

Mane Events



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April Birthdays

- 2nd - Mrs. Schreurs - 5&6
- 7th - Steven Jones - 8
- 12th - Andrew Wombacher - 7
- 15th - Kaylee Tobiason - 3
- 17th - Tate Tobiason - 5
- 19th - Aiden Schneider - 6
- 20th - Marc Menchaca - 8
- 26th - Hunter Chiappetta - K
- 27th - Brock Mahoney - Pre-K

As Administrator by Kathy Wolfe

“Blessed Be Your Name”

by Matt Redman

*Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name*

*Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness doses in, Lord
Still I will say*

Chorus:
*Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name*

*Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name*

*Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name*

*Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness doses in, Lord
Still I will say*

Chorus:
*You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name*

I love this song. God has used music to minister to my heart many times over the years. Songs like these have reminded

me of truth while going through the “dark nights” of the soul. This song in particular grabs my attention, especially the call to bless God even when our roads are marked with suffering, disappointments and the darkness is closing in. Do we really do this?? Do you thank God for the trials, the disappointments, the hurts?

The bigger challenge of late for me is to be content in my present circumstances. My children are leaving home (and very possibly the state), the financial horizon seems uncertain, but do I believe that God has my good in mind with all these changes? It does come down to believing, as my sister Sue challenged me, “Is He enough? When everything else changes or is gone, is God really enough?” I believe that when God takes us through times of trials, He is revealing the hidden idols of our hearts – things that might not be innately wrong but which we have elevated to places of worship above our God. It might be comfort, family, daily provision, etc.

So when He “gives and takes away,” are you able to bless His name? Is He enough? I pray we can agree with Habakkuk’s prayer found in Habakkuk 3:17-19:

17 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,

18 **yet I will rejoice in the LORD!
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!**

19 **The Sovereign LORD is my strength!**

He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.

From the School Board by Mike Dornish

Where did the school year go? We are nearing the end of what is turning out to be a great year for the school. Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers and staff for your hard work and generous contributions. By the time this is published we will have already held our annual Corporate Meeting and we will be nearing our annual Spring Banquet.

I hope you are making plans to attend our Spring Banquet. This is a great way to learn about the school and to help celebrate the wonderful year we are having. Each of the classes will be contributing to what is always an enjoyable program. The banquet is also an important fundraiser for the school. Much of what is contributed goes to our tuition assistance program. Our ability to offer tuition assistance is vital to some families being able to send their child to CCS. The banquet serves as an opportunity to invite grandparents, aunts and uncles, other relatives and friends.

Praise the Lord for moving the heart of an anonymous foundation to give a grant of

\$5,000 to our school for new playground equipment. This is the second \$5,000 gift we have received from this foundation. The money from the first gift was used to upgrade the 7th & 8th grade classroom. Upgrading the playground equipment is something we have to do but we have not been able to come up with the money in the budget. This gift of \$5,000 is a great start. The total amount needed for this project is \$26,000.

The school board has been discussing the idea of a new fundraiser and has decided to give it a try. If successful we will plan to use the early money raised from this effort to support the new playground equipment project. The new fundraiser idea is an eBay auction. Kevin Bennett has volunteered to head up this project. We are praying this will be a very successful undertaking that will not only help us with the playground equipment but will aid in other financial needs in the future. More information about this fundraiser may be found elsewhere in this newsletter and I hope each of us will find at least one item we can donate to this effort.

EBay Auction Fundraiser by Kevin Bennett

We are asking everyone to pray with us concerning the money needed to purchase new playground equipment for the school. Obviously, cash gifts are encouraged and welcomed as we seek God to lead in our individual involvement. We believe God will allow some of us to participate financially through some creative giving to the project.

The school board recently authorized an EBay auction. You may have heard about or personally used EBay. EBay is an American internet company which people and businesses buy and sell goods and services worldwide. Perhaps you have antiques, collectibles or other items of value that you would like to donate to the school. I will list these items on the EBay auction site and sell them for the school. All of the proceeds will go to the school.

Initially all of the money will be used for the new playground project. Once this need is met we will use any new money raised for other important school objectives. Did you recently clean out late Uncle Fred's closet and found that he left you some neat stuff? Furniture, coins, a rare clock or just a bunch of neat old postcards are just a few items that can be given for the school. We will turn them into cash, and you receive the benefit of a tax-deductible contribution to CCS.

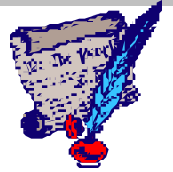
If you are interested in learning more about our EBay auction or just have questions about practical items that you might want to give to the school, contact CCS School board members Mike Dornish (402-564-9304) or Kevin Bennett (402-563-4162).

