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Introducing Mrs. Jackie Mathews NEW CHCS LEAD ADMINISTRATOR



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jacqueline Y. Mathews as the new Lead Administrator of Chapel Hill Christian School. Mrs. Mathews (Jackie) joined the school on June 13, 2022, taking over for Pastor John Wilson who is retiring after leading CHCS as the Administrator since 2011.

At such a critical time in history, Mrs. Mathews brings proactive thought and authentic leadership to the school. Having both exceptional character and ingenuity, she will ensure that Chapel Hill Christian School continues to provide world-class pre-school and elementary Christian education at a time when it is needed most.

Mrs. Mathews touts 15 years of experience working in Christian education and most recently served as the Assistant Dean of Students at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (CVCA) in Cuyahoga Falls. She worked at CVCA since 2012, serving as both an administrator and teacher. Mrs. Mathews has a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Michigan.

"Jackie brings to CHCS a diverse background in Christian education and Corporate Management, equipping her to lead us as we continue broadening our outreach in the community and delivering academic excellence in a faith-based environment to a new generation," said Dan Petschke, CHCS Board of Education Chairman.

"I have come to realize there is no greater ministry than investing in this next generation," said Mrs. Mathews. "As I step into my new role as Lead Administrator, I look forward to building upon the foundations already being laid at Chapel Hill Christian School. Part of what sets Christian schooling apart is its focus on the spiritual growth and development of students through a faith-based education. As this is our focus, my goal is to continue looking for opportunities to improve upon the academic and spiritual excellence families have enjoyed throughout Chapel Hill's history.

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academic development. I plan to be intentional with how we invest in our teachers, empowering them through leadership opportunities, meaningful professional development, and support. Teachers are our most valuable asset and will be the foundation for tremendous spiritual and academic growth for years to come."



CHCS school leaders prayed over Mrs. Mathews at our Spring Concert.

2022-2023 FALL SEMESTER IMPORTANT DATES

August 24
First Day for Students

September 5
No School – Labor Day

October 14
No School – PD Day

November 3
Report Card Conferences
4:00-7:00 p.m.

November 7
Report Card Conferences
4:00-7:00 p.m.

November 11
No School – PD Day

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break

December 19-January 2
No School – Christmas Break



NORTH CAMPUS NOTES

From Mrs. Cathy Shafer, North Campus Principal

Ohio is such an incredible place to live due to the definition of all four seasons.

God has provided variety in our lives even through the rain, snow, and sunshine. There is a time for everything according to Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Summer is a time to get a bit out of routine and enjoy a slower pace than our school schedule. Students can enjoy reading a book for pure enjoyment, not just as an assignment. Families enjoy their backyards with friends, going to the pool, and trips to new places!

We have just experienced a wonderful season led by Pastor Wilson and now move into a new season under the leadership of Mrs. Mathews. Our students have completed a grade with familiar routines and expectations with their teacher and now move to their next grade with a new teacher that might seem very different than previous years. Responsibilities and independence will continue to stretch them to develop into God's design for them. We are all working together to help guide and protect them along this path, celebrating their wins and walking alongside them as they process a struggle.

It is such a privilege for us as CHCS faculty and staff to join you in this endeavor. Students will continue to win art and

poster contests, learn to give to those in need, be in Principal's Club, feel the joy of succeeding when they get that first volley over the net, reach out to a struggling friend, process the better choice when wrong ones have been made, and demonstrate respect to one another. As students prepare to walk back in our CHCS doors for another year, they will have a safe and secure environment. Academics will continue to be our focus with God's love permeating through laughter and tears – all seasons of school. What an incredible place we have at CHCS to go through these seasons together!

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1



SOUTH CAMPUS GREETINGS

From Mrs. Vicki Keys, South Campus Principal

Have you ever driven away from a vacation or family visit and looked

in your rear-view mirror watching the ocean, mountains, or the beloved family members fade in the distance? Do memories of your time in that place or with those people play through your mind, leaving you with a thankful and content heart? That's how I feel as I "drive away" from our 2021-2022 school year. As I look into the rear-view mirror, I want to hold close a thankful and content heart for ALL that God has done for us at CHCS!

