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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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What Did People Do Before Technology?

The weather this past weekend was very beautiful and my year old was bouncing off the walls. I asked him what he wanted to do this weekend and he said, "Let's go fly my kite", so out we went into a huge field and played with that kite. It was so much fun and it reminded me of a devotional that I had just read, "Concerning stuff that I wish our kids knew." Flying a kite is pretty low-tech but we had a blast. Here are some other ideas.

1. You don't have to buy something to have fun.

Let's be honest. We are conditioned today to be consumers. It's affected all of us. While there's nothing wrong with making purchases for things we need, I was reminded that I don't have to buy anything to have fun. I was with people I love and we walked and talked, sat in the sun and for a long time...didn't spend any money. It is possible to re-condition our minds to experience happiness that requires no cash.

2. You don't have to own something to enjoy it.

Many of the people I saw were enjoying a bike or a boat that belonged to someone else. They either rented it or had a friend who owned it. To be honest, many of my friends own possessions I can not afford. I have learned to enjoy them and their owners, and not feel like I "need" one too. I am not endorsing "freeloading." I'm just saying I don't need to feel the pressure of calling it "mine."

3. You don't have to be in class to learn something.

Far too often, we categorize our lives and think that learning is done in school, and pleasure is experienced on weekends. Work is not fun; play is fun. I think that's faulty thinking. I can learn anywhere and experience fulfillment in a classroom or an amusement park. I can make my hardest task an adventure and find fulfillment in it. If I'm alert, most of my learning will be outside of class and it can last a lifetime.

4. You don't have to hear something, to be entertained.

So much of our culture is full of noise and clutter. There is something to see and hear almost anywhere you go. This not only numbs us emotionally, (we're overwhelmed) but it fosters our need for outside sources to entertain us. It's healthier to be in a place where I don't need a video game, a show, a movie or a song to be entertained or stimulated. I can learn to enjoy life with little help from artificial sources.

5. You don't need a screen to cultivate friendships.

Most kids today spend more time interacting with friends on a screen than they do face to face. Thanks to smart phones, tablets and laptops containing Facebook, iChat, text messages, Instagram, and other social media outlets, it's easy to interact virtually rather than personally and face to face. Sadly, most communication is non-verbal. When we use a screen our emotional intelligence fails to grow as efficiently.

6. You don't need outside stimulation to get motivated.

Due to non-stop external stimuli like video games, TV, movies, Wii, computer games, iPods and YouTube, we've learned to depend on outside noise or visuals to motivate ourselves. Let's face it: most of us need music and coffee to wake up in the morning. We've learned to need "stuff" to get us to do what we should do. What did people do before technology? I think they somehow developed internal motivation.

We all know that technology is not going away. Personally, I love the conveniences it offers. This is just a simple reminder to not depend on "stuff" to artificially produce a healthy, happy person. Those are God-given gifts and they're already inside you.

For His Glory,

Mr. Horton



Menu Change For Monday, May 6th

Chicken Fajitas
Refried Beans
Peaches
Yogurt Parfait

Spring Concert and Art Show

On **Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m.** CAS will be holding our annual spring concert. This year's production is called "A Tale of Three Trees". It is a combination of the 5th grade Language Arts project and elementary choral performance. **Grades kindergarten thru 6th** need to be in their classrooms by **6:45 p.m.** dressed in chapel dress. The 5th grade do NOT need to wear chapel dress due to costumes they've been assigned. **Elementary band students** need to be here by **6:30 p.m.** to set up their instruments in the gym. **High School** choir students must be in the gym by **6:45 p.m.** in chapel dress. Parents don't forget to take time and walk around to see the different art projects your child has worked on in art class.

Spring Sports Picnic Monday, May 13th

On **Monday, May 13th @ 6 p.m.** a sports picnic will be held at Christian Academy for softball, track and field, and archery players, parents, and coaches. Dress casual and bring a softball/baseball glove (if you have one) because recreational activities will be held following the awards ceremony. **All uniforms have to be turned in and sports fees paid before the sports banquet.** This is a carry-in dinner and each family will need to bring the following dishes (meat and drinks will be provided).