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5th & 6th Grade News by Karin Schreurs



“Let Us Remember”

In American History the students have been learning the rich heritage of our Nation through God's sovereign hand. Let us remember and be encouraged by the ordinary people doing extraordinary deeds and actions being led by their Creator. In chapter 9: Expansion and Evangelism, we read and admired the perseverance and dedication of various evangelists and preachers that helped usher in the Second Great Awakening in the 1770's. John Wesley sent Francis Asbury to America to establish churches and Bible studies throughout the frontier. Peter Cartwright, a well known circuit rider preached the gospel throughout the frontier, mainly in Tennessee and Kentucky for nearly fifty years! Richard Allen, a former slave, accepted Christ at the age of seventeen through the preaching of a circuit rider. Later, he established the first black denomination in the United States. Camp meetings sprang up and the spirit of revival was in about every county in every state. Let us remember the great music writers Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley. It was in the 18th century Watts wrote such classics as: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” and “Joy to the World.” Wesley wrote nearly 6,500 hymns including; “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” and “Hark the Herald Angels Sing.” We read about the first American missionary to a foreign land, George Liele, a black preacher to Jamaica. We were amazed and astounded as we talked about the haystack prayer meetings, led by eighteen year old Samuel J. Mills. We remember the Spirituals as the black slaves heard sermons from the Scriptures and applied the Hebrew children enslaved in Egypt to their suffering and hardships. We remember such songs they sang on the plantations: “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” and “Go Down, Moses.” The names and faith of men, women, and children who believed and trusted in the Lord go on and on...

In Chapter 10: United States History: Division and Reunion we once again saw God's hand throughout the Civil War era. Let us remember the abolitionist who stood up for a righteous cause and freed black men, women, and children. There were many people who spoke out against slavery: Sojourner Truth traveled throughout the North, speaking against slavery, Harriet Beecher Stowe the writer of the novel, “Uncle Tom's Cabin,” and statesmen, Frederick Douglas who helped recruit blacks for Abraham Lincoln. Let us remember the Underground Railroad where abolitionists in both the North and South helped runaway slaves as they fled to freedom, courageous people like Harriet Tubman, an escaped slave herself. Just before the war ended, the United States re-elected President Abraham Lincoln to his second term of office. Lincoln looked ahead with confidence and plans of peace when he spoke to the nation,

“With malice (hatred) toward none, with charity (love) for all.” He then asked the people “to bind up the nation's wounds: to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and orphan – to do all which may achieve....a just and lasting peace.”

And finally, may we remember that it was during the Civil War, that the motto “**In God We Trust**” first appeared on the United States coins. Secretary of the Treasury Salmon Chase sent a memo to the director of the Mint of Philadelphia saying:

“No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition.”

Since that time, coins issued by the United States have borne testimony to the nation's dependence on God. “**In God We Trust**” became the official national motto in 1956.



Let us remember where we came from, let us remember the men, women, and youth who have served the Lord, let us remember that the United States of America is blessed because of Jesus Christ, The Cornerstone.

Let us remember that even in these days, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be done Oh Lord on earth as it is in Heaven, Amen. Let us remember for today and walk as children of the Most High God. Let us remember and walk in His Holy Light. Let us remember this Holy Easter Season that our Redeemer lives! Because He lives, I live and can face tomorrow.

Galatians 2:20... “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Preschool News by Robbin Chin

“Favorites”



Buddy time is one our favorite activities in preschool.

As we begin our last quarter of preschool, I would like to share student and teacher favorites. Topping our list is “buddy time”. This is something we have recently started, but is already a favorite and for me a highlight of our year. Buddy time happens Friday from 10:00 to 10:20 and each preschooler is paired with a 7th or 8th grader. The preschoolers pick one book for their buddy to read to them and I pick an activity for them to do together. They may play a game, do a puzzle, color, write their names, do legos or string beads. One preschooler said he wants to do buddy time every day and Mrs. Weinmeister and I think buddy time might have to be longer than 20 min. Time goes quickly and everyone is sad to see it end. I could not ask for kinder, more loving older students to spend time with my preschoolers. This has been one of the most joyful times of this school year.

Going to P.E. once a week with the kindergartners is also a favorite. We did parachute games during January and February and now are doing other fun activities. We have done carpet races, running, skipping, hopping, wheel barrel and crab walk races. What fun we have and it is great getting to know the kindergarten class and their teacher.