Please look with me in that rear view mirror to see how God was faithful! Just as each person in the car has a different perspective on the fading vacation or visit, we will each have different things that come to our minds of how we saw

God's faithfulness. Here are some of the things that stand out to me:

God was faithful in bringing each of your families, with your students to CHCS! I am mindful that He placed each one of you in our school. Your students were each in their specific classrooms for a specific purpose. You are valued! Some things that I heard from you: "Our child was challenged and helped by the teacher who is an asset to the CHCS community..." "We are appreciative of the great education..." "We love CHCS and wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

God was faithful in putting together a specific group of faculty and staff for this specific time! I am so thankful for the spirit of unity that permeated throughout our building and our school year. Our faculty prayed for each of your students. Our staff developed relationships and called your children by name. We

began our year by focusing on the word JOY. That is what I sensed as I came into school each day – the JOY of JESUS!

God was faithful in allowing us to experience many fun and educationally profitable activities this year! Our teachers packed the last couple of months full of field trips – Football Hall of Fame, Canal Boat ride in Canal Fulton, Lock In, Springfield Fire Department, Camp Carl, Farm at Walnut Creek, Portage Lakes Boat Ride, Hale Farm, and many others.

As we look back, there is so much more that can be seen. The important thing is that my heart, and I am praying that yours as well, will take a moment to reflect on God's amazing work. Through CHCS, God touched each of our lives which also touched one another in a profound way. My heart is full of thanks and contentment as I look in my rear view mirror, and now I turn my eyes to face forward to see what God has next.

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What a Blessing It Has Been! By Pastor Wilson

"We thank our God for you!" Philippians 1:3



What a blessing it has been to serve with you all at CHCS over these past several years! Thank you for the privilege of knowing our families and especially the children of CHCS. For Laura and me, the experience of knowing your children has truly been life transforming. They have taught us so much about the nature of the God we serve and given us a completely changed practical theology.

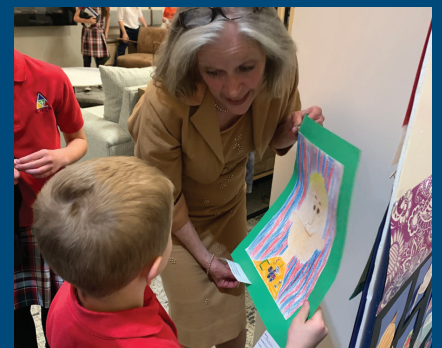
We are convinced that the work CHCS is carrying out is the most essential of its kind on planet earth. We fully believe that we leave the school in God's wonderful hands where no man can pluck it out (John 10:28-29).

We find Mrs. Jackie Mathews to be such a capable and genuine servant of Christ. Together with the team of Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Foguth, and all the staff and faculty members who have already shown themselves to be remarkably faithful, Mrs. Mathews will be such a blessing for the Lord in your midst.

With profound thanksgiving we express our heart-felt gratitude to you for the opportunity Laura and I have had to serve alongside you for the glory of God. Your expressions of kindness, encouragement, and affirmation through written words and gifts, posters, a book of photos and captions, a video presentation in chapel, and a tribute video, going completely out of your way to greet us, and even a parade have meant more to us than you can imagine. We are so blessed to be a part of the CHCS Family!

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It was a joy to be able to do our spring events in person this year! Here are just a few highlights of our students' talents displayed at the annual CHCS Fine Arts Event:



ACCREDITATION UPDATE By Linda Wise *CHCS Receives High Ratings!*

It's official! After a lengthy process of gathering evidence, documentation, surveys, analysis of data, observations, and interviews for our self-study, and then hosting the ACSI Accreditation Visiting Team for four days... Chapel Hill Christian School was not only approved for another full five-year term of accreditation by the ACSI Accreditation Commission, they were also rated as a model school of excellence in two different standard areas. Mr. Lee Reno, ACSI Accreditation Visiting Team Chairman, in his summary statement to the school stressed that in his thirty plus years of being on accreditation teams, he has never seen a school score that high in two different areas.

