

Mane Events



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March Birthdays:

- 5th - Mrs. Weinmeister - 7&8
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As Administrator by Kathy Wolfe

Is spring really just around the corner? By the looks of the recent temperatures and the remnants of snow and ice, it seems as if God thinks we need another month of winter! Even though the weather has kept our students inside for most of the February, we haven't let the cold weather detour us from bucking down, working hard and preparing for the next school year.

Right now is a crucial learning time for our students. As the teachers have an eye on the few weeks that remain in the school year, it seems as if some students begin to let down their push for academic achievement!! New concepts are challenging, requiring focused concentration and diligent work habits. This is when our partnership with parents is absolutely vital. Keeping the lines of communication open and maintaining daily accountability between teacher, student and parent is a must so that each student can experience academic success. Plus, God provides many opportunities for character growth and development for all of us as we strive to honor and glorify Him in our teaching, school work and parenting. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher and arrange a time to visit with her.

Not only are classroom teachers busy, but Tammie and I have kept the computer keyboards warm with preparations for upcoming events and the 2008-2009 school year. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated for these CCS events:

- **Preschool Round Up** – March 25th, 9:30-10:45 a.m. – What a great way to introduce families to our school! Class size is limited so call early and request information.
- **Kindergarten Roundup** - March 27th, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- **Enrollment** for preschool through 8th grade has begun. We have opportunities for new families with children K through 8th grades to receive a \$650.00 tuition discount as well as reduced registration for one student. We also have a Tuition Assistance Program for those families K through 8th grade with a financial need. CCS families who make K through 8th grade student referrals will be given a \$250.00 tuition discount for each family they refer who is accepted into enrollment.
- **CCS Corporate Meeting** – March 28th at 7 p.m.
- Our upcoming **Spring Banquet** which is scheduled for April 18th will be held at the Family Life Center. This year our fundraising focus will be on our Tuition Assistance Program.

This is definitely a busy place and we are extremely thankful to be serving Jesus Christ in educating young children! What a privilege to watch God grow all of us "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Luke 2:52



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Columbus Christian School Spring Banquet scheduled on Friday, April 18th, 2008. It will be held at the Family Life Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken to supplement our Tuition Assistance and General Operating Funds.

“Hermie, a Common Caterpillar” by Cathy Weinmeister

The 7th & 8th graders recently presented a play during chapel time based on the book “Hermie, a Common Caterpillar” by Max Lucado. They did such a great job, and each one who watched it came away having been blessed! The older students especially enjoyed doing this for all of their younger friends at CCS!

From the School Board by Mike Dornish

Thanks to the hard work of many people, we have a budget for the 2008/2009 school year. The increase in the number of students enrolled this year made it a bit easier to put together next year’s budget.

As most of you probably already know, we have a modest increase in tuition for next year. Tuition generates about half the money needed to run the school. The other primary contributors to the budget include gift giving and fundraisers. They account for much of the rest of annual income.

Another big area of the budget from the expense side is staff salary. I am happy to report that we were able to give our teachers a higher than average salary increase which has been long overdue. We hope to improve on this again over the next several years. On average, teacher pay was up by 9% or more for all of the staff. Teacher pay is based on years of service and the level of education. Our teachers range from a Bachelors Degree all the way up to a Masters Degree plus 12 hours. Teachers are given credit for all of their teaching experience, but time at CCS is weighted more when determining pay. The budget will be discussed in more detail at the annual meeting.

On another note, I would like to let you know that the school board interviewed three very fine individuals for positions on the next school board. The school board will be recommending these individuals for approval at the annual meeting in March. Complete bios are published within this month’s [Mane Events](#).

Darrel Wieberdink is a previous school board member and president. His past history and experience could prove to be a valuable asset to the school board. Darrell and his wife Jan have been serving the school in a variety of ways for many years.

Jeff Fremarek is relatively new to our school. He and his wife Jill have a daughter in kindergarten as well as an upcoming preschooler. Jeff has a lot of enthusiasm and energy and we are excited with the possibility of him joining the school board.

