

Mane Events



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January Birthdays

14th – Jared Engel (2nd)
21st – Jerron Tiemeyer (5th)

As Administrator *by Kathy Wolfe*

Happy New Year!! Christmas break will be but a memory in a few weeks and 2008 is sitting there, ready for us to begin exploring. I can't put the new calendar up without taking a few moments to reflect on all the happenings of 2007. It was such a busy, challenging year, filled with many God-directed opportunities – opportunities for personal growth and growth in our school.

Over the course of 2007, CCS saw the hand of God move over our school from the selection of new teaching staff to reaching out to new friends around the world with the love of Christ. We welcomed the preschool program back to our campus, with ten cheery faces filling our morning class. Mrs. Chin, our preschool teacher, has been a blessing to our school with the wonderful ability to understand the hearts and minds of these precious little ones. Mrs. Tobiason and Mrs. Weinmeister joined our staff as 7th & 8th grade teachers, sharing their talents and going after the hearts of these students, preparing them for the high school years to come.

We experienced increased enrollment with the opening of the preschool and were very thankful for the additional classroom space our modular provided. Many volunteer hours were donated to prepare this new room for the 5th & 6th grade class. The new Kindergarten room also received a facelift with fresh paint and new carpeting. And right before school started, God provided a new driveway for the school!

Probably one of the most exciting

CCS Soup Supper *by Tammie Awtry*

Please mark your calendar to attend our Annual Soup Supper at the school (3418 15th St.) on Friday, January 25th from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. We will be serving yummy homemade soups and desserts. The cost of the meal is a "Freewill Offering." We look forward to seeing you there!

opportunities that we have experienced has come through our outreach efforts. Sending money from offerings to provide Ntokozo's Christian education in South Africa; raking leaves for our neighbors; collecting paper products and soap for the Columbus Rescue Mission; and faithfully supporting our adopted soldiers, Sgt. Schiessl and Chaplain Witt, with encouraging letters, cards and daily prayers. These are just a few of the projects God has laid on our hearts this year.

Lastly, I can't neglect to mention the multitude of opportunities God has given us to share the Gospel of Christ with our students and their families. We have had the privilege to minister to hurting hearts whether it is a scrapped knee or a disappointment in a relationship. We have also provided help for struggling students so they can experience academic success. And probably one of our greatest privileges is to teach the Truth from God's Word not only during Bible class and chapel, but throughout our day, everyday, as the Spirit of God gives us opportunity. Wow!! The blessings come back to us as we see evidence of God work in our student's lives.

So with 2008 stretching out before us, we are excited to see what God will do as we seek His wisdom and direction for the 2008-2009 school year. Your prayers for our planning efforts would be greatly appreciated. May God be glorified as we endeavor to provide quality Christian education for the families of the Columbus community!



From the School Board by Mike Dornish

...thank all of you who have been so faithful to give to the school over the years. We value you and appreciate your generosity.

Believe it or not, the School Board will begin working on the 2008-2009 budget beginning in December and there is a lot to do. Bob Becker, our faithful Treasurer, will spend much of his Christmas break pouring over the numbers in order to bring a draft budget to our January board meeting. Part of this work includes what is working well in the current year and perhaps what is not working. Some of the questions we will ask ourselves include: How does the income and expenses compare with the past couple of years? Will enrollment be up from this year or down? There are a lot of questions but not as many answers when working on a budget. Obviously we don't know if enrollment will be up or down. We don't know if gift income will be higher or lower, etc. Will you pray for the school board as we work on the budget? It will likely take the next two to three months to complete. We will have to make some important decisions concerning tuition and teacher salaries. Just to give you some very general numbers, tuition accounts for about 55% of total income. Gifts and donations account for about 30% and fundraising accounts for about 15%. As you can see, all of these are very important parts of our budget. I want to thank all of you for faithfully keeping up

with your tuition payments. We are having a very good year with on time payments. I also want to thank all of you who have been so faithful to give to the school over the years. We value you and appreciate your generosity. May God bless you for your kindness! To all of you who volunteer to make our fundraisers so successful, I also say a huge thank you!

On another note, please be sure to congratulate and/or thank Dan Poppe as he agreed to step in to fill the school board position previously filled by Erik Weinmeister. I would also like to let you know that we will have three openings on the school board at the end of this session with the new school board convening in April. The school board has sent letters out to several individuals to see if they would be interested in serving on the board. I have received several very favorable responses and am excited to see what God will do.

In closing I want to say thank you to our teaching and administrative staff for all their hard work and dedication to our students. Praise the Lord for our staff as they truly see their work as "unto the Lord!" May you all have a blessed Christmas!



Pictured from right to left: Mrs. Wolfe, Chaplain Nathan Witt, Sarah and Gretchen Witt

Adopt-a-Soldier Visits CCS by Tammie Awtry

One of our Adopt-a-Soldiers and favorite chapel speakers, Chaplain Nathan Witt, visited our school during a special chapel time on December 12th. Chaplain Witt, along with his wife Sarah, and daughter Gretchen were also honored with a small reception after the chapel time. Chaplain Witt was on leave from Kuwait and returned to duty in the middle of December. Please pray for protection for Chaplain Witt in the Middle East, but also for peace and protection for Sarah and Gretchen. We are thankful Chaplain Witt as well as for all of our soldiers who faithfully serve our country!

