

# CCS Mane Events

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Monday nights are a buzz in my home! I have the privilege of hosting a high school girls' bible study and on any given Monday, my living room is crammed with girls, juggling pop cans, plates of food, study guides, and Bibles. This group of busy teenagers comes from varied homes and church backgrounds. For an ice breaker this week, we shared favorite Christmas carols and Christmas memories/traditions. It was delightful to hear each girl share those memorable times from Christmases past.

As we delved into our study that night, several controversial subjects were broached and differing opinions surfaced. As the discussion continued, it appeared that some were basing their opinions on worldly media or man's knowledge. I challenged the girls to consider what their standard of truth was before formulating ideologies about these subjects. It became clear that several had never thought about the foundation in which they were basing their opinions. And then God opened the door for me to present Himself, the source of all truth and whose Word alone is truth. Bible pages were flipping as some of the girls were digging for the truth and God rewarded them with answers. As we continued our discussion, I encouraged the girls not to take my word for it but to jump in and find out what God has to say on the subject.

When we closed our study time in prayer, I praised God that He alone is Truth and provided a way for us to know and understand Him, by sending us His Son, the Word of Truth:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it...And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1-5, 14

Jesus reminds us again in John 17:17 as He prays for the disciples and for us that God's word is truth: "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

So as you gather with your families and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior during this Christmas season, may you praise Him for not only revealing Himself to us but for being our source of all truth. **Merry Christmas!!**





## ALL PRO DAD'S

By Dan Poppe

We had another terrific turnout for All Pro Dad's, with 27 people representing 10 families. We also had 4 attend for the first time, so that was great to

see. Thanks to Todd Tobiason and Pete and Ruth Diedrichsen for supplying prizes; Nicole Wieberdink won a new skateboard and Ron Stempel won 4 Nebraska Basketball Tickets. A special thanks also goes to Jim Bates for his much abbreviated story of sharing the Gospel in a foreign country.

Due to the upcoming Christmas activities and school scheduling, our next meeting will be on Friday, January 19. We can always use items to give away to the kids and dads and I'm always on the look-out for speaker ideas. Thanks to CCS for allowing us to hold our meetings at the school, and thanks to the All Pro Dad's and their children who sacrifice a little sleep to enjoy breakfast together.

**Have a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!!!**



## Attention all Home Schooling Families

We will be making SAT testing available at CCS for your child for a nominal fee. Please contact the office before December 10th to provide ample time to order the necessary materials. **Please pass this information on to other home schooled families you may know!**

**DONORS...** Please consider making a year in contribution to Columbus Christian School. All 2006 contributions must be post-marked by Dec.31, 2006. Your generosity will make an eternal impact on future generations!



**Thank you for your support**

## I CAN Camp Outreach Project



Again this year, we will partner with Corey Briggs and the I Can Camp for a special Christmas Project. As a community outreach, our school families are giving a monetary donation to offset paper and printing costs for this ministry. Corey will



also visit our school on Dec. 1st to give each child an opportunity to be personally involved in raising funds to help others by collecting loose change to "Fill the I Can. These funds will be used to help children attend the "I CAN CAMP" who otherwise would not be able to afford to attend a summer camp.

**Thank you for those  
of you who donated  
towards improving our  
security system.**



We are presently in the process of implementing security measures which will include locking down the school during school hours, using an intercom system to allow entrance into the building, and installation of a video surveillance system. We are also in the process of reviewing and updating emergency procedures including intruder policies. These are unpleasant tasks, but unfortunately we live in a sinful world which makes these procedures a necessity and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition period.



## 3rd & 4th Grade

By Angela Danhauer

*The following is a Prayer of Thanksgiving to God from the Third and Fourth Grade Class...*

Dear Lord,

We have so many things to be thankful for. Thank You for food and water. Thank You that the Pilgrims (Separatists) came to this country for religious freedom and gave us the example to stop and spend time giving thanks to You. Thank You for our good health. Thank you for eyes that see, ears that hear, and minds that think. Thank You for pets who give us enjoyment and company. Thank You for providing the sun, moon, and stars as lights in the sky to brighten up the day and night.



