

August 12, 2010

WELCOME!

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through our first week of school! It is such a blessing to see all of our returning families and students as well as the new members of our CCS family.

As we begin a new year, I want you to tuck away into your heart the knowledge that you have been prayed for all summer! There are fewer great blessings in this life than to know you are covered in prayer. God tells us in His Word to "...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests...be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints (Christians)." Ephesians 6:18

In these challenging days – spiritually and economically – prayer for one another is an important part of our commitment to one another as family. In my summer Bible study, I was reminded that no matter what is going on, our God is the Almighty, All Powerful, Creator, Sustainer, Provider, Protector... King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

I would encourage you to read Psalm 118 in those times when you are feeling as though the challenges you face will overcome you. Time and again it reminds us that – "His Love Endures Forever!" Our God who created the universe, who conquered kings, who conquered death loves us and He Is GOOD!

Your CCS Team is praying for you. We are looking forward to a successful school year and to the growth your child will experience as they are daily exposed to God's Word and covered in prayer.

Thank you for your commitment to God, your child, and to your CCS family.

Mrs. Earls

WEBSITE

We have continued to work on updating our "new" website and invite you to visit regularly. This is a great place to show others who might be interested in CCS as the school for their family. We have included our handbook information, online student application form, online Tuition Assistance link to application, photos, video, Eagle's Nest info and more!

We have also included a streaming video that will allow folks to view the production we created to invite them to donate to our tuition assistance program.

Please take some time to CHECK IT OUT – and refer folks to the site who may not know about CCS.

MY COMMUNITY WATCH

In our efforts to keep the best communication lines open with you, we are offering a special service to our CCS families. This service will alert you by text message to your cell phone in case of a school emergency or important notification.

This service will not replace the methods of communication normally used, but will immediately alert you to something of importance. We pray we will never have to use this, but if it saves you one trip, one time of waiting, or one worry – it's a good thing!

It is very easy to sign up, and we ask that you do so by choosing one member of the family to receive the alerts. To subscribe for free, please go to www.mycscommunitywatch.com and click "Sign Up for Alerts." Choose which type of alert you wish to receive and the groups of alerts that fit your family (these can be changed when necessary throughout the year). Fill in the remaining required information and click "Sign Up." You will receive a text message thanking you for subscribing.

EAGLES NEST

Several folks have asked lately, “Are we still doing that gymnasium thing?”

YES! In fact, we collected enough BoxTops for Education last year to add over \$500 to the Eagles Nest Fund! Our top collectors were the 3rd grade class from last year. There will be collection jars in each classroom, and students may place BoxTops or money in the jars. This will be counted (10 Cents per BoxTop) and the class with the most collections for the month will receive a reward.

The leadership of our school is sure that God has given us this vision, and that He will provide the favor and funding needed to make the Eagles Nest Gymnasium and Fine Arts Center a reality! As with any effort such as this, it will take our willingness to give, work, pray, share, ask... And finally to reap the rewards of building a fantastic facility to be used to glorify God!

For those interested in learning more about the Eagle’s Nest fundraiser as to what it is, our construction plans, our progress so far and how you can get involved or donate, please visit the Eagle’s Nest at <http://www.ccsmelbourne.com/eagles-nest>.

Please continue sharing your ideas, committing your prayers and finding supporters to make this vision real. We need you!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Just a reminder that every General Mills Boxtops for Education seal that you send in will earn 10 cents for CCS! Watch the packaging closely, because there are often Bonus Boxtops as well. This works especially well when it is a Buy One Get One Free item at your local grocery! Visit www.boxtops4education.com to sign up for even more bonus opportunities, coupons, and recipes.

UNITED SCRIP

This is a special opportunity that allows you to purchase gift cards from your favorite stores and restaurants and having a percentage of that purchase donated to CCS. Popular vendors include Walmart, Winn Dixie, Applebee’s, Subway, Starbuck’s, JC Penney’s, Toys R Us, Blockbuster, Amazon.com,

CVS, Walgreens, Home Depot and Lowes - just to name a few! Donation percentages range from 2% to 15% and all of this goes to our Tuition Assistance Fund.

CCS FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Each year we gather together for at least 2 Family Fellowships. We gather and spend time fellowshiping with other CCS families and take the opportunity to get to know one another better. We will be sending out details for the pot-luck dinner portion of the evening, but mark the date:

**Family Fellowship – Saturday, September 11
Wickham Park 4:30 p.m. until dark**

FALL RETREAT

This October will mark our second annual Fall Retreat for our 6th – 12th grade students. We will be heading to the Teen Missions Bootcamp in Rockledge Friday and Saturday October 8th & 9th.

This will be a great time of fun challenges as well as focus on spiritual growth. You will receive specifics on this retreat as the date approaches, but our first deadline is approaching: the **total cost for each student to attend is \$40 with a \$10 deposit due by August 27.**

FALL SPORTS

Two of our fall sports have already commenced – Swim and Volleyball. We are also working on putting together a Flag Football squad for this school year for our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders (co-ed, and we need a coach!).

If your student is interested in playing any Middle School, JV or Varsity sport with CCS, you must have a sports physical and parent permission form completed – these are available at the front office.

If you are interested in Swim or other elementary sports, please call the front office for coach’s contact information. We will be needing volunteer coaches for our elementary sports (Fall Soccer and Spring Basketball), so if you have any interest in helping in these areas please let us know in the front office.