7th & 8th Grade News by Mrs. Weinmeister and Mrs. Tobiason

From Mrs. Weinmeister...

It doesn't seem like it's been a whole semester since I last wrote an article! An abundance of learning has taken place, not only for the students, but for the teacher as well! What a privilege it has been to be able to teach this particular group of young people.

One of the things we have focused on this first semester has been writing across the curriculum. With the exception of a few students, writing compositions has NOT been an overwhelming joy for them! However, they've been persevering at it, and have developed some first-rate works! My personal favorites were a group of "Patriot" essays. We had a variety of patriots highlighted, including Benjamin Franklin, Mollie Pitcher, Abraham Lincoln, Clara Barton, Andrew Carnegie, and Mike Dornish! How cool was it that Luke chose his very own father as his favorite patriot?! The students did a great job of organizing their papers, and presenting the necessary information in a unique and interesting way! Thanks, guys, for continuing to embrace the challenges presented in developing great writing skills!

Mathematics has also been keeping us busy. The review days are over, and we are learning new skills at a fast and furious pace! Course Two has been learning to convert fractions, decimals and percents, while Course Three has been graphing functions. A common question from the Algebra I students is, "Can that possibly be right?!" It has been so much fun to see the amount of progress each student has made already this year!

Our favorite part of the day continues to be our Bible time. We praise God for our study of the book of Acts! It is awesome to see God's plan for the church unfolding in the book of Acts. We've also been able to ask some heart questions of each other during accountability time, applying what we're learning in our Acts study. What are we doing with this life that God's given us? How is He using us to grow His kingdom? Please continue to pray for us as we study

the Word of God, that His Word would penetrate our hearts and minds.

From Mrs. Tobiason...

Are you the type of person who likes to talk and is very relational? Are you dutiful and keep things organized? Are you fun-loving and competitive? Do you think outside the box and enjoy solitude? Each 7th & 8th grade student and teacher answered 'yes' to at least one of these questions last month. A county extension agent conducted a day long leadership workshop teaching us about four different personality types and how to understand them when working with each other. Many hands-on activities made the day enjoyable.

Science has found us studying the human body. "Harry," a life-sized model of the human torso from the E.S.U., helped us to learn our internal organs. In Health we are currently illustrating individual comic book series on mental and physical issues. Do you remember "Goofus and Gallant" from the Highlights for Children magazine? Our format is similar and I've laughed out loud at many clever ideas.

Volleyball and kickball have been favorites in P.E. Before the weather turned cold, we timed our endurance runs. Did you know that 4¾ laps around the school block equals one mile?

In November, a local music therapist came and demonstrated how music can effectively help young and old with many problems. It reminded us of David playing his harp for King Saul.

The 7th & 8th graders have computer prowess and are thrilled to have four "new-to-us" laptops. Thanks to the Irwin Franchise Capital Corporation for this generous donation! The students enjoy making power point presentations. At the student-led Parent/Teacher conferences in October, students used power points to present their goals. In History they have presented the following topics: Ancient Rome, World Religions, Norsemen and

...applying what we're learning in our Acts study. What are we doing with this life that God's given us? How is He using us to grow His kingdom?

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Feudalism. Just for fun they like to make their own animations with the program called 'Pivot'.

Here are some of the weekly character awards presented to the 7th & 8th graders: positive attitude, sense of humor, perseverance in prayer, giving their best to God, and being an encourager. How proud I am of all these traits!

Receiving a Helping Hand by Tammie Awtry

Columbus Christian School has been blessed by a helping hand! Turrwan Kilgore, a neighbor of Dan Poppe, was wondering how he would be able to bless others through the use of his snow blower. Praise God that he has come forward to clear some of the larger areas such as the basketball court, etc.

We praise God as His people step forward to help CCS in so many ways. Volunteer work is never considered complete and is only limited as to our imagination and creativity. If you have any skills or time you would like to share, please contact the school office.

All Pro Dad's by Dan Poppe

Merry Christmas!! Happy New Year!!! What better way to kick off the new year than to attend the next All Pro Dad's meeting! Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 11th at 6:45 a.m. As always, we'll have a great breakfast, a great speaker, and a great way to spend time with your kids. Please email me at dpoppe@fnni.com with your reservation by January 9th and be an ALL PRO DAD!!! I may also be reached by phone at 402-564-1481 (work) or 402-564-8161 (home).

Year End Gift Giving by Tammie Awtry

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." Prov. 3:3

At Columbus Christian School, our purpose is to provide an educational process that puts the Bible at the center and causes children to use the Bible to evaluate all of life through the eyes of God because God is the truth. We challenge and encourage children to look at life through a changed heart which can only come through the truth of Jesus Christ!