Thank You for giving us teachers, and also thank you for blessing us with students. Thank You for giving us the Bible and Bible verses which teach us how to accept Christ as our Savior and grow to be more like You. Thank You for breathing, without which we would not have life. Thank You for President George Bush and our other leaders. Thank You for consequences for our actions which help us to learn to do right instead of wrong.

Thank You for families which care for us and help us to learn more about You. Thank You for brothers and sisters who keep us company. Thank you for Christian friends who encourage us to grow as a Christian and do what You would have us do. Thank You for gasoline which we need in order to drive our cars and get different places. Thank You for the many freedoms we have in this country. Thank You for the freedom to worship You in public without getting in legal trouble. Thank You for churches which provide a place to meet with other Christians and learn more about You. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who lives in Christians and helps them to grow into a deeper relationship with You. Thank You for the earth which provides a home for us. Thank You for oil and electricity which we use when we cook.

Thank You for plants which provide the oxygen we need to breathe and also provide food and shelter for us. Thank You for putting roots on plants which anchor them in the ground and bring nutrients up to the plant. Thank You for the bees which pollinate flowers. Thank You for cows which provide milk for us to drink and meat for us to eat. Thank You for birds which eat harmful insects and sing beautifully. Thank You for pigs from which we get bacon and other meat. Thank You for steamboats and airplanes which take us to other countries. Thank You for missionaries which go to other places and tell people

about You. Thank You for lakes which provide a great place to swim. Thank You, God, for making animals that eat other animals so there aren't too many animals on earth. Thank You for spiders who catch insects which bite us. Thank You for chickens that give us eggs to eat.

Thank You for schools which help us to learn many things each day. Thank You that we are able to go to a Christian school and learn more about You. Thank You for Mrs. Wolfe who helps our school to run in the way it should. Thank You for holidays that provide time to spend with our family. Thank You for turkeys which we feast on during Thanksgiving. Thank You for coats that keep us warm when it is cold outside. Thank You for scientists who have studied and discovered many things that have changed our lives. Thank You, God, for making people. Thank You for the gift of eternal life. Thank You for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to take away our sins. Thank You for making me...



## 5th & 6th Grade

By Karin Schreurs

One of our weekly highlights of the school day is going to chapel. Here is a poem written by the students and Mrs. Schreurs after listening to Pastor Nathan Willis talk about discipleship.

Devoted  
Integrity  
Separated  
Clothes to glorify God  
In our life styles  
Peacemakers  
Loyalty  
Everlasting love  
Speech  
Holiness  
In God we trust  
Personal courage



## "Bible Time"

By Jasey Christensen & Taylor Engel

In the 5th & 6th grade Bible class we have been studying about Joseph and Moses this last month. Joseph's character qualities were entrusting himself to God and the power to forgive. The character qualities of Moses were also entrusting himself to God and the fear of God. We worked on several bible

verses too, including: Eph 4:31-32 and Joshua 1:8-9. We cut out paper sneakers and wrote a bible verse on them. We also watched a DVD about the life of Moses. In watching movies, a person always has to double check with Scripture and compare the two. The Bible is always the final truth.

### "Volcanoes"

By Paul Jaixen & Beka Hansen

In Science, we are learning about rocks and volcanoes. When rocks in a volcano melt, gases are made and the gas takes up more space than the solid things. Then pressure builds up and the gas is released through the earth's surface. That's how volcanoes erupt. We also made a miniature one in our classroom to help us find out.

### "History"

By Dana Poppe & Jon MacArthur

We are working on a book called The Asia Report. First thing we did was to pick a country we'd like to work on. Next we got information from many sources such as: books, computers, encyclopedias, and we also took a field trip to the Columbus Public Library. Then we all got pictures such as: people, animals, plant life and governmental things. After all the pictures & writing were done, we wrote where all the information came from. Finally, after all the hard work gluing in pictures, we're finally finished!!