Softball Team: Side dish and salad Track Team: Side dish and dessert
Archery Team: Side dish and salad (if on track and archery please bring a dessert instead of a salad)

Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade Spring Field Trip to Zoo

On **Thursday, May 23rd**, the elementary students, kindergarten through third grade are going to the Columbus Zoo for a field trip! We will be departing from the school at 8:45 a.m. and be returning to the school at 5:00 p.m. for parent pick up. The cost of the field trip is \$9.00. We will not be stopping at any souvenir shops, so please do not send any extra money with your child. Also, the zoo will honor membership passes. If you have a pass, please send in a copy of that pass (or we can copy it here) and you will only need to send in \$5.00 instead of \$9.00.

Your child will need to wear layers (preferably with Christian Academy's name) and must wear tennis shoes. We will not cancel or reschedule the field trip due to weather. Please help us pray for a beautiful day and be sure to send along a poncho for your child in case of rain. (These can be purchased at the *Dollar Tree* for a dollar.) For lunch, your child will need a healthy, completely disposable packed lunch that does not need refrigeration. Also, your child's drink **CANNOT** contain a straw. These are regulations that the zoo has set in place to keep the animals safe.

Please send in your child's money and permission slip by Tuesday, May 14th. If you are not planning on sending your child on the field trip, please contact your child's teacher. We are also in need of parent chaperones to assist us in leading small groups of students around for our field trip. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please indicate this on the permission slip by checking the box below. Our goal is to have one chaperone /four students. The cost for a chaperone is also \$9.00. Checks can be made out to *Christian Academy* or cash is acceptable, too. Due to transportation space, chaperones are to follow the bus in their own vehicle. Younger siblings are not permitted to attend. There will be a scheduled meeting for chaperones one day after school before the field trip to discuss groups, procedures, carpooling options for chaperones, and student expectations.



Relay For Life Links Against Cancer

This year we will be participating in the Links Against Cancer Project. Volunteering and participating in charitable projects are good learning experiences for our children and helps to build a sense of community within our school. With our students' help, our chain can circle the track and will show our school's commitment in the fight against cancer. We will be writing a message to cancer survivors on chain links and stapling them together. The Shelby County Relay for Life will be picking up our chain the week of May 13-17. Relay For Life will be held August 2nd & 3rd.

“Come, Grow With Us” Walk-a-thon 2013
Thursday, May 9th
@ Tawawa Park

For those who completed their brochures

You still have time to send out brochures. Let's see if the school can have 100% participation!

Walk-a-thon Menu

Hot Dogs (shredded cheese, hot dog sauce & condiments available)
 Chips
 Carrot
 Baked Beans
 Cookies
 Water

Classroom Percentages as of Thursday, April 25th

| Grade | Percentage | Grade | Percentage | Grade | Percentage |
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| Kindergarten | 86% | Grade 4 | 93% | Grade 8 | 100% |
| Grade 1 | 92% | Grade 5 | 95% | Grade 9 | 100% |
| Grade 2 | 100% | Grade 6 | 92% | Grade 10 | 86% |
| Grade 3 | 100% | Grade 7 | 91% | Grade 11 | 83% |
| | | | | Grade 12 | 78% |

Adventure Day @ Camp Christian for High School Participants
 (who brought in their brochures before the Adventure Day)

Thursday, May 16th high school students who brought in their brochures will enjoy a day at Camp Christian. The students will enjoy the climbing wall, volleyball, kickball, paddle boats, and ropes. **Remember to wear tennis shoes.** Lunch will be provided by Camp Christian.

Adventure Day @ YMCA for Elementary Participants
 (who brought in their brochures before the Adventure Day)

The elementary adventure day will be held on **Friday, May 17th** for students who brought in brochures. Activities include swimming, climbing, indoor gym, playground and much more. Students are to bring a bathing suit and towel and a disposable lunch and drink. Remember to wear tennis shoes. Make sure everyone brings their smiles and laughter – it's going to be a lot of fun.