We were very pleased when Jerry McClintic agreed to apply for a position on the board. If you don’t know Jerry, he and his wife Linda, have already raised their family and have a number of grandchildren to love and spoil. Jerry served for six years on the Schuyler school board back when he was raising his children. Jerry also ran his own businesses for a number of years. He brings a wide breadth of experience to our board for which we are grateful.

I want to personally thank Les Griess, Dave Taylor, and Jeremy Brown for their faithful service to the school and to the Lord for these past three years. Each of these men has made many valuable contributions to the school during their tenure. I appreciate each of them and the gifts they used to serve at the school. Please be sure to pass your thanks on to them as well. Although we are losing them as board members I suspect we will still see them serving at the school in one form or another for years to come.



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1st & 2nd Grade News by Sandy Scheffler

It's always hard to believe that we're this far along into the school year at this time in the year. Surely, spring is just around the corner.

As you may know, in the mornings we usually do language arts subjects and some math. You may wonder what we do in the afternoons. Several times this year we have had 4-H enrichment classes, and soon we will be having something new to our grade level; Spanish Classes taught by some of our alumni who take Spanish in high school. Students will receive instruction four afternoons a week for several weeks.

We just finished our history and geography books. After learning about our flag, our freedoms, patriotic holidays and songs, we studied about the people who built America; the Separatists, American Indians, colonists, pioneers, cowboys and new Americans or immigrants. My students are all so people-oriented - they really came alive! It was so rewarding to hear some of them say, "I didn't know history was so interesting!" My goal was to get them interested in history, so I pray this was accomplished. In the geography section, we are still learning and reviewing the names of the states.

Our next big study will not be long, but it will be about one topic – "Whales." They will learn the two major classifications of whales; toothed and baleen. They will learn about the differences among kinds of whales, make comparisons to connect

facts and observations using many resources. They will then learn to write about these wonderful sea mammals, putting it altogether in a book with pockets to take home and share. We are most fortunate to have an "expert" in our classroom, Jocilynn Behlen, a 2nd grader. She has been drawing whales for me for several years now, sharing books and videos with us many times. She absolutely loves them. Yesterday she taught her classmates to draw whales, and I have to admit, she got much better results than I ever could have! The 12 x 18 drawings are posted on a bulletin board in my classroom and will be up for several weeks. Come in and enjoy them! They're wonderful – every single one!

Other things we do in the afternoon include the following: visit the library once a week, literature class where I read to them, spelling games, P.E., parties as they appear on the calendar, art, and music. I have five students taking piano lessons on Wednesdays for half an hour. I'm afraid some of the time has to be used to "finish" up our assignments and projects.

I so appreciate all the prayers and support from so many of you. The parents of my students are so supportive, helpful and thoughtful. Thank you for all that you do. I covet your prayers and continue to pray that I will be a teacher that is Spirit-led and a living example of Christ's love. The time I have with my pupils is so precious, yet so short.



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All Pro Dad's by Dan Poppe

All Pro Dad's met once again with 25 fathers and kids getting filled up on pizza and Bible-based wisdom. Our speaker this month was Larry Pilakowski, who presented a "Dad's Game Plan – What a son or a daughter needs." The dad's were given an overview of age appropriate activities which kids need to grow. And the kids were given tests to see how well the dad's were doing in various areas – talk about accountability! Along with a few prizes, everyone had a great time.

Our next and final meeting for the year will be held on Friday, April 11th (no March meeting). In keeping with tradition, our final meeting will be a full breakfast of hash browns, scrambled eggs, sausage, and the works. So be there if you can, and be an ALL PRO DAD!!

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3rd & 4th Grade News by Angela Danhauer



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If you had been in our room before school on February 20, 2008, you would have been able to observe an exciting sight. The space shuttle Atlantis landed that morning at 8:07 at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Most of us were already at school to watch the exciting sight. We also got to learn about an exciting event that was going to happen that night, a total lunar eclipse. A total lunar eclipse happens when the entire moon passes through the darkest part of the earth's shadow when it is a full moon, causing the moon to turn a reddish orange color. A total lunar eclipse will not be seen in our part of the world again until December 21, 2010.