So, what were these two standards you may ask?

By receiving the highest possible ratings in **Standard 1: Philosophy and Foundations**, CHCS exemplified that the mission and vision of the school is well communicated, implemented, and remains true to the foundational documents of the school. By having the Annual Spiritual Themes, which are derived from our Statement of Faith, integrated into the life of the school, the Word of God becomes the center of all learning at CHCS. The ACSI Accreditation Visiting Team also commended CHCS for demonstrating its commitment to the development of the whole child – spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially – from a distinctly Christian perspective (Indicator 1.5).

CHCS also received the highest possible ratings in the area of **Standard 7: Character, Values, and Spiritual Formation of Students**. The ACSI Accreditation Visiting Team commended CHCS on their commitment to providing developmentally appropriate applications of Biblical worldview into the instructional program, as well as the opportunities students are given for service, missions,

compassionate outreach to others, mentoring, and discipleship programs. In a Standard 7 commendation, the Visiting Team shared: *CHCS has an environment of respect, compassion, and caring. The administration, teachers, and faculty have developed a culture of diversity that reflects the attitude of Christ. Communication among them shows sensitivity and responsiveness to the individual needs of the students. (Indicators 7.2, 7.4).*

One visiting accreditor expressed the uniqueness of CHCS this way: “I have

never witnessed a school in which the foundational documents and mission of the school have been used to fuel missions and evangelism with such outstanding student outcomes and conversions.”

While the CHCS community comes together to create a school that we can all be proud of, it is affirming to know that to those looking in, the mission and vision of CHCS is to glorify God by guiding His children to love (God's greatest Commandment), learn, and launch (God's great commission).

CHCS Received Major Commendations in the Following Areas:

Major Commendation # 1

The school has developed written statements of philosophy, mission, vision, core values, and school-wide expected student outcomes as well as a Statement of Faith. These statements are well defined, systematically reviewed, and broadly implemented throughout the school. They outline the school's Christian distinctives and communicate a clear purpose and direction for school effectiveness and student growth and development. (Indicators 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5)

Major Commendation #2

Mentoring and discipleship experiences focus on spiritual formation, character development, and the installation of Christian values. CHCS is commended for their commitment to biblical education and their desire to help each family reach the heart of the child. (Indicators 3.12 and 7.6)

Major Commendation #3

The number and professional preparation of instructional support staff creates a low student-teacher ratio. (Indicators 4.1, 4.10)

Major Commendation #4

Opportunities for service and missions, including compassionate outreach to the poor, needy, and vulnerable, are provided as a means of spiritual growth and formation for the students. Chapel Hill emphasizes biblical instruction and provides avenues for students to develop and exercise spiritual disciplines throughout the school day. (Indicators 5.3, 7.3)

Major Commendation #5

CHCS has an environment of respect, compassion, and caring. The administration, teachers, and faculty have developed a culture of diversity that reflects the attitude of Christ. Communication among them shows sensitivity and responsiveness to the individual needs, interests, and temperaments of the students. (Indicators 7.2 and 7.4)

A Record-Breaking Golf Outing!



Some wonderful memories were created at the Annual CHCS Charity Golf Outing on June 21. It was awesome to be a part of a CHCS record of 101 golfers! Congratulations to this year's winning team of Jay Boykin, Nick Bryant, Rob Stopp, and James Rekart. -20 is a long way away for most of us!

Additionally, it was such a blessing for one of our students, Isabella Lundstrom to sing for us at the opening ceremony along with CHCS alumnus Ian Yoder's testimony of how God continues to use his Christian foundation to make him a light for Christ.



Families Enjoy First-ever Walk-a-Thon



In May, CHCS hosted its first-ever Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser for our students and families. The Biblical text for this event was Psalm 16:11: "You make known to me the path of life." Our students, their families, and our staff joined Pastor Wilson on a 5,000-step portion of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath that intersects the 1440-mile Buckeye Trail. It was such an incredibly fun time for all who attended.

