



*Dear Families,*

*Let me momentarily barge into your summertime bliss to share some news and to respond to some general inquiries. Before all else, I pray that you are having a safe and relaxing break.*

**Staffing Changes:**

*CCS employs over fifty individuals; our retention rate has historically stood at 95%. Most faculty members have signed contracts and recommitted to another year. A few folks will not be returning. Ashley Thomas anchored our middle school math department; she and her husband are expecting a little girl in July. Under her leadership, our students grabbed more ACSI Math Olympic awards than in any previous year. Karis Pumphrey, a Wright State/Ohio University graduate has been hired. Mrs. Pumphrey is currently teaching a class at BCTC. The Pumphreys have two daughters who both attend CCS. Nine-year employee Lacy Heathman will be exploring other opportunities this fall. Michelle Nunn has been hired to fill her shoes. Mrs. Nunn is a Western Kentucky graduate with an Elementary Ed degree. Mrs. Tracy Moore Todd is pregnant and due in December; this six-year employee was evaluating her options but a recent medical diagnosis determined her direction. With a high risk pregnancy and an earlier delivery date, she decided not to return. Rachel Colebank has been hired to handle her duties. Mrs. Colebank is an experienced educator having taught first grade for five years. From 2007-2013, Rachel was the Children's Director here at Calvary Christian Church. This past year, Mr. Gordon Smith shared one of his life passions-American history. Gordon taught the 8th grade history component. With his duties as campus pastor at Mt. Carmel increasing, he will no longer be available; Mrs. Karen Witt will handle all MS history classes. The Physical Education Department has yearned for some stability over the past six years. Mr. Greg Sibley assumed a temporary role last spring. The school has hired Mr. Sibley; he brings hope for longevity and program development. Please welcome all of these folks.*

*At this moment, one position remains undecided. Nealy Walton (3rd) has requested additional time to weigh her options. With her numerous CCS contributions, she deserves some extra time. When Nealy relays her decision, her parents/students will be contacted. Believe me, a line of qualified and experienced educators have already interviewed for this potential opening.*

### Reviewing God's Goodness to Our Community in 2013-2014:

- *Produced a quality Christmas program*
- *Witnessed several student baptisms*
- *Limited but successful fundraisers*
- *Upgraded the wireless capabilities across campus*
- *Initiated Latin coursework*
- *Celebrated all MS students sharing 4-H speeches*
- *Raised Terra Nova test scores 11%; school-wide students scored in the 86% percentile; scores rose in all content areas*
- *Acclimated new staff members (Jennifer Lanter, Maggie Cloyd, Mary Hensley, Ashley Thomas, Donna Shimfessel, Nora Houston-Burton, and Anita Sharkey)*
- *Offered Cross Country and Track and Field; many students participated*
- *Extended MS electives (Carpentry, Cooking, Choir, and Law 101)*
- *Coordinated private guitar, drum, piano, voice, and violin lessons*
- *Featured a talent show with 48 participants*
- *Sold all yearbooks; students assisted with production*
- *Circulated 9,800 library books; added 600 new books; administered 5,500 AR quizzes*
- *Fared well in ASCI Fine Arts events*

### Looking Ahead: Possible Changes to Continuous School Improvement Plan in 2014-2015

- *Utilize the A Beka curriculum more within the preschool*
- *Create one homework/communication platform for the middle school students and their families*
- *Introduce team sports in middle school (golf, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and cross country)*
- *Develop a natural playground*
- *Double Spanish minutes within the elementary/middle school*
- *Establish a drop in approach for Orientation Night*

### How You Can Help Calvary:

- *Promote the school within the community; full classrooms keep costs down.*
- *Ask questions; my office door is open 7:00-5:00 daily.*
- *Pray for our general school community.*
- *Take a moment to review the posted parent survey results and the Class Terra Nova scores.*
- *Share concerns firsthand; as the educational leader, I welcome your insights and perspective.*

*In closing, let me take a moment to thank you once again for the privilege of working with your children. My six-year tenure stands as a treasured season of my life. Truthfully, summers can be somewhat agonizing; receiving records requests from other schools is painful. Do know that I love your kids. Losing any of them is difficult, yet I fully respect your educational decisions. They are your children. With God's grace and the energy left within me, I will work to better the Calvary experience.*