We also went to a skating party at Wishbone's on February 14 for our Valentine's Day party. This has become a tradition for the third through eighth grade classes. There were lots of yummy snacks and everyone had lots of fun.

A special guest came to visit our room. She showed us how to measure the amount of sugar there is in different drinks and how much or little nutrients were in those drinks. Some drinks have natural sugars which are okay for us, but other drinks have a lot of man-made sugars in them. Kids and adults sometimes buy drinks because of the cool packaging or advertisements on TV. This is not how we should choose our drinks!

The fourth grade has been learning a lot in math class. We learned the difference between weight and mass. For example, on the moon you would have the same mass, but your weight would be different

because weight is the measure of gravity on an object or person. We also learned about geometric transformations. The three transformations are translation (which is when you slide a shape), rotation (which is when you turn a shape), and reflection (which is when you flip a shape over).

The third grade has been learning about so many new things it is hard for us to decide which one to tell you about. We started a new subject, history and have learned many things about people like Christopher Columbus, William Penn, Pocahontas, and George Washington. We have been learning about how to use a dictionary. You can learn a lot more with a dictionary than just what a word means. Do you know how to use a dictionary to find out the correct spelling of a word? We do!

On select afternoons, three high school girls, Kaylie, Katie, and Natalia, came to talk to our class and the fifth and sixth grade class. They taught us about alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, and peer pressure. They reminded us that these things are bad for us. We got to decorate grocery bags to show what we had learned. If you have gone to Hy-Vee you might have gotten your groceries in one of our bags! We should always remember to glorify God with what we do or do not put in our bodies. A few verses that remind us of this are, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Columbus Christian School Official Notice

Corporate Membership: Applications for becoming a corporate member of Columbus Christian School, Inc. are now being taken. CCS K – 8th grade parents who pay tuition and supporters who have contributed at least \$50 during the last year are eligible for membership and will have voting privileges at our corporate meeting scheduled for March 28, 2008, beginning at 7 p.m. in the CCS Gym. If you have any questions regarding membership in the corporation or would like to pick up an application form, please contact the office. You may call us (402-562-6470), stop by the school office at 3418 15th St., or email us at info@columbuschristian.org.

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The Slate of Candidates for the election to the Board of Education of CCS is as follows:

Darrel Wieberdink: “My name is Darrel Wieberdink. I have lived in Columbus with my family since September of 1997. I was privileged to be raised in a Christian home by Godly parents and accepted Christ as my personal Lord and Savior somewhere around 1977. I am a Senior Systems Analyst at Nebraska Public Power District. I have been married to my wife, Jan for 21 years. She is the Kindergarten teacher here at CCS. Our daughter Danielle is 17 and started CCS as a 1st grader. She graduated from CCS in 2005, and is currently a junior at Columbus High School. Our son Adam is 14 and started CCS as a Kindergartener. Lord-willing he will graduate from 8th grade in the spring. Our daughter Nicole is 11 and also started CCS as a Kindergartener (in her Mom’s first class!) and is currently a 5th grader.

I was privileged to serve on the Columbus Christian School Board previously from 1999 – 2005. For three years I served as Treasurer and for two years as President. My strengths have been in the area of administration and organization, as I have served on various committees and projects at the school over the last ten years. I hope to be able to provide historical insight to assist in guiding CCS from where we’ve been to where God may be leading us in the future.”

Jerry McClintic: “My name is Jerry McClintic. I trusted Christ as my Savior and Lord in 1969. I was a business owner in Schuyler for 32 years before retiring five years ago and moving to Columbus. My wife’s name is Linda and we are very active in Highland Park Church. We have five grown children and 19 grandchildren.

I served six years on the Schuyler High School Board of Education; three years as president. I believe my experience can be of value to God by serving CCS.”