One of the wonderful things about this year's event was being outdoors in God's creation with friends, family, and staff in the spring. We were blessed by getting to see some of nature's incredible sights including turtles sunbathing in the canal, an Osprey perched on top of a tree, Great Blue Herons in flight, and a Bald Eagle nest. A favorite was families being able to join their children's class during their scheduled hiking time.

Our students and their sponsors, along with CHCS matching donors, have raised over \$105,000 to date, with funds still coming in. What a blessing for God's School!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS

- Norm and Bonnie Crocker: to the Endowment Fund in honor of John Wilson
- Craig and Judy Holloway: to the Annual Fund in honor of Jackie Mathews
- Craig and Judy Holloway: to the Annual Fund in honor of John and Laura Wilson
- David and Susie Nelson: to the Annual Fund in memory of John Rasnick
- Miles and MaryElizabeth Norman: to CHM in honor of Señora Hall
- Dorothy Georgette Taylor: to the Annual Fund in honor of John Wilson
- Lavonne Voelz: to the Annual Fund in honor of John Wilson

Speech Meet: the Time for CHCS to Shine!



Each year, we participate in the ACSI Speech Meet. Students compete within their classrooms in categories of poems, fables, Bible memorization, Bible Prose, original speeches, and patriotic orations. The winners from each classroom advance to participate in the Speech Meet. This year, ACSI was still doing the event virtually, so in addition to sending them video recordings, we hosted our own Speech Meet at CHCS. Our final scores/ribbons were: 39 Superior, 16 Excellent, 6 Good. Each student did a marvelous job!

Much credit is due to Matt Murphy for his videography skills – what a blessing! Our coaches were also such a gift as they helped the students refine each word. Special thanks to the following for all the time they gave to help our students excel:

- **Coordinators:** Denise Mauck (North), Pam Ellwood (South)
- **North Coaches:** Mandy Moyer, Mary Graichen, Charity Banwart, and Ruthie Stahl
- **South Coaches:** Jean Mellor and Bonnie Crocker.

A very special thanks also goes to our parents who heard these speeches dozens of times at home...awesome job!

We are so very proud of each student's hard work and their courage to deliver their speeches with such confidence.



NORTH CAMPUS:

First Grade:
Ta'Veon Riley
Lexi Robinson

Second Grade:
Cayden Cheek
Britton Lombardi
Grayson Miller
Akua Boateng
Autumn Oberhauser
Amalea Risinger

Third Grade:
Cade Bitteccuffer
Baylee Thompson
Victoria Duong

Fourth Grade:
Andrew Kleckner
Brianna Lindsey
Abram Shiposh

Juelz Gulley
Lucy Moyer
Kamille Smith

Fifth Grade:
Jason Duong
Joey Frazier
Zoey Frazier
Ethan Robinson

Sixth Grade:
Uelle Bishop
Josie Godwin
Thea Hay
Saydee Wimley

SOUTH CAMPUS:

First Grade:
John (JJ) Vance
Porter Clark
Titus Robertson
Magdalene Htoo
Kennedy Risby
Carson Adkins
Khloe Huth
Adyson Slabaugh

Second Grade:
Micah Rohrer
Selah Blocker
Jack Franks
Vesper McCormick
Norah Blake

Third Grade:
Blake Minnich
London Pippin
Victoria Woods
Elliana Hill
Silas Kurz

Eli Adkins
Maddie Francis
Michael Hudak

Fourth Grade:
Elise Campbell
Elaina Huth
Asher Gogel
Ella Tyrrell

Fifth Grade:
Justin Avram
Esteria Tent
MyLonna Lockett
Aleyna Woods
Raina Wood

Sixth Grade:
Abigail Pigg
Myah Wright
Olivia Hoskinson
Logan Hiner
Tyler Cate
Arianna Wilder

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR RECENTLY
GRADUATED SIXTH
GRADERS FROM
BOTH CAMPUSES!**



South Campus Graduation Ceremony

CHCS Excels in Math Olympics By Kelly Eckard

This past March, CHCS participated in the annual ASCI Math Olympics. A select group of CHCS students from grades 3-6 participated in the Olympics program. The selection to be placed on the Math Olympics Team is a huge honor and each of these students should be recognized for that accomplishment.

