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A Wonderful Evening of Celebration

A Note from Lead Administrator, Mrs. Jackie Mathews

It's a time of celebration! It's a time for our students and alumni to shine! It's a time to recognize all God has done and continues to do through Chapel Hill Christian School. The Annual Fund Dinner is the one event where we come together to witness and respond. Our hearts are full as we consider the goodness of God and how He has called us and equipped us to carry out His plan for a Christian school filled with young hearts that will carry His presence into the world.

On October 21st, we gathered at the Quaker Station in Akron to glorify our Lord and Savior for the precious gift of Christian education. We were blessed by a joint choir composed of approximately 80 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from the North and South Campuses. Their melodious voices filled the room as they joined in songs of praise and worship to God. They finished the evening by forming a circle around the room and inviting guests to join them in singing "How Great Is Our God." It was an awesome way to close out the event!

We heard from alum Ay'Shawn Canty '16, who told us how CHCS helped shape his life, laying a foundation at an age when he could have easily been led astray. He emphasized how the strength of that foundation has been like a protective barrier



Justin Avram, Grade 6 South Campus

from negative influences, empowering him not to waver in his faith.

Alum and South Campus fourth grade teacher Kimberly (Orihel) Floyd's '07 testimony provided a sobering reminder of how everything a teacher says and does can shape the future of their students. For Floyd, it even awakened a desire to return to CHCS as a teacher herself. Now her heart's desire is that she might have as great of an impact on her students as her teachers have had on her.

We were also blessed by the talents of North Campus fifth grader Lucy Moyer and South Campus sixth grader Justin Avram. Lucy recited her Speech Meet rendition of Psalm 103. Justin gave us a preview of his piano recital selection, "Prairie Wind." The evening would not have been com-



Bill and Linda Wise, Jackie Mathews

plete without recognizing our Pearl Award recipient Linda Wise. Over the years, Linda has served Chapel Hill as a Kindergarten, first, fourth, and fifth-grade teacher and as the South Campus Principal. Even after retirement, Linda continued to serve as the Coordinator for our 2022 ACSI Certification and now works with our faculty to maintain their credentials. Linda truly exemplifies what our Pearl Award is all about – one who has laid their life down for the mission and vision of CHCS. Thank you, Linda!

Through a video, several parents shared how God has worked in their children through the ministry of Chapel Hill Christian School. It was a blessing to see the plan of God in action! Then Board Vice Chairman Kurran Bishop encouraged attendees on the relevance and importance of Christian education today. If you missed this event, we hope you will join us next year.

We thank our students, families, alumni, donors, and other constituents for a wonderful evening. We could not have done it without you. Your support, prayers, and generosity make it possible for CHCS to carry out the mission God first placed in the heart of one pastor and a group of founding members. May God continue to bless you.





NORTH CAMPUS NOTES

From Mrs. Cathy Shafer, North Campus Principal

While several parents were waiting for our CHCS soccer practice to end, we reflected on the recent challenging years. I was able to share that this school year felt “normal” in so many ways.

Our Kindergarten students and parent chaperones have already had their first exciting bus ride to a pumpkin farm for a day. Other classes have field trips planned



for the next few months. Our sixth graders recently spent a fabulous extended day at Camp Carl. They got to bond with the South campus class and experience adventures together like horseback riding, ziplining, rock climbing, and eating camp food! We are thankful for our teachers who plan activities like these for students!

We are thrilled to welcome new staff and faculty members God has led to CHCS. How wonderful to see their hearts for the Lord and their expertise in the classroom!

Parents continue to visit our Monday Chapels and have opportunities to serve. We thoroughly enjoyed our Open House evening. The staff and faculty submitted theme ideas for our CHCS families, and the sixth-grade leaders had the final vote – they chose a Luau!



Our students are exposed to God’s Word every day in so many ways, which is the beauty of Christian schools. As we are privileged to partner with like-minded families to serve the upcoming generation, CHCS children are blessed to be able to say, *“From childhood, you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 3:15*

SOUTH CAMPUS GREETINGS

From Mrs. Vicki Keys, South Campus Principal



Enthusiasm for learning is contagious! This thought came to my mind recently at CHCS. During our morning announcements, I share a Fun Fact with the students in the form of a question. I always pause to give them a chance to answer before I reveal the answer. I often get unexpected responses from students (and even some adults). Our daily Fun Facts have become exciting! Let’s try a few: a) What is glass made from? b) What is the fastest fish? c) What is the largest organ in your body? See if your student remembers the answers; otherwise, I’ll give them to you at the end of this article.

When I meet students in the hall, they are eager to give me their own fun facts to use during announcements. These fun facts often come from books they are reading or subjects they are studying in the classroom. For example, a second grader recently gave me the fun fact about the largest organ in your body. Later a few more second graders came to me, sharing the same fact. When I asked where they had heard this, they said they had learned it during Science class. They were excited! Last week, a fourth grader told me he had researched more about one of our fun facts and enthusiastically shared what he had learned! One of my favorite questions was: d) How many times can you fold a single standard-sized sheet of paper in half? Groups of students came to me, showing me their folded papers. Some thought they beat the number but failed to fold the paper in half each time. I loved their excitement!



