

Mane Events



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August Birthdays

- 20th - Grace Christensen (2)
- 24th - Savannah Soltero (K)
- 29th - Katelin Neely (1)

As Administrator *by Kathy Wolfe*

The 2007-2008 school year is almost here! This is going to be an exciting year as we welcome new students and families to CCS. The last of the new carpet is being installed today and teachers are anxious to get into their classrooms to prepare for their new classes.

We have included some important information in this month's newsletter to help you in your back-to school preparations. Your careful review of this information will be most helpful in starting this school year on the right foot.

Also, we are extremely excited to have Cathy Weinmeister and Kristin Tobiason join our teaching staff as 7th & 8th grade teachers! Get to know these fine ladies by reading the "New Teachers" article in this month's Mane Events.

Enjoy the last weeks of summer and if you have any questions regarding back-to-school information, please give the school office a call at 562-6470, Monday - Thursday, 8-11:30 a.m. See you August 22nd!

From the School Board *by Mike Dornish*

We have seen God at work and it is wonderful! Looking back just one month ago, we were in our June School Board Meeting and what were the main topics of discussion? Who is going to teach 7th & 8th grade? Where will we find the money needed to finish the work on the modular and kindergarten rooms? These were tough issues considering we were only two months away from the start of the new school year. We stopped and prayed several times during the meeting asking God for his guidance. Well God did answer and for that we say "Praise the Lord!" Over the next several weeks we received financial gifts of close to \$10,000. These gifts paved the way for us to finish all of the most important projects. We also felt God's hand in our decision to use two teachers for the 7th & 8th grade. Cathy Weinmeister and Kristin Tobiason will team teach with each of them taking primary responsibility for various subjects. We are very excited about this creative solution! Cathy did a wonderful job last year when she stepped in and took over the class in February. She connected well with each of the students and we are happy to have her return this year. The

students also already know Kristin as she has been one of our primary substitute teachers. Kristin and Cathy have been meeting and working out all the details for next year.

The school board would like to say thank you in advance to all of our teachers and staff as they begin preparing for the new school year. We know for you the work begins long before the first day of school. We also say thank you to all of the volunteers who make such a big difference at our school. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Finally, we want to say congratulations to Ken Paul. For those of you who don't know, Ken recently retired from a long and distinguished career at BD. He lived out his faith at BD and was well thought of by everyone. As a fellow BD employee I can personally vouch for how much he is missed. But, as school board president, I can say BD's loss has been the school's gain ☺! I hear from our staff the Ken seems to make his way to the school even more than he did before to get various projects completed. Thank you Ken and congratulations on your retirement from BD.



Volunteers are needed to help organize the picnic

Back to School Picnic

We will be having our "Back to School Picnic" on Friday, August 17th at the East Shelter located at Pawnee Park beginning at 6:00 p.m. We request that families A-M bring a salad and Families N-Z to bring a dessert, as well as a meat dish. Tableware and drinks will be provided

This is a great opportunity for the new families to get to know us in a relaxed time of food and fellowship.

If you would like to help organize the picnic, please contact the school office at 562-6470 or email us at info@columbuschristian.org.

The first day of school for all students K-8th and Preschool students is August 22nd

First Day of School

Teacher workdays are August 20th & 21st. The first day of school for all students is August 22nd. K through 8th grades will

attend from 8:15 – 11:30 a.m. and preschool is 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Regular school hours start on August 23rd.

Don't forget Parent Orientation Night on August 23rd. This is a required meeting with all parents

Parent Orientation Night

Parent orientation night will be held on Thursday, August 23rd beginning at 6:30 p.m.

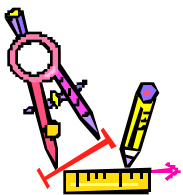
The Administration requests that all parents attend this informational meeting concerning the 2007-2008 school year. At this time, you will receive your Family Packet which includes an updated Student/Parent Handbook, Emergency Health Forms, and other information.

During the evening, we will review topics

such as the cleaning and mowing schedule, Family Activity Accounts, etc...

This is also a time when you can meet with your student's teacher and review classroom policies. There will also be a short time for refreshments and fellowship.

