

# CCS Eagle Express Newsletter - Summer Edition

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## CCS 2008 - 2009 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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### HOT NEWS FLASH!!!

CCS ADOPTS LUGAZZI  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
UGANDA, EAST AFRICA!  
MORE INFO TO COME IN  
NEXT MONTH'S EDITION.

## CCS' HELP is From the Lord!

Welcome to the 2008 - 2009 school year! Much prayer and planning have gone into making this the most notable school year in Clinton's wonderful 42 year history. By faith, we are retaining for this year our "habitual vision of greatness" theme. However, our new theme Scripture passage is Psalm 121:1-2. *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.*

This verse is often quoted and often greatly misunderstood. The writer is telling us that while he is in the valley, he chooses to look beyond the hills to the true source of his help. The writer is reminding us that our source of help is not found in the hills, but in the God who raised up the hills. My purpose as the Chief Administrator of Clinton Christian School is to lead her from being a good Christian school to being a GREAT Christian School for the Glory of God. The faculty/staff of CCS is diligently asking God to use our marvelous school for His Glory. I am fully aware that God is the source of our help as we groom our students for greatness. As we move from good to great, our entire Christian learning community must exercise faith in Christ Jesus. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that "...without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." In light of our theme verses, we are looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith as the source of every good and perfect gift during the year. We believe that He will reward the faith of His people at Clinton Christian School.

Our theme verses along with our vision, mission, faith, core values, and Christian philosophy of education statements will guide the policy-making decision for this vital ministry of Life Church. Furthermore, on behalf of my Pastor and the entire Life Church family, welcome to the 2008 - 2009 school year.

## CCS Responds to Surveys

God has blessed Clinton Christian School to do much within the last few years. The Word tells us to boast in the goodness of our God. Please join me as I brag about what God has done in meeting the expressed concerns of individuals within our learning community. Please accept the following as an update:

**ACCREDITATION** - We are anticipating October 14 - 17, 2008 which are the dates the Association of Christian School International (ACSI) and Middle States Association (MSA) dual accreditation team is scheduled to be on our campus. During their visit, our school-wide self-study will be verified for accuracy through a systematic process. We should receive the official recognition after Thanksgiving.

**FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS** - God has assembled a highly qualified Christian faculty. Of our 42 faculty members, 38 have at least a bachelors degree. There are 17 earned masters degrees. Of our 42 faculty members, 36 are required to be certified. Thirty-three are certified and three have applied for that status. Please find an enclosed detailed listing of teaching assignments.

**CURRICULUM & COURSE OFFERINGS** - We have completed a thorough review of our curriculum and updated it to guides. Our courses offerings are aligned with the standards for accreditation and taught from a biblical worldview.

**COMMUNICATION** - We have instituted several methods to improve this area. In grades K4 - 12, weekly communication envelopes will be sent home on each Wednesday. The envelope will contain all graded work, announcements, and written forms of communication. We have also made attendance at the Back-to-School Parent Orientation mandatory. See page two for details. Finally, teachers will utilize email to keep parents informed about course requirements and progress.

**LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR** - In order to provide our dear students with the more instructional time, classes will start one week earlier for all grades and end one week later for 6 - 12 grade students. Please see the school calendar for details.

**"CAN-DO" PROGRAM** - Based on Philippians 4:13, we have implemented an excellent resource program for our K-6 grade students who struggle with phonics, reading, or math. The cost of the program is in addition to tuition. After consultation with parents, students may be required to participate at the discretion of the administration.

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT** - Parent involvement is greatly valued at CCS. We are blessed to have a very active Room-Parent Program. Through these casual monthly meetings, the administration is available to HEAR and prepare to respond to the concerns of parents. Other Administrator-Parent Forums are held as larger issues arise. Please see the calendar for the first meeting.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou may live long on the earth.

*Ephesians 6:1*

## 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 love and message of Jesus Christ by educating the next generation of leaders.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

- ✓ JULY 17-20 - ACSI LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
- ✓ JULY 19 - 9:00 - 11:00 AM - OPEN HOUSE
- ✓ JULY 23 - ADMISSIONS TESTING
- ✓ JULY 24 - LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL
- ✓ AUGUST 2 - SCHOOL-WIDE WORK DAY
- ✓ AUGUST 8 - LAST DAY OF SUMMER CAMP
- ✓ AUGUST 8 - NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION
- ✓ AUGUST 11 - ALL FACULTY AND STAFF RETURN
- ✓ AUGUST 15 - MANDATORY PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION
  - ✓ @ 9:00 AM - K4-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADES, @ 11 AM - 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>, @ 1 PM - 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES, @ 3 PM - HS
- ✓ AUGUST 17 - BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY
- ✓ AUGUST 18 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- ✓ AUGUST 18 - PRESEASON PRACTICE BEGINS
- ✓ AUGUST 19 - PIZZA LETTER GOES HOME
- ✓ AUGUST 19 - @ 3:00 PM AP ORIENTATION
- ✓ AUGUST 21 @ 7 PM - MAKEUP ORIENTATION FOR 6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES
- ✓ AUGUST 25 - FIRST DAY OF ENRICHMENT
- ✓ AUGUST 26 @ 7 PM - MAKE-UP ORIENTATION FOR GRADES 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>
- ✓ AUGUST 28 @ 7 PM - 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS MEETING
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY - SCHOOL WIDE HOLIDAY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 2-5 - 9-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HS RETREAT
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 4 - K4 FIELD TRIP TO THE LIBRARY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 9 - KICKOFF FOR ABUNDANT FUNDS FUNDRAISER
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 11 - ACSI DAY OF PRAYER
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 15 - 9-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE FAIR BEGINS
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 16 - K5 FIELD TRIP TO KRISPY KREME
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 16 - 2-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REPORT CARDS DUE TO PRINCIPALS
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 17 - MEET YOU AT THE POLE
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 18 - ADMINISTRATIVE FORUM DAY @ 7 P.M. AUDITORIUM
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 18 - K4-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADES PICTURE DAY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 19 - 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES PICTURE DAY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 19 - 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TO ST. MARY'S CITY
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 24 - PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME
- ✓ OCTOBER 1 - RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS
- ✓ OCTOBER 2 - IN-SCHOOL SPELLING BEE 5<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES
- ✓ OCTOBER 9 - 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP TO BALTIMORE AQUARIUM
- ✓ OCTOBER 13 - COLUMBUS 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](http://www.clintonchristian.org). Please note, the list included here is not exhaustive.

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