



CHRISTIAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

JANUARY 2012

Important Dates

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16th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
School Holiday

17th

Visitation Day - Incoming 7-11th
Grades 8:30 to 12:30

19th

Admissions Fair
6:30 pm LCC

30-Feb 1

Spiritual Emphasis Week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

When my son Adam was in the 2nd grade, he broke both the bones of his lower arm. I had to take him into the hospital to have his arm set. Before they set it they gave him an injection in his leg. The doctor told me that they need to reset the bones and that it would be painful, but that the anesthetic would help him to forget. As much as I wanted to be in the room with him, the doctor told me I needed to step outside when they put it back in place. That was probably one of the hardest days for me as a parent because I knew my child was suffering pain and I couldn't do anything about it. And although it was painful, the doctor was right about the amnesia induced by the pain medication. Adam remembers very little of that doctor visit and was back to normal when the cast was removed.

A New Year is much like that doctor visit. We have an opportunity to forget the past and move forward with new goals and ambitions. The mistakes made in 2011 can hinder us in 2012 if we let them, but Scripture admonishes us to forget those things which are behind us and to reach forward. Forgetting is a funny thing and the older I get the more I forget things. That can be both good and bad. It is easy to put things behind us that are unpleasant, but Paul also says that we should not look backwards and pat ourselves on the back thinking we have attained something. He encourages us to not think we have "apprehended" or in other words to think we have arrived. We should never be satisfied with where we are in Christ, in our education, or in our circumstances in life. We need to commit ourselves daily to the tasks at hand. Students need to strive to do their best each and every day, spouses to be the best they can be in marriages, and parents to be the leaders in their homes.

As CUSSD starts 2012, as a school, teachers, faculty, staff, and administrators, we want to strive to do our best to serve our families. We can't rest upon past successes or failures, but we must look to the future and commit to doing our best. I encourage our students and parents to make that same level of commitment. If we do that, we can have the best semester ever.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. Philippians 3:13 KJV

In His Service,

Scott Meadows
Junior and Senior High Principal

A Message from Mr. Leslie:

A On November 29, 2011, I sent an email announcing a special \$100,000 matching gift opportunity for Christian Unified Schools. Four long-time donors committed to give the school up to \$100,000 if we could match that amount by the end of the year. Well, it took all 31 days of the month of December, but after we counted all the donations we realized that 171 friends, families, alumni, and supporters gave \$128,644.50 – exceeding the matching amount! Praise God for His goodness and a special thank you to all who participated by making a year-end donation to the school.

As a result, we have now raised nearly \$350,000 of the \$450,000 Annual Fund need. The Auction on April 27th will help with a large portion of the remaining balance which means, by God's grace, we are on our way to meeting all the financial needs of the school this year. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." I thank God for the way He consistently provides for CUSSD.

If you didn't have the chance to give at the end of the year and would like to help us reach the final goal, you can do so online in the Development section of our website (www.christianunified.org/annualfund.aspx), or call David Beezer at (619)201-8850.

Thank you again for your generosity and support of CUSSD. We are looking forward to a great 2012!

CUSSD Auction: SAVE THE DATE! The annual CUSSD Auction is on FRIDAY, April 27th! We are planning exciting changes to this annual event, so get it on your calendars now!

Upcoming Admissions Events:

Student Visitation Day is January 17th. Visitation Day is an event for prospective students interested in attending Christian Jr./Sr. High. Current 6th-11th grade students are all invited. The day begins with registration at 8:30 and ends at 12:30. Lunch will be served so an RSVP is necessary to the Admissions Office by January 11th. Call 619-201-8888 to RSVP.

Our annual Admissions Fair is January 19th at 6:30pm in the LCC. This is a great way to introduce CUSSD to your friends. Come along with them and you can receive an Educational Outfitter's voucher for \$20. We will have booths set up where teachers can show off curriculum and fun things happening at CUSSD. Guests will hear about our academic program from Chuck Leslie, be serenaded by the symphonic band and Jazz band, and close the evening with a tour on trams. No RSVP necessary. Invite your friends!

Kindergarten Teas Current Families with upcoming kindergartners: This is your chance to introduce your child to Kindergarten, meet the teacher, and begin the application process. February 1st is the priority deadline! The dates are: West Campus, Wednesday January 25th from 1-2pm and East Campus, Thursday January 26th 1-2pm. Prospective families are invited as well. If you have friends or family who would be interested in attending the Teas, please contact Kim Johnston in the Admissions Office at 201-8888.

Re-enrollment for the 2012/2013 School Year: It's that time of year again! Soon you will be receiving information regarding re-enrollment for the upcoming school year. We want the re-enrollment process to be as easy as possible for you so CUSSD will again be offering parents the opportunity to re-enroll online. Please be on the lookout for your letter with further information and instructions. **The re-enrollment deadline is February 17th, 2012.**

Happy New Year from the Jr. High Athletic Department. I trust that everyone enjoyed celebrating the birth of our Savior on Christmas morning and had fun bringing in the new year. Our Jr. High athletic program will continue the winter season packed with home games in soccer, basketball, and softball. We are off to a great start and I am looking forward to the bulk of our season in January. It truly brings me joy when I witness the fine coaching staff which God has blessed us with leading our young Jr. Highers in devotions and prayer, desiring to mold them into Christian athletes. Remember to take time to check out the athletic link for all of the schedules, and to make plans to come out and support the teams.

Because of Christ,

Coach Fuller

Jr High Athletic Director

A special Thank You goes out to the Weinman Family (one of our Football Coaches) for providing the blimp for the final two football games of our CIF winning Football Season!

Moms in Touch: Moms in Touch is a prayer group consisting of moms praying for their children, teachers, school staff, and school concerns. We meet every Thursday morning (except for the first Thursday - PTF meeting) from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the Athletic Conference Room. Please feel free to join us. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Leslie at 619-402-4979.

Men's Prayer Meeting: Men of CUSSD, you are invited to join Superintendent Chuck Leslie and other dads from the school every Thursday morning for a time of prayer. The group meets from 6:30 to 7:00 am in Room 604 to pray for God's protection and blessings over the school. We believe in the power of prayer for our children. For more information, contact Chuck Leslie at cleslie@cussd.org, or 619-201-8802.

CJHS/CHS PTF meetings are the first Thursday of the month in the Gym Lobby from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Come join us!!!