

Summer The ^ Cougar Update

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Back to School Night

This year our Back to School Night will be in the form of an Open House for CCS families. Parents and students are invited to stop by the classrooms and meet the teachers. Teachers and staff will welcome parents and students throughout the evening. **Our Back to School Night Open House will be from 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 26.**

In addition to the open house evening, **families will be able to get to know CCS faculty and staff through videos that they are now getting ready for you!** We will be sending you a link to a site containing those videos the week of August 23.

Transportation 🚗

Thanks to everyone for turning in their transportation forms! **Bus riders will be informed of their route times by their districts** - very close to the first day of school. Please help your student(s) to know their afternoon bus number to reduce student *frustration, disarray, confusion, and or angst* during first-week-of-school dismissal!

Technology News

During online enrollment, all families encountered numerous forms to read and sign, including **technology forms**. It is easy to lose track of what was in those forms, especially when you read them so long ago. To be sure that students and parents know what is expected regarding technology at all levels and our 1:1 Chromebook program in high school, **the email with this newsletter also includes copies of the relevant technology forms**. Students need to be aware of the expectations to which they agreed when originally signing those forms, so we encourage families of students of all ages to read them again together and be sure that you understand what is included in the agreements. Once you have read the policies, **students and parents in grades 9-12 must fill out a digital form** to submit your acceptance of those agreements to the school. [CLICK HERE](#) to access and complete the



Hey, Everyone:

Our sixth annual Jr. Cougar SLIP N' SLIDE is set for Tuesday, August 3, from 1-3 pm!

(Our rain date is Thursday, 8/5 at the same time. Watch the weather and your email.)

Grab your sunscreen and towels and join us for this splish-splashing, cool, and fun time together!

- Mrs. Brenner

form.

Please remember, each high school

student must provide a case for his/her school Chromebook since the devices go home with students. The case must provide good protection for the device. Look for a case that fits an 11.6-inch Chromebook or laptop. Cases are easily available at Amazon.com and other retailers for a reasonable cost. Alternatively, students can get backpacks/bookbags that have protective, padded, dedicated sleeves **made specifically for laptops**. Any student who does not have a protective case will not be issued a Chromebook.

News from the Athletic Director

We are quickly approaching the 2021-22 school year. **Please make sure your student athlete has all of the necessary forms completed and to the school office by August 9.**

Below is a list of items needed to make sure you and your athlete are prepared:

1. Sign up [HERE](#) if you have not already done so.
2. Have a current [PIAA PHYSICAL](#), dated no earlier than June 1, 2021.
3. Sign the [ONLINE WAIVER](#) that you have read the sports policy in the CCS Parent/Student Handbook (access through the Family Portal) and the [ATHLETIC TRAIN-](#)

ING PLAN on or before August 15, 2021.

4. The sport fee of \$95 will be billed to your FACTS account after Labor Day.
5. Go to the Athletics Schedule, view practice and game schedules, and sign up for notifications. ([CLICK HERE](#))

Parents, coaches, and players meetings will be held at the following times.

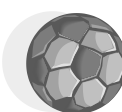
HS Volleyball - 5:30 PM, August 16

HS Soccer - 6:00 PM, August 16

MS Volleyball - 9:00 AM, August 17

MS Soccer - 3:45 PM, August 18

Golf and Cross Country - times will be announced.



Mandatory practice for middle school and high school sports begin the week of August 16, please check the calendar to get the specific time for each sport. Coaches may use a minimum of 2 practices for try-outs. Coaches will remind athletes of this at the first practice. If for some reason you will miss a practice, that needs to be communicated with the head coach.

MS Boys Soccer: Coach - Hiring, Contact Phil Yoder if interested

MS Girls Volleyball: Coach - Sandy Bruton - sandrabruton403@gmail.com

HS Boys Soccer: Coach - Phil Yoder - phil.yoder@conestogachristian.net

HS Girls Volleyball: Coach - Liz Peter-sheim - liz@masthof.com

HS Golf: Coach - Randy Shrom - rshrom@hotmail.com

HS Cross Country: Coach - Hiring, Contact Phil Yoder if interested

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July 30, 2021

Upcoming Events at CCS:

- **August 23-26**, Teacher In-service Days
- **August 26**, Back-to-School Night Open House 6-8 PM
- **August 30**, First day of school
- **September 3 & 6**, No school
- **September 8**, First day of Preschool
- **September 16**, NHS Induction Service

[Click here to see the full year calendar on our website](#)

Auction 2021!

Save the date for the CCS Chicken BBQ and Auction 2021! Mark your calendars for October 15 and 16.