As this is a required Meeting, please contact the school office as soon as possible if you will not be able to attend the Parent Orientation Night.



The students and staff at CCS appreciate all your hard work in getting our school up and running for the school year!

School Supply List

School supply lists are available at Wal-Mart and Walgreen Drug. We do ask that students do not bring paper-covered pencils as they do not sharpen well in the pencil sharpeners. If you have questions

about any supplies listed or need a supply list, please e-mail the school office at info@columbuschristian.org and we will get one out to you.

CCS Work Days

We have 2 more work days scheduled before school starts; August 6th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., and August 18th from 8:00 – Noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. We realize that these times may not be convenient, so please contact Ken Paul (402-563-3052) to see if there is another time that you could work. There is always a running

list of projects and repairs that can be done whenever you are available. Also, thank you to the volunteers who have helped with various projects over the summer. The students and staff at CCS appreciate all your hard work in getting our school up and running for the school year!

Meet Our New 7th & 8th Grade Teachers

The CCS Administration is excited to announce that Mrs. Cathy Weinmeister and Mrs. Kristin Tobiason are our new 7th & 8th grade teachers. A new endeavor for CCS, the 7th & 8th grade classroom will emulate the transition of a one teacher environment to multiple teachers to better equip our students transitioning into a high school setting.

Cathy Weinmeister taught for us during the latter part of our spring 2007 session. Cathy is married to Erik for almost 15 years and has lived in Columbus for 9 years. They have 3 children who attend CCS; Taylor, Collin and Zachary. The Weinmeister Family attends Highland Park Evangelical Free Church and her favorite books of the Bible are Romans and Hebrews. Cathy enjoys spending time with family and friends, baking, reading, traveling and Husker Volleyball (GO TEAM!).

Cathy's credentials include the following; a Bachelor's degree from Chadron State College in 1988 and a Master's degree

from the University of Northern Colorado in 1994. Her teaching experience include K-2 at Alliance; Pre-12 Special Education ESU#12 with Bayard Public Schools; and Colfax District 5R. Cathy will teach our students during the morning session.

Kristen Tobiason will teach during the afternoon session. Kristin is married to Trent for 13 years and has lived in Columbus for 15 years. They have 2 children, Tate and Kaylee, who also attend CCS. The Tobiason Family attends the Word of Life Church where she is involved in the music ministry. Kristin enjoys family camping, reading, piano and baking. She also enjoys prayer walks with her dog, Jackie.

Kristin's credentials include a Bachelor's degree from Concordia College at Seward. Her teaching experience include K-2 at Christ Lutheran in Columbus; 1st grade at Christ for the Nations Academy in Dallas; and private piano lessons.

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Preschool Update

Preschool is just around the corner! The first days of preschool for all 2 and 3 day students will be on Wednesday, August 22nd and Friday, August 24th. We will begin our regular schedule on Monday, August 27th. Preschool classes run from 8:30 to 11:00a.m. Please remember that preschool parents are also required to attend the Parent Orientation Night on August 23rd.

Mrs. Chin and students will be building a "Construction Zone Area." They are in need of orange soccer cones, play hard hats, play tool belts, and pictures, books or posters of construction items. If you have any questions, call the school or Mrs. Chin (402-563-1840).



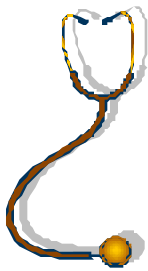
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All Pro Dad's

We are excited and preparing to gear up for another year with All Pro Dad's. When our chapter started 3 years ago we were the first chapter in Nebraska and one of only 20 nationwide. There are now nearly 10 chapters in Nebraska and over 500 nationwide. Due to unforeseen health issues, Dan Poppe

would like to have another person step forward to help out this year. If you are able to help, please contact Dan (402-564-1481 work; 402-564-8161 home; or e-mail him at dpoppe@fni.com). If you would like more information about the All Pro Dad organization, please check us out at www.allprodad.com.