As Principal, this is a small way I can contribute to our mission of teaching students to “Love Learning!” Our teachers create enthusiasm for learning in their classrooms every day, and I love how it spills over into the hallways as we have the joy of sharing fun facts together!

Did you know the answers to our Fun Facts? a) Sand; b) Sailfish; c) Skin; d) 7 times

Open House Fun!

THANK YOU to our faculty and staff for the super fun Open Houses recently hosted for our students, families, and friends. The South Campus theme was “Jungle Scavenger Hunt.” The North theme was a “Luau.”



Meet our New Teachers and Staff



Stacy Baker, Pre-K Teacher (North): "Perhaps you were created for a time such as this." This verse from Esther has been ringing in my ears since I was hired in June. My

husband and I celebrated our 30th anniversary this year and have three adult sons and a brand-new daughter-in-law! Along with teaching preschool, I have taught piano and had the pleasure of being a Children's Minister. In every new endeavor, God has made it clear that I was there for a reason. This will be my 20th year teaching PreK, and I am blessed to spend it at CHCS... for a time such as this!



Alexandra Berrios, Grade 2 Teacher (South): I have been connected to CHCS since I was a student at the South Campus. It is a blessing to teach at the school that was

foundational to my faith and love for learning! I recently graduated from Grove City College with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Biblical Studies. I love finding ways for students to fall in love with learning! My goal is first to help my students understand their worth in Christ, then to help them to use this truth in their love for learning. My fiancé, Micah, and I will be married in January. We are excited to see all the Lord has in store for us.



Nikki Fernandez, Art Teacher (North and South): I am thrilled to teach at CHCS where I can incorporate my passion for sharing Christ with teaching art! I worked in a

public school near Columbus since graduating with a bachelor's in Art Education from Ohio State nine years ago. A few years ago, I ran into an old friend who swept me off my feet. We got married and now have a sweet baby boy. It's been beautiful to see God orchestrating my life. I am excited to see what this year brings and what my students will create!

Brent Green, Financial Controller: I was born in Pittsburgh and graduated from Geneva College with a B.S. in Business Administration



and a B.A. in Student Ministry. I accepted Christ as my Savior in seventh grade at a Christian summer camp. I have been married for four years. My wife and I attend

Scranton Road Bible Church in Cleveland, where we volunteer with middle and high school students. I enjoy playing sports, watching movies, playing board games, and traveling.



Dixie Loughney, Grade 6 Teacher (North): I am blessed to be at CHCS! I have been a teacher for 14 years, ten as a Title One Tutor for Akron Public Schools.

My husband and I are celebrating our 33rd anniversary this year and have three adult children. I started my college experience after my children were born, and graduated from The University of Akron in 2008 with an education degree. I accepted Christ as my Savior at the age of 10 and continue to grow in my spiritual faith. I enjoy trail running, reading, and making cards.



Stacey Radic, Spanish Teacher (North and South): I am thrilled to be at CHCS, where I can combine my passions for ministry and teaching! I received Jesus as my Savior

around the age of 12 and began studying Spanish in high school at 14. I have a BA in Spanish with a minor in Secondary Education. In the U.S., I taught high school Spanish, and in Colombia and Mexico, I taught English to elementary children through adults for over five years. I've worked in Corporate America since 2000 until the Lord called me here. I live with my husband and two of our combined six children in Ravenna.



Hannah Robinett, Grade 3 Teacher (North): I am excited to teach at CHCS. I was born and raised in Canton and moved to this area when I attended Kent State.

I have an undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology and a master's in

Early Childhood Education. I'm enjoying being part of the CHCS community and growing alongside my students. In my free time, I enjoy anything outdoors with friends and family.



Laura Rowe, Physical Education (North):

I am very thankful for the opportunity to teach here. This is my first year teaching P.E., and the children and staff have been a

blessing. Physical exercise is an important part of a child's life, and I am focused on bringing many fun activities to it. I hope to encourage my students to be physically active and set personal fitness goals. With three children keeping me busy, I have been away from teaching for a while. Prior to this, I worked as a Kindergarten teacher, reading and math tutor, and substitute teacher. I am excited to call CHCS my new home!



Chelsea Selvaggio, Music Teacher (North):

I have a Bachelor's in Music Education and have been teaching for 26 years. It's a joy to sing about the love of God with

my students! Music is so special, and we're surrounded by it. I love to watch students experience music through singing, listening, dancing, composing, and playing instruments! I come from a family of musicians and have been married to a musician for 28 years. I like riding motorcycles with my hubby and going out to eat with my 23-year-old son and his girl. I also love crafting, singing with my Sweet Adelines quartet, and leading a non-traditional worship service at my church.



Ashley Wise, Grade 5 Teacher (North):

I taught in public schools for 12 years and am excited to now be at CHCS! It is a privilege to be in a school where we can be bold

about our faith and teach from a Biblical worldview. I accepted Christ as my Savior at the age of five. I graduated from Malone University with a degree in Middle Childhood Education and later earned a Master's in Special Education from the University of Northern Colorado. My husband and I have two young children, so we spend a lot of time playing outside and staying active!



