

From the Principal's Desk...

September 2016

The heavens declare the Glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth the speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

Psalms 19:1-2

Dear Parents and Students of CCS,

We're off and running! 2016-2017 school year is here and in session. It was great to see how excited the students were to be back to start the new school year. The joy on their faces was fun to see. The staff had been anxiously awaiting the return of the students to liven up the halls. We feel blessed to be a part of their lives and help them grow academically, spiritually and socially.

The students have the first week to settle into the routines of their homeroom classes. The second week begins their extra-curricular classes including; Technology, Spanish, and Choir. This summer CCS has decided to improve upon the Technology classes and adopt a new program that has grade level appropriate lessons, developmental progression of skills and engaging game based activities. Ask your child how they are enjoying the new program. I am sure you will get a good response.

I am pleased to announce we have a new staff member who will take over the Worship Band for 4th & 5th grades. Worship Band classes will begin this week with **Mrs. Sandy Hershey**, who is a vocal and instrumental instructor and co-owner of Morgan Hill Music Studios. The following is Mrs. Hershey's introduction letter to the parents of CCS:

Hello, my name is Sandy Hershey and I will be teaching music to your 4th and 5th grade students. I have been teaching private music lessons for 42 years and group lessons for 32 years. I have an AA degree in music. I began my music studies at age 7 with private piano lessons which I continued through college. Along the way I picked up several instruments and played Piano and Trumpet in High School Jazz Band; Alto Horn, Trumpet, Flute and percussion in Marching Band; Flute and Piccolo in College Symphonic Band; sang in Choirs throughout Jr. High, High School and College; played Piano for school musicals, accompanying choirs and soloists. I have played Piano and Keyboards with Worship teams for the past 42 years. My husband and I currently play and lead worship for the Saturday evening services at Family Community Church in San

Jose. I have lived in Morgan Hill for the last 5 years and taught at The Music Tree in Downtown Morgan Hill for the last 7 years. After the closing of The Music Tree, my business partner and I had the opportunity to open Morgan Hill Music Studios this past June where we offer private and small group vocal and instrumental lessons along with 5 other teachers where we continue to provide multiple instrument and vocal lessons. I look forward to meeting the students at Crossroads Christian School and sharing the love of music that I have with them.

Update on the Lunch area shade and playground border: We are very excited about the completion of the lunch area shade that the school has provided. It is a solid construction with UV protection. The students will be able to use this area during rain or shine. A big Thank You goes to Mark Perry and crew!! Our playground border was replaced by Daniel Cardwell (Brooklyn Araujo-Carpeneti's stepfather), and is completed with FAST Funds. The border has a top piece that the students can walk or sit on (splinter-proof)! If you haven't had a chance, take a look at these two new additions to our school. They're great!!

Soaring Readers: We are continuing our Soaring Eagles Reading Program which will begin September 6th and run through November 1st. For those of you that are not familiar with the program, CCS believes reading is foundational to education. We want to encourage and applaud readers. There will be Eagle Sheets sent home for the CCS Soaring Eagles Reading Program. On these sheets there will be the reading goal for your child and for the class. This reading is to be 'outside reading' or reading that is not homework related. On Tuesday, November 1st, the Eagle Sheets will be collected by the teachers. During the Friday, November 4th Chapel, those students who have reached their reading goal will be honored. The classes that have reached their class reading goals will also be honored.

Students sent to see the Principal: I have had some young visitors sent to my office already this year. Parents, stay calm, it is a good thing. They have come with a lollipop pass! This means they are behaving exceptionally well or working very hard. When a student receives a pass the teacher briefly describes the good behavior or thing the student has done. The student then leaves class to come to my office and select an organic lollipop and sticker. At the end of the year Awards Chapel I will present a special gift to the top one or two students with the most lollipop passes. I want to make sure our students get recognized for their outstanding job and this is one way I can have a positive relationship with them.

Progress Reports will be sent home September 21st. Please review these with your child. These are used to communicate to parents how their students are doing academically. This is a mid-way point before report cards come out so your student can make adjustments to stay on track or just to show the great job that they are doing. If you have any questions, after receiving the progress report, please contact your child's teacher.

Hoe-Down: What a great way to start the school year off, visiting and having fun at our first FAST (Family And Staff Together), event, the Welcome Back Family Hoe-Down! We had lots of fun with BBQ and getting acquainted and re-acquainted with other parents and staff. It was nice to see all our families connecting with one another and having a relaxed evening together. A big Thank You goes to Mrs. Tracy Van Gundy our Community Director along with FAST representatives and parent volunteers who made our first event a great success!!

Date to Remember:

Soaring Readers begins	September 6 th
Pre-School Pictures	September 20 th
Elementary School Pictures (Uniforms worn)	September 21 st
Progress Reports go home	September 21 st
See You At The Pole	September 28 th
Grandparents or Important Person Lunch	September 28 th

Blessings,

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