Jeff Fremarek: “My name is Jeff Fremarek. I have been attending church most of my life, but asked Christ into my life three years ago. My wife Jill and I have been married over eight years. We have two children; Madeline, who is five and “Mad Max” (ha! ha!), who is three.

I am employed at the Mid-American Research Chemical. We moved back to Columbus three years ago after I had been involved with Direct Sales with MARC for eight years. The last three years I have been involved in management.

I feel I would be a valuable member on the board; a person who would help make decisions and in planning. My strengths are problem solving, administration, and chemical knowledge (floor care and maintenance, boiler, weed sprays, etc.). Most importantly, I care what happens at Columbus Christian School and would like to be part of the leadership team.”

Clayton’s Farewell by Tammie Awtry

CCS has been partnering with the Educational Service Unit 7, by providing an on-the-job work experience for one of their older students in the Cen7ter Special Education Program. Over the last several months, a young man named Clayton (accompanied by his para-educator) came to CCS and provided a mid-week cleaning of the high traffic areas of our school. Through a variety of working experiences, which included time at CCS, he has moved into another job site at Becton Dickinson. Students and staff honored Clayton and his work at CCS with a farewell banner and small gift. As we say goodbye to Clayton, we are excited to welcome a new student, Kyle, as he now joins us through the on-the-job work experience program.

We are thankful for the chance to help with this program, and pray that Christ’s love will be evident to Clayton, as he moves on to another work experience, and to Kyle as he works toward gaining his work experience! Thanks to Amy Mazankowski from Cen7ter for including CCS in this program which allows students with special needs the opportunity to explore future occupational interests.



Thank you Clayton for your work at CCS!

IT'S ROUNDUP TIME!

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Preschool Roundup
Tues., March 25, 2008
9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Kindergarten Roundup
Thurs., March 28, 2008
9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Columbus Christian School is taking applications for enrollment in
Preschool – 8th Grade for the 2008-09 academic year.



New Student & Family Referral Discounts

In order to help introduce new families (or previous families of K-8 students who attended CCS over four years ago) to the school, Columbus Christian is offering a \$650.00 tuition discount for new students K-8 (limit one per family). In addition, a \$75.00 registration discount is given for one student.

A \$250.00 discount will be given to current CCS families for each new K-8 family they refer. New families must be accepted to CCS to receive the referral discount.

***Don't forget... we will be observing Spring Break
March 17th – 21st. School resumes on March 24th.
Have a blessed time as we observe the resurrection
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!***



Budget Status

Jan. 1 through Jan. 31, 2008

Total Income	\$17,459
Total Expenses	\$16,189

Memorial Gifts

Columbus Christian School would like to thank the following people for gifts in honor of their loved ones.
January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Beth Knudson	John Wiehn
Beth Knudson	Louise Lonowski
Pat Tobiason	Loren Walter
Larry & Anne Pilakowski	John Wiehn
Kathy Christensen	John Wiehn
Kathy Christensen	Ray Wiseman
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Prayer Requests

- † Pray as we continue our enrollment process for the 2008-09 school year.
- † Pray for our upcoming Preschool and Kindergarten Roundups.
- † Pray for the upcoming Corporate Meeting.
- † Pray for a successful Spring Banquet.
- † Pray for the 8th graders as they prepare to enter high school; Ryan, Brandon, Luke, Shannon, Steven, Marc and Adam.
- † Pray for a restful Spring Break.
- † Pray that our students will continue to be diligent in their studies during the 4th Quarter.
- † Pray for financial provisions.

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).

March Calendar of Events

1 st	Tuition Due
4 th	CCS Staff Mtg., 3:30 p.m.
6 th	School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
14 th	End of 3 rd Quarter
17 th – 21 st	Spring Break – No School
24 th	School Resumes – Welcome Back!
25 th	Preschool Roundup, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.
26 th	Report Cards Go Home
27 th	Kindergarten Roundup, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.
28 th	Corporate Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

April Calendar of Events

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