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Immunization Requirements

- ✓ **PRESCHOOL STUDENTS** must have immunizations and certified birth certificates on file in the school office no later than August 22nd.
- ✓ **7th GRADE STUDENTS** must have physicals/waivers and immunizations on file in the school office no later than August 22nd.
- ✓ **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS** must have physicals (including eye exam), immunizations and certified birth certificates on file in the school office no later than August 22nd.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Back to School Cleaning

Back to school cleaning is Aug. 6th through Aug. 8th... Please contact Marty Griess if you need childcare

The floors are shining and new carpet has been installed... sure signs that school is just around the corner. To help get the classrooms up and ready for our teachers, we need volunteers to help with cleaning the classrooms. The dates we have set aside are Monday through Wednesday, August 6th through the 8th from 8 a.m. – 12

p.m. If you can come for one morning or more, please contact our cleaning coordinator, Marty Griess. Her phone number is 402-562-6828.

If you need childcare for any of those mornings in order to help with cleaning, please contact Marty and she will arrange for a sitter. Hope to see you there!!



Lunch Coordinator Needed

Due to the Cooley Family moving, Mrs. Cooley will no longer be available to coordinate our hot lunch program. If you would like to help in this area, please

contact the school office ASAP. The first hot lunch is tentatively scheduled for September 4th.

Please contact the office if you would like to speak at Chapel

Chapel Speakers

We are looking for people who are willing to share with our student body. Chapel meets on Wednesday mornings beginning at 8:30 a.m. The topic this year pertains to the "Names of God" and actual speaking time is from 10 to 20 minutes.

Your commitment would be one time, but if you enjoy speaking the Truth to children, you are welcome to come as often as you like. Please contact the school office to have your name placed on the speaking list.

School pictures are scheduled for August 30th

School Pictures

This year, we have contracted with a different company, Interstate Photography, to take preschool through 8th grade school photographs. School pictures are scheduled to be taken on August 30th beginning promptly at 8:30

a.m. More information will be included with Family Packets on Parent Orientation Night. If you home-school, or know of somebody who would like to have pictures taken, please contact the office.

Budget Status

May 1st through June 30, 2007

Total Income	\$23,426
Total Expenses	\$37,288

Memorial Gifts

Columbus Christian School would like to thank the following people for gifts in honor of their loved ones.

May 1 through June 30, 2007

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Dick & Sharon Nelson	Charlotte Zerr
Dick & Sharon Nelson	Larry Brazil
Lenora Kallweit	Dorothy Anson
Phil & Tammie Awtry	Patrick Brennan
Todd & Kim Tobisaon	John Scott
Anonymous Donor	Carl Huisman
Kenneth & Evelyn Prang	Francas Giggy
Melvin & Nadine Mohrman	Ed Behlen
Wilma Killham	Ed Behlen
Phil & Tammie Awtry	Emil Tobiason
Kathy Christensen	Gary Metzger
Phil & Tammie Awtry	Bill Jeffords

Prayer Requests

- † Pray that volunteers would come forward to make needed repairs before school starts.
- † Pray for staff and students as they prepare for the upcoming school year.
- † Pray for financial provisions.
- † PTL for our new teaching staff: Robbin Chin, Kristin Tobiason and Cathy Weinmeister!
- † PTL for all the work that has been done by our faithful volunteers this summer!!
- † PTL for our new students and families coming to CCS!
- † PTL for God's protection for the Wolfe family during a recent car accident. God is Good!!

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).

August Calendar of Events

1 st	Tuition Due
6 th	CCS Work Day, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
9 th	School Board Mtg., 6:00 p.m.
17 th	Back to School Picnic, Pawnee Park East Shelter, 6:00 p.m.
18 th	CCS Work Day, 8:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
20 th & 22 nd	Teacher Inservice Days
22 nd	First Student Day (K-8 th), 11:30 Dismissal; First Preschool Day (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.)
23 rd	Parent Orientation Night, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
30 th	School Photos (Pre – 8 th grades) – 8:30 a.m.

September Calendar of Events

1 st	Tuition Due
3 rd	Labor Day – No School
13 th	School Board Mtg., 6:00 p.m.

New Look to the Mane Events!

We hope you have noticed the new format of our monthly newsletter. We will still feature many of the same types of articles and events, but in a fresh, easier to read format. If you would like friends or family to receive our newsletter, please contact the office or e-mail us at info@columbuschristian.org.