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Our Mission is to
“Equip and Inspire Students to be a
New Generation of Christ-Centered Leaders”

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From the Desk of Head of School Dick Dray



Remembering Our Veterans

This week we took time during our chapels on Wednesday to focus on Veterans Day and its significance. As Head of School one of my sincere desires is to make sure we are a grateful school for the many men and women who have or still are serving our country. Our many blessings we enjoy every day are in part due to the sacrifice and service from our Veteran's.

A number of years ago I had felt the Lord was leading me into a period of time or even a career with the Coast Guard. I was grateful for the many family members and friends I had that served in some branch of the military and wanted to do likewise. The Lord had other plans though for me, but I have still thanked God for our heroes and their faithful service. Maybe that's why I pull out my Saving Private Ryan DVD a couple of times a year to view or get excited when a new Hallmark Christmas movie is produced that has a military focus.

Whatever the case I would simply like to say if you or someone you know is a veteran, THANK YOU! God has blessed us here in the United States. Though we are not a perfect nation we are a blessed nation.

God Bless,

Dick Dray

CAS Head of School

Mission Statement

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Beginning to Sound A Lot Like Christmas.....Christmas Concert Update

The students and staff have been working hard on their music for the Christmas Concert **Tuesday night December 1st**. We are excited for them and proud of all their efforts thus far.

While our concert(s) will be going on, the format will be adjusted from previous years due to guidelines and mandates concerning performances as laid out by the Department of Health. These adjustments will be similar to what we have been and will continue to follow much like that of athletic events. Seating capacities, spacing, facial coverings, foot traffic flow etc. are impacted. Below are the keys items to keep in mind:

1. We will have **two** performances **December 1st** with the **1st performance** beginning at **6 p.m.** that will only be for students in grades **K,1,2,3,4,6** and **two** guests per student. Each student in advance will receive two tickets for that performance that must be presented at the door to enter. **Face coverings will be required** for all attending with the exception of medical issues. Seating for guests and students will be specially set up for healthy spacing.
2. After the first performance then the gym will be cleared of everyone out the west gym doors. Some cleaning and re-setting will take place at that time. Those coming for the **2nd performance** that will begin at approximately **7:05 p.m.** will be required to wait outside until the gym has been readied.
3. The **2nd performance** will **include grade 5, Show Choir and all instrumental music students**. Each of those students will be given two tickets to give to guests of their choice. Those tickets will be required for entering the gym. **Face coverings will be required** for those attending with the exception of medical issues. Seating for guests and students will be specially set up for healthy spacing.
4. All attending will be asked prior to arriving to check for personal temps to be sure under 100 as well as being sure that no signs of COVID are present such as nausea, consistent cough, chills, fatigue, breathing difficulty, headache, sore throat. If these are present, then we ask you not attend.
5. Each presentation can be recorded by guests present to show others later. While we realize these requirements and adjustments are more limiting, we are grateful by doing them we can have the concert go on for our students and families.

If you have any additional questions you can contact the school to assist with these items. Thanks again for your prayers and support for Christian Academy Schools.

Annual School-Wide Spelling Bee Next Tuesday

On **Tuesday, November 17th at 9 a.m.** Christian Academy Schools will hold their annual school-wide Spelling Bee. Due to the Covid-19 virus, only one parent or family member of the spelling bee participant is allowed to attend. We will be social distancing all participants and the audience. We will also be following self-health check procedures and wearing masks for all attending. If you have any questions about the Spelling Bee, please call the school at 937-492-7556.

First Presbyterian Turkey Trot Canned Food Drive



It's that time of year again. Students from K-12 are encouraged to participate and bring in canned foods to CAS. Though the Turkey Trot event has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19, we recognize that food needs is more prevalent this year due to the pandemic. The First Presbyterian Church is hosting a drive-thru canned food drive, and we would like CAS students to participate in the event. The elementary, middle, and high school will compete and the class with the most cans per person will win an ice cream party. The drive officially began **Wednesday, November 11th** and will end on **Tuesday, November 24th @ 12 p.m.** All the items collected will go to the First Presbyterian Church and will be distributed throughout Shelby County. Please consider donating cans and non-perishable food items to help needy families this Thanksgiving season.

Mid-Term Ends

Another 9-weeks have already passed, and our second mid-term will be ending **Tuesday, November 24th**. The mid-terms will be posted on RenWeb. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CAS at 937-492-7556.

CAS Class Basket Phone-In Auction
Saturday November 21st from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Read Separate E-mail Concerning the Auction!

2020-2021 Basketball Games Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities for “2020-2021 Basketball Games volunteers” are now open. Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn’t work) to go to the signup sheet: volunteersignup.org/773BX. To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you, in advance, for volunteering!



Opportunity to Recognize Another Form of Army

Recently a friend of mine who is on the Board for the Salvation Army approached me with both a challenge and an opportunity. The Salvation Army has been serving the Lord through sharing His Word and meeting the needs of so many since 1865. Many typically only think of this group around Christmas when the many Red Kettles appear in areas of shopping. A large portion of the yearlong ministry budget is met by the funds that come in during the bell ringing Red Kettle event.

This year it is expected that traditional in store shopping will drop dramatically due to COVID concerns and a shift to online shopping. There will be fewer bells and kettles then with much less revenue coming in to help meet the needs through the year. This is the challenge that was shared. Now the opportunity.

The Salvation Army is making an opportunity this year for students and families to become “bell ringers” via the internet. Attached you will find details on this opportunity. Know this is not something that is being run through CAS but rather an opportunity being presented if you choose to help. This is totally up to you. Thanks for you considering of this event. **(Check your email for more information)**

Mr. Dick Dray

Verse of the Week

“And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.” Romans 8:26

Regardless of what’s been done to you or how you’ve been treated, Jesus wants you to live a life of freedom and hope. When anger is left to rule in your life, it controls you. It traps you and it leaves you without freedom. Because God wants the best for you and His best is freedom from the trap of anger. If you’ve struggled with anger, there is hope in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is there to help you. He wants to guide you and help you walk in freedom from anger. So, go to Him. Pray, ask for help defeating anger in your life. Jesus wants you walking in freedom from anger. Copied from: studentdevos.com

Congratulations to the First Quarter Elementary Honor Roll Students



Elementary “A/B” Honor Roll Students



Elementary “A” Honor Roll Students



These students were doing a great job folding and organizing children's meals boxes while the rest of us washed dishes at the Do Good Restaurant and Ministry in Osgood, Ohio during Spiritual Emphasis Week.

A CHILD HAS A SPECIAL WAY,
of adding joy
to every day!



These pictures are from Mrs. Huffman's creative writing class reading original children's books to Mrs. Wiltheiss's 1st grade class.



This is Mabel. On Sunday, November 8th Mr. & Mrs. Dray received a new addition to their family. Isn't she cute?

While we try
to teach our
Children
our children
teach
us
what
life
is all
about.
about life!



Elementary art students have been practicing their art lessons on TEAMS this week so they are prepared, should the need arise to do art while at home. These pictures are of the 3rd grade class.