“London Bridge,” “The Farmer in the Dell,” “Jesus Loves the Little Children,” and “The Cool Bear Hunt” are some of our music time favorites. Singing the “ABC Song” is almost a daily occurrence. Come to the spring banquet to hear several of our favorite songs.

I have 13 favorite little preschoolers and I have greatly enjoyed this year. We have such fun together and my favorite thing to do with them is sit and talk. They have so much to share and are so interesting. They are eager to learn and just a joy to teach.

Parents, make reading Bible stories a favorite time with your children. They love to learn about Jesus and really enjoy our weekly Bible stories. They have such hearts to learn and know about God. Remember Deuteronomy 6:5-7 as you daily talk to your children about God.

If you would ask the students, “What do you like to do at preschool?” Here are the answers you would receive:



- Colton - Hammer golf tees into play dough.
- Brock - Play with play dough.
- Leilanie - Dress up clothes.
- Breanna - Playing house.
- Joshua - The railroad tracks.
- Benjamin - Putting together railroad tracks.
- Alex - The fishing game.
- Mily - The sandbox.
- Nehemiah – Play with play dough.
- Maddisen - Playing house.
- Bubba - The egg game and the golf tee play dough hammering.

All Pro Dad's by Dan Poppe

Our last All Pro Dad's meeting will be a great opportunity to meet a missionary from Africa.

Our next and final meeting for the year will be held on Friday, April 11th. In keeping with tradition, our final meeting will be a full breakfast of hash browns, scrambled eggs, sausage, and the works. Along with our full breakfast, we will have the opportunity to meet a missionary from Africa. What a great way to end the year, so be there if you can, and be an ALL PRO DAD!!

National Day of Prayer by Tammie Awtry

Please join the students and staff as we join others around the nation for the 57th annual National Day of Prayer. The event will be held on Thursday, May 1st beginning at 8:30 a.m. This year's theme is "**Prayer! America's Strength and Shield**" and is based on the verse from **Psalm 28:7** which states: "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."



*Join us for the National
Day of Prayer on
Thursday, May 1st.*

Prairie Village Outreach by Tammie Awtry

On March 12th, the 5th & 6th grade class performed for the residents of Prairie Village Retirement Center during their March Birthday Party. The residents were delighted as they watched skits, jugglers and acrobatics, as well as listened to guitar music and songs. Residents as well as students (and teacher) were completely blessed throughout the afternoon. Of course the afternoon ended on a great note as the residents shared birthday treats with the students! Thanks for your hospitality, Prairie Village!



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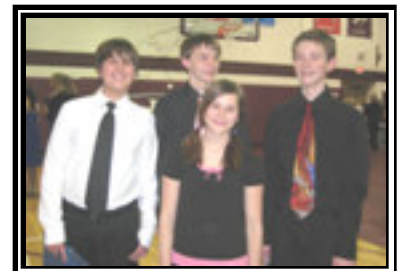
Spring Music Recital by Tammie Awtry

The Lori Stecker Music Studio will be holding a music recital at the Highland Park Evangelical Free Church (4115 38th St.) on Saturday, April 12th beginning at 3:30 p.m. Students performing are Taylor Weinmeister on Clarinet; Dana Poppe on Flute, and Shianne Chaipetta with vocal. Piano students include Juan Lasso, Ashley Hamling, Joclynn Behlen, Ben Griess, Joel Poppe Jared Engel and Cody Griess.

*Join the CCS Students as
they perform at the Lori
Stecker Music Studio
music recital on April 12th.*

Columbus All-City Choral Festival by Tammie Awtry

Students from the 7th & 8th grade class participated in the Columbus All-City Choral Festival on March 3rd at the Columbus High School. Dr. Fritz Mountford from Nebraska's Hasting College, conductor of the 125-year old Hastings College Choir, conducted the music clinic and performance. Thank you Ryan Bennett, Tess Brummer, Marc Menchaca, Adam Wieberdink and Mrs. Tobiason for representing CCS!



**Marc Menchaca, Adam
Wieberdink, Tess Brummer and
Ryan Bennett**

Breakfast of Champions by Tammie Awtry

Ryan Bennett will receive the UNL Breakfast of Champions Award on Friday, May 16th at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. Ryan will be recognized for his accomplishments in scholarship, leadership and service. Way to go Ryan!



