



January 16, 2019

Dear Covenant Families,

Last week, we discussed our need to think with the end in mind when it comes to raising our children. Where are we going? What are we doing? We have to be focused on a destination.

Classical education pays close attention to the aims and ends that we seek. Education is not merely seen as job training or college prep. It is the cultivation of a human being. It is seen as something far greater than to earn a living. It is more about living well.

What are the ends that we seek?

Wisdom, eloquence, virtue, the perfection of our intellect. This is not just acquiring a high IQ but a maturity of human capacity to know and appreciate the things that are true, good, and beautiful.

Thinking with the end in mind is important because it reveals what we value and what we want to pass down to our children. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

What does our culture want to pass on? We have to be aware of this.

I believe we are in a time of rebuilding our culture: a repairing of the ruins. Classical education itself is the idea of returning to a method of education that was utilized for hundreds of years and established the greatest thinkers throughout history. It has not been until the last 150 years that we have seen a shift in education. Covenant Christian School is striving to return to these great methods and hope to REBUILD a culture that loves what God loves.

In Christ,

Michael Sabo

Prayer Requests

Patrick Hermes, CCS School Board Chairman, will be having colon surgery in a couple of weeks due to diverticulitis. Before they can do the surgery he has to go through two weeks of antibiotic therapy. His wife Suzanne teaches 4th grade at CCS and together they developed the CCS Robotics Program.

Pray for Glenda Delmar who was in an automobile accident Tuesday in Pensacola. She was side-swiped by a dump truck but doesn't think she is badly injured--just very sore. God was truly protecting her as her car is very badly damaged.

CCS Phones

Our phones are back up and running. Please utilize the following number:
850-769-7448

Lunch Plans

We are excited to start offering lunches again on January 24th! As of right now, we have two vendors we are using, this may change in the weeks to come. Tuesday and Thursday's lunch tickets (Publix subs) need to be turned in to the office on the day before by 3:00 (for example: Tuesday's ticket turned in on Monday and Thursday's ticket turned in on Wednesday). We will send the order in that afternoon. If you need to purchase lunch tickets, they will be sold in the office for \$6.00. If you have any remaining blue lunch tickets from the beginning of the school year, they are still good.

Monday (Marco's pizza, fruit, cookie, juice or water)

Tuesday (Ham, Turkey or Italian Publix sub, chips, cookie, juice or water)

Wednesday Sack Lunch from home (No Lunch Provided by CCS)

Thursday (Ham, Turkey or Italian Publix sub, chips, cookie, juice or water)

Friday (Marco's pizza, fruit, cookie, juice or water)

Noon Dismissal (Friday, Jan. 18)

We will continue with our regular dismissal plan. K3, K4, and Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the courtyard area by the main entrance. If there are siblings of older students in those classes, they will be dismissed in the car load lines.

Note: There will be no after care on early dismissal days.

Calendar Updates

January 18 (Noon dismissal)

January 21 (M.L. King Jr. Holiday-No school)

January 25 (End of Semester 1)*

February 15 (Early Release)

February 18 (President's Day-No school)

March 1 (School will be in session)*

March 15 (Field Day-Noon Dismissal)

March 18 (Spring Break begins)

*schedule adjustments

See 2018-2019 CCS Revised Calendar link in the Parent Life section of the website.

Uniforms

Thank you for your cooperation as we have transitioned back into our uniform procedures. We will continue wearing our "Covenant Blue" polo shirts on Friday. "FINISH STRONG FRIDAY!"

Need for Substitutes

We are updating our sub list and are in the need for a few substitute teachers. Email Dawn Welch if you are interested.

2019-2020 Enrollment Upcoming News

Plan to attend one of the following Vision Meetings. We will discuss the year and plans for the future. The Open Enrollment period will follow these meetings.

Vision Meetings Dates and Times

Thursday, Jan. 31 (6:30 pm)

Friday, Feb. 1 (8:00 a.m.)

Friday, Feb. 1 (3:30 p.m.)

*Meetings will be held in the CPC Sanctuary.

REBUILD Updates

It has been great to see some of the trees and debris being cleared out recently. Church and school leaders have been working hard behind the scenes developing plans to rebuild our campus. We hope to be able to provide some exciting news in the coming weeks as this process continues to move forward.

Flu Season Updates

We are approaching the flu season and want to remind everyone of our illness policies. There is the anticipation of high rates of the flu this winter. Thank you for helping us with this as we strive to keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible.

Illness Policy

CCS does not have facilities to treat sick students. Students who become ill at school are isolated and made as comfortable as possible while parents are notified and arrangements made to have the sick student picked up. Students must be free of contagious disease, fever (cannot be taking medication to reduce fever), diarrhea, or vomiting for at least 24 hours before being readmitted to CCS or provide a written note, signed by a doctor, explaining that the student is not contagious. Fever is defined as any temperature equal to, or in excess of 100.0°F (37.8°C).