Columbus Christian School, like many other organizations, often feels the pinch during the holiday season. Would you consider giving a year end gift to Columbus Christian School? All tax-deductible donations for the 2007 calendar year must be postmarked by December 31, 2007. Thank you for your consideration of a gift that will last for an eternity; invest in Christian education!

"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:8

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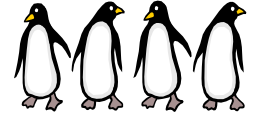
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5th & 6th Grade News by Mrs. Schreurs

Penguin Powered Prayer has been a continual theme and the heartbeat of the students throughout the school day. In the month of January we will take prayer one step further and teach:

1. Different types of prayer (consecration, praise and adoration, commit, petitions, supplications and more).
2. Keys to prayer (obedience, faith, trust, forgiveness).
3. Hindrances to prayer (disobedience, unforgiveness, worry, pride).



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I have written a children's rhyming prayer book entitled, "**Penguin Powered Prayers.**" One of my immediate goals is to have my 5th & 6th grade students (who have gotten parental permission) to illustrate the pictures for the book. Many of my students also have a desire to write, edit, illustrate, and publish books of their own. I thought this would be a great joint effort and learning experience for all of us! My long term goal is to have this book published and in the hands of many school age children who love to pray and want to learn more about prayer in a fun, but informative way. The written bookends (beginning and ending of the 40 plus pages) are below:

Penguin Powered Prayer

It is Father God's pleasure for you to come
You are His treasure, His pride and joy
To talk to Him as a daughter or like a son.
(Isaiah 62:3,4b & 5b, I John 3:1a)

Penguin Powered Prayer

So, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might
Pray at all times on every occasion in every season
For God's will to be done on earth, bringing forth His Light!
(Ephesians 6:10 & 18b, Isaiah 60:1)

Penguin Powered Prayer

It is the Father's will for His children to experience answered prayer
To receive His wisdom, strength, and authority
And to understand His great love and His wonderful care.
(Matthew 16:19, Ephesians 3:19 & 20)

Penguin Powered Prayer

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven above
To God be the Glory, In Jesus Name, we come!
(Matthew 7:10, Matthew 7:13)

Student Enrollment by Tammie Awtry

Enrollment will begin on February 1st for new and returning students for the 2008-2009 school year. At that time, Registration Intent information will be mailed out to all CCS parents to ensure priority registration for returning students. If you or you know of any family interested in Christian Education at the preschool or elementary/middle school level, please let us know. We have New Family Discounts available for those parents with students K through 8th grade, as well as a Family Referral Program. Please contact the office if you have any questions concerning these programs.

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the 2008-2009
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Check out Mission
Nebraska on the Web at
www.missionnebraska.org

I Can Camp Christmas Party by Tammie Awtry

The Christmas party with the I CAN Campers from Sunrise School (originally scheduled on December 18th) was rescheduled for January 22nd. We are partnering with Corey and Nancy Briggs, Mission Nebraska Missionaries, in reaching out to our I CAN friends with the love of Christ by providing a fun afternoon filled with games, activities, a chapel message, refreshments and a small gift. If you would like to help, we are always in need of cookies and refreshments. You may contact the office at 402-562-6470 or e-mail at info@columbuschristian.org. If you would like more information about Corey Briggs, Mission Nebraska or the I Can Camp, please check them out on the web at www.missionnebraska.org.



Scenes from the 2007 Christmas Program



Budget Status

Nov. 1 through Nov. 30, 2007

Total Income	\$12,550
Total Expenses	\$18,142

Memorial Gifts

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

November 1 through November 30, 2007

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Lenora Kallweit	Alvin Detlefsen
Lenora Kallweit	Ethel B. Uchtman
Phil & Tammie Awtry	Helene Korn
Lenora Kallweit	Gladys Laudenklos
Lenora Kallweit	Dave Koch

Prayer Requests

- ✝ PTL for a wonderful Christmas Program. Thank you staff and students for your hard work!
- ✝ Pray for a "Christ Centered Christmas."
- ✝ Pray for a successful Soup Supper on January 25th.
- ✝ Pray for safety for those traveling over the Christmas Holiday.
- ✝ Pray for wisdom for the CCS Board of Directors.
- ✝ Preparations are we get ready for the 2008-2009 enrollment process.
- ✝ Pray for our Adopt-a-Solders, Anthony Schiesl and Chaplain Nathan Witt.
- ✝ Pray for the 8th graders as they prepare to register for high school classes.

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).

January Calendar of Events

1 st	Tuition Due
7 th	No School – Teacher's Inservice
8 th	School Resumes
9 th	Report Cards Go Home
9 th	All Pro Dad's Reservations Due
10 th	CCS By-Laws Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
11 th	All Pro Dad's, 6:30 a.m.
14 th	Return Report Cards
17 th	School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
22 nd	I Can Party, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
25 th	Soup Supper, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

February Calendar of Events

1 st	Tuition Due
1 st	Enrollment For 2007-08 Academic Year Begins
8 th	School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
13 th	Mr. Lewendowski From CHS To Speak to 8 th Grade Students
15 th	No School – President's Day
18 th	Anthony Schiessl Visit
21 st	11:30 Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences
22 nd	No School