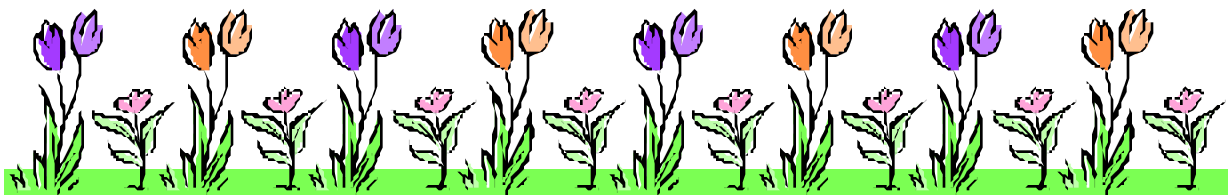
Ryan Bennett

COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPRING BANQUET

The Students, Staff and Families of Columbus Christian School cordially invite you to our annual Spring Banquet, Friday, April 18th, 2008, at the Family Life Center (located at the corner of 15th St. & 23rd Ave.), beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship and entertainment which will be provided by the students. The meal is without charge and we will be taking a free will offering for our Tuition Assistance and General Operating Funds.

Please RSVP to the school office by Monday, April 14th at 562-6470 or e-mail us at info@columbuschristian.org.



Budget Status

Feb 1, 2008 through Feb 29, 2008

Total Income	\$18,590
Total Expenses	\$15,621

Memorial Gifts

Columbus Christian School would like to thank the following people for gifts in honor of their loved ones.
February 1st through February 29th

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Dick & Sharon Nelson	Terry Nolan
Dick & Sharon Nelson	John Wiehn
Dick & Sharon Nelson	Milton Menke
Pat Tobiason	Helga Nelson
Pat Tobiason	Mabel Durkop
Henrietta Scheffler	Lowell Olnes

Prayer Requests

- † Pray for students as they prepare for SAT Testing April 7th – 11th.
- † Pray for a successful Spring Banquet.
- † PTL for the playground grant. Pray for additional funding to come in toward this project.
- † Pray for success with the Ebay Fundraising Project.
- † PTL for godly men elected to the school board. Pray for wisdom as the make decisions concerning the school.
- † Pray for our current students and families.
- † Pray for new students and enrollment for next year.
- † Pray for the upcoming year end activities and preparation for the 2008-2009 school year.
- † Pray for resources and volunteers for our summer work projects.
- † Pray for financial resources for this spring and summer.
- † Pray for protection of the students, staff and building.
- † Pray for our ongoing outreach projects.
- † Pray for our Adopt-a-Soldiers Anthony Schiessl and Nathan Witt.

Each year, many people donate to Columbus Christian School. During the past school year, CCS was greatly blessed with donations from school families, grandparents, and friends. This accounted for over 30% of all the income Columbus Christian received. The Lord used these gifts to meet our daily needs, with students being the prime benefactors. We would not continue to exist if we did not have this support.

Support includes the following means:
 General Donations, Ministry Team Offerings, Pledges, Estate Gifts, Stock/Bond/Mutual Fund Gifts, Matching Corporate Gifts, Donor Restricted Gifts, Capital Funds Gifts, Non Cash Gifts, Endowment Fund Gifts, Memorial Gifts, Tuition Payment Gifts, Tuition Assistance Gifts, and Contingency Fund Gifts. This list is not considered complete as the ways to serve are only limited within our imagination and creativity.

If you are interested in becoming a financial partner with Columbus Christian School, please contact us at 402-562-6470.

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Our Purpose

The primary objective and purpose of CCS is to provide an educational process for our children that puts the Bible at the center and causes students to learn to use the Bible to evaluate all of life through the eyes of God...(John 14:6).

While parents are ultimately responsible for teaching their children, we are here to assist families and churches in the process of training all students to mature spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally (Luke 2:52).

April Calendar of Events

1 st	Tuition Due
1 st	Registration Increases to \$300.00
1 st	Staff Mtg., 3:30 p.m.
7 th – 11 th	SAT Testing, 2 nd – 8 th Grades
9 th	All Pro Dad's Reservations Due
11 th	All Pro Dad's Final Meeting, 6:30 a.m.
18 th	Spring Banquet, Family Life Center, 6:30 p.m.
24 th	School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
25 th	No School
28 th – May 2 nd	Missions Week
29 th	I Can Camp Party

May Calendar of Events

1 st	Tuition Due
2 nd	5 th & 6 th Grade – Law Day at Court House, 9:00 a.m.
8 th	School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
13 th	3 rd – 6 th Grade Field Trip to Grand Island
16 th	Breakfast of Champions, Lincoln
20 th	K & 8 th Graduation
21	End of 4 th Quarter, 11:30 Dismissal
	End of School – Have a Great Summer!