The objectives of the Math Olympics program are to stimulate an interest in mathematics, to recognize the achievements of individual students, and to offer an opportunity to glorify God in the use of the student's mathematical abilities beyond the classroom.

Our teachers and coaches are to be commended for their work with our students. Math Specialists: Denise Mauck (North) and Kelly Eckard (South) worked with teams of volunteers to provide a great celebration of Math.



"CHCS was blessed to have four First Place Medal Award winners in the following divisions: Jason Duong (5th), Kamille Smith (4th), Victoria Duong (3rd) and Levi Larson (5th). In addition, Jason Duong (5th) and Levi Larson (5th) received the distinction of being First Place Blue Ribbon winners. We recognize ALL our Math Olympics students who have been truly "soaring." We are very grateful for their hard work!

NORTH CAMPUS:

3rd Grade:

Eva Dorsey
Alaina Wynn
Avery Davis
Victoria Duong
Natalie Speas
Dorothy Htoo

5th Grade:

Jason Duong
Kiera Wilson
Zoey Smith
Luke Jones
Isabella Lundstrom
Ethan Robinson

4th Grade:

Kamille Smith
Connor Allen
Isaiah Frazier
Simon Banwart
Teagan Cheek
Lucy Moyer

6th Grade:

Josie Godwin
Uelle Bishop
Trinity Williams
Caleb Knobloch
Rowen John

SOUTH CAMPUS:

3rd Grade:

Anna Cherevko
Elliana Hill
Elaina Huth
Eli Adkins
Liam Rayl

5th Grade:

Aleya Woods
Ashtyn Kurz
Olivia Wise
Raina Wood

4th Grade:

Bryson Noel
Chayse Spiegle
Elise Campbell
Ella Tyrrell

6th Grade:

La'Rayah Sullivan
Logan Hiner
Tra'Ciya Williams

Above and Beyond to Help Others By Kelly Foguth

Due to the pandemic, students at the Amigos School have started their third year learning online. This has been difficult, to say the least, due to their limited resources. Some have struggled to purchase internet in their homes, others have been sharing devices between siblings, and still others are using tiny cell phones to connect to their classes.

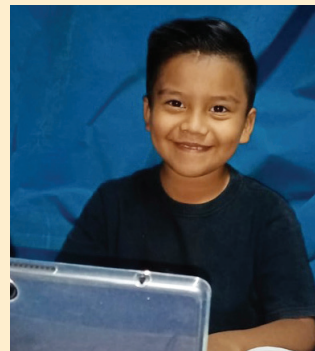
Connecting Hearts Ministry, through the help of generous supporters, has been providing devices to families with

multiple children, and buying internet for those who are not able to afford it. This has been a great blessing to many families in Guatemala.

For our CHCS Spring Missions Project, our students brought in offerings to provide tablets for students who are still using cell phones to connect to their classes. CHCS students went above and beyond to help many families in need. The offering goal was \$2,000 from both campuses to provide 20 tablets. They

exceeded the goal, bringing in over \$3,000 which will provide many more tablets than anticipated!

CHCS students are developing hearts that have a deep desire to help others. I am thankful for the work the Lord is doing at our school and the way He uses our students to make an impact in the lives of children in Guatemala. We pray the children who receive these tablets will give all glory to our Father in Heaven.



*"In the same way,
let your light shine
before others, so
that they may see
your good works and
give glory to your
Father in Heaven."
Matthew 5:16*



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OUR MISSION:

Love... Learn... Launch...

Christ's Greatest Commandment for Christ's Great Commission: 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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