

Dear CCS Parents:

I trust that you are off to a great start on your summer! My family and I have already enjoyed a quick trip to the mountains in North Carolina and are glad to be back home here in Conway.

I want to thank all of you for making my first year at CCS so positive. The parents, teachers and students that I had to work with this year were all such an encouragement to me. There were many lessons that I had to learn this past year in regard to the uniqueness of CCS, but it is my prayer and goal that I will be able to take what I have learned from this year and use that knowledge through the grace of God to make CCS a better school for all who walk these halls. Your continued prayers and support is greatly appreciated.

There are several items that I wish to make you aware of for coming school year. Some of them you may already have knowledge of, but please let me share them with you just the same.

As I stated in my letter this past February, there are some changes in the status of our 6th grade students for the coming year, what I did not tell you is that there will also be some exciting changes for our 5th grade class for this fall as well. Mrs. Lemon (the current 5th grade teacher) and Mrs. Jackson (current Jr. High English & History teacher) will be team-teaching the 5th and 6th graders next year. Mrs. Lemon will be homeroom and Bible teacher for 5th grade and Mrs. Jackson will be homeroom and Bible teacher for 6th grade. On top of that, Mrs. Lemon will teach math and science to both grades (at separate times) and Mrs. Jackson will teach history and English (at separate times) to both grades. The 5th and 6th grade boys will have PE together, and the 5th and 6th grade girls will have PE together. This step will bring 6th grade back to the elementary where it belongs, but will also bring 5th & 6th grade to an elevated elementary status with them switching classrooms. (their classrooms will be right next door to each other.)

We also have a new addition to our high school teaching staff that I wish to make you aware of: Mr. Kirk Nielsen will be teaching history for grades seven through ten, and Bible to our senior class. Mr. Nielsen has over fourteen years of teaching experience in Christian schools and has also had administrative responsibilities as well. I am sure that your students will enjoy having Mr. Nielsen as their teacher.

We still have two opening in the high school that must be filled, Science and Spanish. I have two very strong candidates for filling those positions but have yet to reel them in. All of our other positions have been filled with our returning teachers. We are in the need for someone to coach our ladies Volleyball and Basketball teams. Mrs. Poston is returning next year, but to a more relaxed pace. Mrs. Poston will only be teaching Elementary PE.

We are working on the possibility of having a web-based reporting system that will enable parents and students to check up on the status of their grades, plus numerous other pieces of information. This system is one possible answer for parents who like to stay on top of their student's progress.

There are a few changes to the 05/06 calendar that I would like to make you aware of. (The new calendar is now posted on the school's website, www.conwaychristian.com) Kindergarten graduation has been moved to Thursday May 18th, and the last day of school for elementary has been moved to Friday May 19th. The Elementary awards program will also be Friday May 19th.

Don't forget student orientation on Thursday August 18th! I hope to see many of you before that time at one of our workdays sponsored by our PSA. The first one will be Saturday July 23rd! Look for an announcement regarding the workday in a future letter.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Mr. Jonathan Wright