### "Language"

By Ashley Mazankowski & Tess Brummer

We have been learning about paragraphs in 6th grade language class. There are many different kinds of paragraphs including:

1. Details in chronological order of information.
2. Narratives with comparisons and contrasts.
3. Personal narratives.
4. Short stories

We wrote about, famous paintings, missionary stories, tall tales, and book reports. Here are the five steps:

1. Read and gather.
2. Think and plan.
3. Write and rewrite.
4. Check and polish.
5. Share your results!

**Sixth grade work is hard, but you will learn a lot!**

## CCS Preschool Update



The staff at CCS is diligently preparing for our preschool to reopen for the 2007-2008 school year. We are in need of new or like new items to furnish the new room.

Our wish-list includes the following items: Play food, dress up items, Little Tikes™, blocks, table and chairs, painting easels, games, etc... Please contact the office if you would like to help with any of these items. Also, remember to tell your family and friends about the new preschool!






## Changes to the CCS Scrip Program



CCS is excited to announce that we are now offering Joe & Al's through our Scrip Program. Other merchants include Amigos, Arby's, Big Apple Bagel, Bob's Pharmacy, Hy-Vee, McDonald's, Menards (special order amount needed), Mindy's Gazebo, Papa Murphy's, Super Saver, Tooley Drug and Valentino's Pizza. Remember... Scrip makes wonderful gifts and stocking stuffers. Please contact the office for denomination amounts and other details. Scrip... What a wonderful and easy way to earn funds for Columbus Christian School!

## DECEMBER WISH LIST ITEMS



-  Kindergarten - None
-  Gr. 1-2 - None
-  Gr. 3-4 - Straw for the Christmas Program, brown and green tempera paint
-  Gr. 5-6 - None
-  Gr. 7-8 - none



**Donations are presently being taken for the purchase of folding chairs.** Please contact the office if you would like to help with this project.



# DECEMBER 2006



## Prayer Requests:

1. PTL for a successful Thanksgiving Meal!
2. Completion of the Modular.
3. Upcoming pre-school preparations.
4. Production of Promotional Video.
5. Safe travel for those traveling over the Christmas Holiday.
6. God's faithful provision for our financial needs.
7. Pray that God will provide funding for folding chairs.
8. PTL for our faithful families and friends of CCS!
9. Pray that our alumni and current student body and staff will be a positive and loving witness to those around us.



Please join the **CCS prayer team** on Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. We welcome you to come pray with us each week as we lift up the needs of the school to our faithful God.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuition Due
- 1<sup>st</sup> Kids of Character Luncheon, YMCA, 12:00
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program Practice @ Highland Park Church, 11:30 dismissal
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program @ Highland Park Church, 7:00 p.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Classroom Christmas Parties
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Break - No School

### January

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuition Due
- 8<sup>th</sup> School Resumes
- 12<sup>th</sup> No School - Teacher In-service
- 17<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dad's Reservations due
- 19<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dad's, 6:30 a.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Special Chapel Service - Micah Neely, 8:30 a.m.



## ***Budget Status***

For October, 2006

Total Income:       \$13,968  
 Total Expenses:     \$17,035

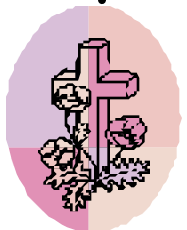
## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11 - Tess Brummer (6)
- 13 - Taylor Engel (5)
- 20 - Ryan Bennett (7)
- 25 - Happy Birthday Jesus!



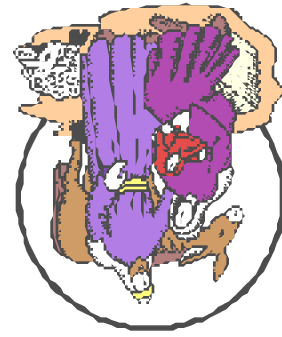
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## OUR PURPOSE

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).



**December**

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### Columbus Christian School Christmas Program



You are cordially invited to attend the Columbus Christian School Christmas Program on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The program will be held at Highland Park Evangelical Free Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the program.

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