Community Prayer Breakfast to be Held at CAS

Organizers of the 10th annual Community Prayer Breakfast announced in the May 2nd Sidney Daily News that plans for this year's event is well underway. This communitywide, nondenominational event creates an opportunity for all in Shelby County to come together in fellowship and unified prayer. The Prayer Breakfast will take place at Christian Academy Schools on **Saturday, May 18th**. Doors open at **7:30 a.m.** with the program beginning at **8 a.m.** A complimentary breakfast will be served and there is no cost to attend. All are invited to come enjoy the breakfast and uplifting program. Christian Academy Schools is located at 2151 W. Russell Road. Prayer Breakfast organizers include Mary Smith, Pastor Jane Madden, Catherine Toal, Vera Piper, Rodneyann Bensman, Bruce Inman, Paula Harshbarger and Jeff Raible. For more information or to make arrangements for group attendance, call Smith at 492-7556.

Thank You from CAS Staff

Thanks for the gifts during teacher appreciation week
 We all enjoyed the gifts and the sweets
 Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated
 And all the surprises you created.

All of us at Christian Academy Schools

Softball & Track Schedule

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| Saturday, May 4 | Track Meet vs. Milton-Union (away) | 9 a.m. (bus leaves @ 8 a.m.) |
| Monday, May 6 | Girls Softball vs. Middletown Christian (away) | 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. (bus leaves @ 9 a.m.) |
| Saturday, May 11 | Girls Softball vs. Troy Christian | 5 p.m. (bus leaves @ 3:30 p.m.) |
| | OCSAA State Track and Field Meet | |

End of Year Swimming Update from Mrs. King

We had freestyle sprint races and a big splash competition at the YMCA on Friday, April 26th. The kids in swimming this year were awesome and we had a lot of fun. The following students were the class winners:

Freestyle Sprint Races

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| Shelby Robinette – 2 nd grade | Aki Mani – 3 rd grade | Cassidy Rhoades – 4 th grade |
| Allyson Tagle – 5 th grade | Ellie Jackson – 6 th grade | Tylor Kane – 7 th grade |
| Tyler Jackson – 8 th grade | Ethan Young – 9 th grade | |

Big Splash Competition

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| Addison Morris – 4 th grade | Gideon Weymer – 5 th grade | Aly Baughman – 6 th grade |
| Davey Amsden – 7 th grade | Josiah Kramer – 8 th grade | Devin Cahill – 9 th grade |

Verse of the Week

“In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body.” James 3:5-6a (NLT)

So how do we control our tongue? For starters, it’s helpful to keep our words to ourselves until we can sort through any raw emotions behind them. Next, we choose our words wisely. Last, we praise, not curse. In James 3:9 we discover that, *With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, we have been made in God’s likeness”.*

When you feel like spewing it, zip it. Our lips should be water tight, not allowing unnecessary words to leak out. Like Tupperware secure. In this way, we’ll truly live out our Christianity by being examples of Christ’s character: kind, loving, self-controlled. **Prayer:** Dear Lord, remind us each day to use our tongues to glorify You and encourage others. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Immunization Requirement for 7th Grade Entry

“Back to School Clinics”

Monday-Friday, June 3rd-June 14th from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
With extended clinic hours Wednesday, June 12th until 6 p.m.

One (1) dose of TDAP vaccine **MUST** be administered **PRIOR** to entry into 7th Grade
Information is being sent home with all 6th grade students

Thank You...

Purple, purple everywhere; purple, purple in my hair! Thank you to parents, students, and staff of Christian Academy for making my birthday so special on Friday, April 26th. I loved all the purple: purple shirts, purple pants, purple shoes, purple socks, purple candles, purple mugs, purple pen, flowers, purple cakes, and much more. I have had wonderful birthdays, but this beats them all. Thank you for making my “29th” birthday so special. (I wish 29).

Mrs. Purple