As always, we are looking for parents who would be willing to organize the class basket for their student's grade. **Class Baskets are a main event at our annual auction.** Please consider heading this up or even asking another parent in your child's class to head it up with you. There are a couple advantages of signing up early. First, summertime is a great time to start collecting items for your basket. Second, you can fulfill a portion of your volunteer hours for the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Cindy Carter at: cindycarter1@gmail.com.

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Where to Go for Information...

Have you wondered where to find information you need for school? **Much of what you need can be found on our website, conestogachristian.net.** Need a form? Head to Resources > Current Families and you'll find just what you need, arranged in alphabetical order.



For information about your child's class schedule, lesson plans (in middle school and high school), or grades, head to the FACTS Family Portal, the family side of FACTS, our school management system. Just click on the tab at the top right of our website and log in. **Most importantly, be sure to read *The Cougar Update* which will arrive at your inbox each Friday.**

Enrollment and Staff Update from Mr. Parris

We are praising God for the blessing of filling our hallways and classrooms with students, staff, and families. Currently we have 295 students enrolled for the 2021-22 school year and over 20 completing enrollment packages and getting ready for their family interview. Yes, your math is correct, we are on pace to start the school year with 315 students! We concluded last year with 268 students, that is an 18% student body increase . . . PRAISE GOD! We are not sure what our enrollment number will be on the first day of school, but we know God's timing and provision is perfect and wait to see what He brings us this year.

God's provision does not end with student enrollment, God has also brought us some wonderful new staff members. As our school grows, so does our need for teachers and support staff. Some of the people mentioned below have been working here at CCS but will assume a new role while others are brand new. Here are some teacher and staff changes we are blessed with for this year:

Preschool:

- Mrs. Gabrielle Draper will be teaching in our 3 year old program and she will have 2 aides - Mrs. Melanie Fetzer and one still to be hired.
- Mrs. Christen Wayman will be teaching in our 4 year old program and she will have Mrs. Gabrielle Draper as her aide.
- Mrs. Smiley will continue in our 5/6 year old Prekindergarten program but she will have a new aide - Miss Maggie Segich.

Kindergarten:

We have 2 new aides in our Kindergarten program, but neither is new to our school - Mrs. Jill Earnest and Mrs. Megan Bittner.

First Grade:

We have a new first grade teacher working with Mrs. Colon - Miss Lydia Erb is joining our team allowing us to have 2 first grades!!

Elementary Music and Art:

Mrs. Palladino will be moving from ES/MS Art to teaching ES Art and Music, this is the position she held 2 years ago . . . welcome back to the Music department. 😊

High School Bible:

We have a new Bible teacher working with Mrs. Horning - Mr. Brian Fuller will be teaching Bible part time. Mr. Fuller also serves at East Brandywine Baptist Church as their lead pastor.

Housekeeping:

Mrs. Laura Lunardi will be joining our House Keeping staff. We are excited to welcome her, her husband, and her 5 children to CCS . . . two sets of twins - HOW AWESOME IS THAT?!

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR 2 IMPORTANT INTERVIEWS COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Prayerfully we will have a new Middle School Social Studies/Bible teacher and Middle/High School Music teacher hired next week. Both candidates will need to be interviewed by our Board . . . please pray.

Finally, WE STILL NEED TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- Director of Assessment and Reporting
- Middle/High School Trades Teacher
- NILD Therapist

If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact Mr. Parris at ken.parris@conestogachristian.net.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:4-7

In Memory

Anita Whisler 1959-2021

This summer we said goodbye to a long time, loyal, and dedicated member of the CCS family. Miss Anita Whisler had worked at the school for 40 years, beginning as a classroom teacher. She helped many students learn more effectively through NILD educational therapy. She organized annual achievement testing, and performed assessments on incoming students to enable the school to place new students in the right classes. Miss Whisler helped teachers to know how best to meet students' needs so that they could experience success in the classroom. When the time for report cards rolled around three times a year, Miss Whisler directed teachers in how to record grades and comments. She looked over each report card and read all of the comments, making sure that the information was accurate and clear.

In addition to all of her work on behalf of students and teachers in the realms of educational therapy and assessment/reporting, Miss Whisler was a crucial member of the curriculum committee, using her insights and precision to help write and review the curriculum of CCS at all levels.

As a member of the administrative team, Miss Whisler's wisdom, insight, understanding, knowledge of the history of the school, and attention to detail helped the team approach new challenges as they came along.

Most importantly of all, Miss Whisler loved the LORD, and at this moment is with Him in the heavenly realms. All of her hard work here on earth (and there was much) is not what earned her a place in heaven. It was the work of Jesus and His atoning death. We will miss her but know she is rejoicing in the presence of God.

Miss Whisler shared the following verse with the faculty in a devotional time about the promises of God some years back and it seems appropriate at this time:

Jeremiah 31:13b – I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