Learning to Give with a Cheerful Heart By Kelly Foguth

The focus of the CHCS missions program is to raise up godly children with generous hearts to serve Christ at home and around the world. Our students have many opportunities to do this throughout the school year by serving local organizations with their classes or bringing in offerings to help sponsored students in Guatemala. Students get excited about these opportunities as they learn how to shift their focus away from themselves and onto others.

We always start September with our first mission project of the year. Students bring in offerings to help children in Guatemala receive a Christian Education. This generosity is a blessing to families that normally struggle to send their children to a Christian school. They are encouraged to know there are children in the U.S. that give sacrificially to make it possible for

their children to get a Christian Education. Every year, our students rise to the challenge as they find ways they can work to bring in offerings for the missions project. Many stories are shared as students use their creativity and resources. Aubrey and Aislee, a first grader and Preschool student, set up a lemonade stand. They spent the day selling lemonade so they could bless a child in Guatemala. Elaina, a PreK student, baked 39 dozen chocolate chip cookies with her mom and grandma and then sold them to family and friends. What a labor of love and a great example for Elaina! Jacob, a first grader, sent in a bundle of change that he had been saving. Ruby, a second grader, wanted to use money from her piggy bank to help.

Jackson, a Kindergarten student, has chickens at his

grandparents' house. He helps his PawPaw take care of them and brought in offerings from selling eggs his chickens laid. Connor, a Preschool student, helped his parents in the yard, mowing, planting seeds, and stacking firewood. Lucy, James, and Meredith, fifth, third, and first graders, delivered newspapers and used their pay for the students in Guatemala. Miles and Norah, a fifth and first grader, earned money by doing chores around the house. Zachary, a fifth grader, helped his sister babysit.

Following 2 Corinthians 9:7, they are cheerfully giving what they have to help others. It is a blessing to see God using our CHCS students to impact the world around them!

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!

We are thankful for these gifts given to Chapel Hill Christian School over the past few months.

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Our New Science Curriculum by Linda Wise

Which force did God create that holds all things together? Do you think ducks could survive in a desert? Why or why not? What job did God give people at Creation? Why does your body need minerals? These are just a few questions you might hear in a CHCS classroom this year with our new Science curriculum implemented.

All ACSI-accredited schools are required to have a cyclic rotation to review all their curriculum over time. As part of that rotation, the “next” subject is reviewed yearly by the administration and faculty representatives. This year our focus has been updating our Science program. A committee of CHCS administrators and faculty members (representing all grade levels and both campuses) evaluated best practices in teaching and learning science concepts that meet our mission, vision, and goals.

Our goal is to *inspire students to love God and one another and to reach their highest potential academically, spiritually, socially, and physically...as they are taught to value a passionate commitment to academic excellence, biblical worldview, and service for Christ.* (CHCS Vision Statement)



During a sixth grade simulation activity, students had to collaboratively plan and sketch a model of a structure that could survive an earthquake.

We also wanted students to be able to *articulate and defend a biblical worldview and their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 3:15).* (CHCS Expected Student Outcomes (ESO) excerpts)

To meet our goal, we wanted a curriculum that promoted STEM activities, critical thinking, collaboration between students, and taught a Biblical worldview woven with facts and knowledge, and provided a solid foundation. As a result, CHCS adopted ABeka Science in grades K-2, and BJU Press Science for grades 3-6.

Our teachers and students have been enjoying the opportunity to learn science concepts in a way that is exciting, challenging, and fun. Here are some comments and insights from our teachers:

“The unit on senses tied beautifully with Kindergarten studies in reading and learning about our world (seasons).”

“At times I have found there are too many great projects and activities to choose from, which is a great problem to have!”



Sixth grade students were given the building tools of fettuccine noodles, marshmallows and a foam base to create a structure that could endure their mock earthquake.



Using only items found in nature, fifth graders were challenged to create a floating device they hypothesized would help two characters survive. The activity combined their Literacy and Science studies on flooding that occurred after an earthquake.

“I love how the science curriculum not only teaches science from a biblical worldview, but also teaches the students how to “give an answer” for the non-biblical worldview in each lesson. I also love how easy it is to include an experiment with the lessons using ordinary, easy to find supplies.”

“The science curriculum is amazing! One of the great connections was teaching worldview vs. biblical view introduced right away in chapter one.”

“Through simulations, students were able to test building structures that could endure earthquakes or build models of volcanoes.”

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. (John 1:1-3, CSB)

Did you miss the event?

We are celebrating excellence in the ministry of Christian education. If you were unable to attend our Annual Fund Dinner and would like to be a part of what God is doing at CHCS, you may donate at **chapel hillchristianschool.org/afd-donation** or by scanning this QR code.





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Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 28:18-20

OUR VISION:

Chapel Hill Christian School, in partnership with the home and the Church, exists to inspire students to love God and love one another, to reach their highest potential academically, spiritually, socially, and physically, and to be launched into God's designed future with the skills and spiritual maturity necessary to experience success. Our vision is to create an environment where their God-given uniqueness is celebrated, and they are taught to value a passionate commitment to academic excellence, Biblical worldview, and service for Christ.

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