

\$15 per person at the CCA Office or *reserve your tickets by emailing cca@foundationcampus.org or fax your reservation to 360-412-0910

** Your ticket can be charged to your Auction Account when you RSVP*

"KIDS NIGHT OUT"

**while parents are enjoying their night
at the Auction.**

For preschool through 5th grade CCA students. Hosted by NCHS students in the high school gym


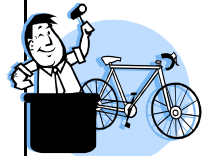

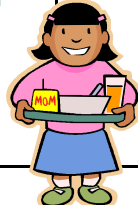
FREE OF CHARGE

Pizza & Salad Bar dinner and beverages provided.

GAMES * ACTIVITIES * CRAFTS

Sign up when you purchase your Auction tickets!

March 2010

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Girls Basketball @ Mc Cleary	3	4 Girls Basketball @ Pioneer	5 Girls Basketball vs. St. Mikes	6
7	8 No School	9 Girls Basketball @ Hood Canal	10 Girls Basketball @ Buena Vista Varsity Only	11 <i>Musicale 4th—6th Grades</i>	12 <i>Musicale 7th & 8th Grades</i>	13
14 Spring Ahead—Start Daylight Savings Time	15 Girls Basketball @ Evergreen 	16	17	18 Spirit Day— P.J. Day	19 Annual Dinner Auction 	20
21		23	24	25 Passport Testing 	26 April Lunch Menu Due 	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	
S.A.T. Testing Grades 1st– 8th						

Upcoming Events: April 5-9 Spring Break—No School, April 14-16 Parent/Teacher Conferences—12:00 Dismissal, April 22 Spirit Day—Creation Day, April 29 Passport Testing