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Scripture Theme Passage

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help. My
help cometh from the LORD, which
made heaven and earth."

PSALM 121:1-2

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- ❖ LUGAZSI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN UGANDA, EAST AFRICA IS A MINISTRY OF CHURCH EQUIPPING MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC (WWW.CEMMISSION.ORG). A LONG-TIME CCS PARENT, DR. KELVIN MCCUNE, SERVES AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THIS CCS PARTNER IN MINISTRY. OUR CLASSROOM MISSION EFFORTS WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD LUGAZSI!
- ❖ SOUTHERN MARYLAND EAGLES (WWW.SOUTHERNMDEAGLES.ORG) IS AN EXCELLENT PARTNER WITH CCS. ANOTHER LONGTIME PARENT, MR. RANDELL STROMAN SERVES AS THE COMMISSIONER OF THIS EXCELLENT ATHLETIC MINISTRY. CCS IS PROUD OF THE FIFTY PLUS STUDENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND FOOTBALL AND TRACK PROGRAMS.

From Good to Great!

Early on this Saturday morning, just after the best attended Orientation in CCS' recent history and just before the first day of classes, my heart was filling with great thoughts about our dear students. Like David describes in *Psalm 45:1* "My heart is stirred by a good matter" about the goodness of our LORD and about the plans He has for our marvelous Christian school. The Lord Jesus confirmed within my spirit that he has GREAT things in store for us. There is no question about the fact that our school has been a GOOD Christian school for a number of years. She is not a new "startup" school and therefore enjoys the benefit of years of practical experience. Our vision, mission, and policies are well-defined and maintained. CCS is recognized for producing successful well-rounded graduates who are equipped for the ministry and/or for the marketplace. As the Chief Administrator, I welcome you to the 2008 – 2009 School Year. I also thank you for entrusting the Christian schooling of your most precious asset to Clinton Christian School. I thank you for your fervent prayers as CCS goes from a GOOD school to a GREAT school for the GLORY of GOD!

FAQ

The following questions were frequently asked during orientation:

WHEN WILL CCS EARN ACCREDITED STATUS? – October 14 - 17 are the dates the Association of Christian School International (ACSI) and Middle States Association (MSA) dual accreditation team visit our campus. During their visit, our school-wide self-study will be verified for accuracy through their systematic processes. I was just informed that the official recognition should occur in June.

ARE ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO WEAR UNIFORMS PURCHASED FROM ARTHUR'S UNIFORMS? – Yes. As was announced last year, students in grades 3 through 12 must wear uniforms with the Arthur's label or with a previously approved logo on the shirt. Students in grades K4 through 2 must wear an approved Arthur's shirt with a logo.

ARE STUDENTS ALLOWED TO WEAR THEIR GYM UNIFORM ON P.E. DAYS?

Only students in grades 1 through 5 are permitted to wear their uniform to school on P.E. days. Students in grades 6 through 12 will change into and out their P.E. during the school day.

CAN MY STUDENT RECEIVE DETENTION AND A \$10 FINE FOR FAILING TO DO HOMEWORK THIS WEEK? Yes! Completing homework is not optional. Students are required to comply with the rules and regulations from the time of their initial orientation.

HOW CAN PARENTS BE INVOLVED?

✓ We are blessed to have a very active Room-Parent Program. We will have this year's initial meeting on Thursday, September 11 at 7PM in Room 12 (Mr. Lingenfelter's 5th grade classroom). Meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of each month. See upcoming events on the back of this newsletter.

✓ We are encouraging parents to join our matching funds program for classroom needs. Ms. Karla Scott, CCS Marketing Coordinator, is leading our efforts to purchase lockers for the eighth grade, an electronic Jeopardy Game for the third grade, a mini-professional recording studio for the school, and P.E. equipment for all grades. Feel free to contact Ms Scott at kscott@clintonchristian.org.

✓ We need parents to help us to start and then to support a Christian Athletic Booster Club. Mr. Kemmerer and I are working with Ms. Karla Scott to establish a strong athletic support program for boys and girls baseball, basketball, soccer, and girls volleyball and cheerleading. Please contact me at trutchfield@clintonchristian.org or the AD at kemmerer@clintonchristian.org to sign up or complete the enclosed slip and return it in the communication envelope.

✓ **WHY IS ATTENDANCE AT THE MAKE-UP ORIENTATION MEETINGS MANDATORY?** – Attendance is mandatory because being in agreement from the beginning is crucial to an excellent school year. If you did not attend the "Back to School" Parent Orientation on last Friday, please see the calendar on the back of this sheet for the time and date of your make-up session.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with me or with one of our gifted Principals. We truly value our partnership with you.

Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3:3

Vision Statement

Clinton Christian School seeks to be a distinctively Christian academically excellent educational institution for the purpose of assisting families in their God-given responsibility to train their children in a God-centered world view with the goal being to equip them for lifelong service in ministry or in the marketplace.

Mission Statement

We exist to prepare students to impact their world with the life-changing love and message of Jesus Christ by educating the next generation of leaders.

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WHAT'S NEWS AT CCS?

1. ACSI ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- ✓ AUGUST 25 - FIRST DAY OF ENRICHMENT
- ✓ AUGUST 26 @ 7 PM - MAKE-UP ORIENTATION FOR GRADES 3RD-5TH
- ✓ AUGUST 28 @ 7 PM - 3RD-5TH GRADE CLASS MEETING
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY - SCHOOL WIDE HOLIDAY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 3-5 - 9-12TH GRADE HS RETREAT
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 4 - K4 FIELD TRIP TO THE LIBRARY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 8 - PIZZA SALE BEGINS - MONEY DUE TO HOMEROOM TEACHERS
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 8 - @ 7 PM FIRST BOOSTER CLUB MEETING IN AUDITORIUM
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 10 - KICKOFF FOR ABUNDANT FUNDS FUNDRAISER
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 11 - ROOM PARENTS MEETING @ 7 PM IN ROOM 12
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 15 - 9-12TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR BEGINS
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 16 - K5 FIELD TRIP TO KRISPY KREME
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 17 - MEET YOU AT THE POLE
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 18 - PICTURE DAY K4-2ND GRADE @ 8:30 IN THE AUDITORIUM
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 19 - 4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO ST. MARY'S CITY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 19 - @ 8:30 AM - PICTURE DAY FOR 3RD - 11TH GRADE AUDITORIUM
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 24 - ABUNDANT FUNDS FUNDRAISER ENDS
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 24 - 1ST GRADE REPORT CARDS GO HOME
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 25 - SR. PORTRAIT MAKE-UP DAY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 26 - K4-K5 IN-SCHOOL FIELD TRIP - MCGRUFF SAFETY AWARENESS
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 26 - 6TH - 8TH GRADE MS JAM - 3-9 PM IN THE GYM
- ✓ OCTOBER 1 - RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS
- ✓ OCTOBER 2 - @ 9 AM - IN-SCHOOL SPELLING BEE GRADES 5-8 IN AUDITORIUM
- ✓ OCTOBER 4 - ROOM PARENTS MEETING @ 7 PM IN ROOM 12
- ✓ OCTOBER 9 - 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP BALTIMORE AQUARIUM
- ✓ OCTOBER 13 - SCHOOL WIDE HOLIDAY - COLUMBUS DAY
- ✓ OCTOBER 14- ACSI INSPECTION TEAM ARRIVES (WILL BE ON SITE THRU THE 17TH)
- ✓ OCTOBER 14 - MACS/SAC SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS
- ✓ **OCTOBER 20 - SECOND QUARTER WEEK 1 - WEEK B**
- ✓ OCTOBER 20 - 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP GODDARD SPACE CENTER
- ✓ OCTOBER 23 - 2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP TO SMITHSONIAN INSECT AND MAMMAL ZOO
- ✓ OCTOBER 24 - 1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP PETTING ZOO
- ✓ OCTOBER 29 - REPORT CARDS GO HOME
- ✓ OCTOBER 29 - K5 FIELD TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH IN VIRGINIA
- ✓ OCTOBER 30 - GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL BANQUET @ 6 PM IN THE GYM
- ✓ OCTOBER 31 - NO SCHOOL - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE 1-5 PM
- ✓ NOVEMBER 3 - BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGINS
- ✓ NOVEMBER 3 - CREATIVE WRITING BEGINS
- ✓ NOVEMBER 6 - K4 FIELD TRIP TO THE LIBRARY
- ✓ NOVEMBER 6 - ROOM PARENTS MEETING @ 7 PM IN ROOM 12
- ✓ NOVEMBER 7 - K4-2ND GRADE ANGEL TREE KICK-OFF
- ✓ NOVEMBER 10 - MS/HS ANGEL TREE KICK-OFF
- ✓ NOVEMBER 11 - VETERANS DAY - SCHOOL WIDE HOLIDAY

For your convenience, school activities and events can be found on the event calendar at our website at www.clintonchristian.org. Please note, the list included here is not exhaustive.

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