

Summer The ^ Cougar Update

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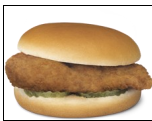
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Back-to-School Night on August 24!

Be sure to mark your calendar now for **Thursday, August 24, at 5:45!** This is our annual **Back-to-School Night and Family Picnic.**

This year you can once again order Chick-fil-A meals in advance (click on the picture of the chicken sandwich!) and have them there for your family that night! Meals include bottled water and a sweet treat along with



your choice of a Chick-fil-A sandwich, nuggets, or grilled chicken salad. All meals must be ordered (and paid for) in advance on our [website](#) **no later than Monday, August 21.**

Dinner starts at 5:45 followed by the Back-to-School Night program at 7:00 PM.

Campus Reflection

from Mr. Parris

If you were to stop in on our campus right now, you would see that the floors are being cleaned and renovated for the 2017/18 school year. While the campus may be in disarray at the moment, soon we will be ready for staff and students. The biggest change on campus for 2017/18 will be the addition of staff child care. CCS will begin offering child care for our teachers who have little ones. The new child care room will be located in the elementary building in Mrs. Caley's old room. Mrs. Caley is moving down the hall to room 214 (last year's 2nd grade classroom), and Miss Slingerland (our new 2nd grade teacher) will move downstairs to the old elementary lunchroom/computer room. The elementary lunchroom/computer room is moving to the high school building . . . many changes, but very exciting. Another big change is the creation of a newly renovated Band Room in the middle school building.



Coming up next week!
Elementary Slip 'n Slide and Open House!

Mr. Rappoldt's office/practice room has expanded to an entire full classroom!! Walls were ripped down and new carpet installed; now we have a band room where band equipment can be left up all week long. Praise God for His provision.

Music Conservatory

While attending Conestoga Christian School, your child has the opportunity to be part of the CCS Music Conservatory. If your child participated in private lessons last school year, we hope that he/she will continue that music journey this school year. If your child was not previously involved, now is an excellent time to join. No prior musical experience is necessary to begin this adventure. If your child has played a band or keyboard instrument, or has sung at a location other than at our school, he/she is more than welcome to continue or reignite his/her interest by joining our program. Check out the [Music Conservatory](#) page under Student Life on our website.

Elementary School News

from Mrs. Brenner

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" Well, almost! :) The first day of school is drawing near! I am certainly going to be celebrating with much JOY when the halls and classrooms of our elementary abode are decked out with the sounds and sights of our little and



Hey, Everyone:

Join us for our summer "fantastic" event at our Elementary Open House Jr. Cougar SLIP 'N SLIDE on Tuesday, August 1, from 1-3 PM! Along with a towel and sunscreen, be sure to invite a friend or two to join you so we can all have a splish splashin' great time together! - Mrs. Brenner

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Upcoming Events at CCS:

- August 21, **Last day to order Chick-fil-A meals for Back-to-School Night**
- August 21-24, **Teacher In-service**
- August 24, **Back-to-School Night and Family Picnic!**
- August 28, **First day of school**
- Aug. 30- 31, **8th Grade Retreat**
- August 31, **High School Retreat**

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

Connections:

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Plan to Take a Bus?

If you assume the public school bus is stopping for your student, **DON'T!** First you must let your district know you want transportation this year by printing and filling out forms found on our website and turning them in to the district. Many school districts require forms to be in by **August 1** to have bus-sing on the first day of school.

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Technology News

This will be year three of our 1:1 Chromebook initiative in the high school. In year one (2015) we were able to obtain Chromebooks (small laptops) for all 9th and 10th graders by way of a grant from EdTechTeam. Last year we added another set of devices for the incoming 9th grade, and the other Chromebooks moved on up with the students. This year we should have Chromebooks for all high school students as we add enough for the new 9th graders and any other newcomers to our high school!

Each high school student must provide a case for his/her Chromebook since the devices go home with students. The case must provide protection for the device. Look for a case that fits an 11.6 inch Chromebook or laptop. They are easily available at Amazon.com and other retailers for a reasonable cost.

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 1:1 Chromebooks in high school, the email with this newsletter also includes copies of the relevant technology forms. Students need to be aware of the expectations that they agreed to when electronically signing those forms, so we encourage families to read them again together and be sure that you understand what is included in the agreements.

Auction News

SAVE THE DATE!

October 20-21, 2017

Plan on attending the annual CCS BBQ and Auction to support the school, and start thinking about areas for which you would like to volunteer. The volunteer sign-up will be available in early September.

In the meantime, check out the auction page on our website [HERE](#) to see what is being planned and how you can help by asking local businesses for donations. If you are new to CCS, the New Family Guide can be found there as well. Check back regularly as the auction approaches to see how to help and what items will be up for bid at this year's auction.

Here are some areas of need:

CLASS BASKET COORDINATORS: We are still looking for class basket coordinators for many of our classes. We need parents of students in each grade to step up and be willing to coordinate a basket. This entails working with the class to choose a "theme" and notifying the class of items you would love to include. You will have \$75 of seed money to use for either a bigger item or things to fill in around donated items. Instructions and help with final presentation will be available. Please contact Cindy Carter to let her know or to discuss your willingness to help. You can contact Cindy at mccarter@dejazzd.com or 610-286-8818.

KITCHEN COORDINATOR: We have several important needs to be filled which are highlighted on the Auction News Page of our school website which you can access by clicking [HERE](#). In particular, we need someone to oversee the kitchen on the Saturday of the auction. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Heather Schreier at heather.schreier@conestogachristian.net or 610-286-0353 ext 404.

BIG AUCTION ITEM: The auction is still in need of that big item to draw people in and help the school to meet the financial goal for this fundraiser. If you have an idea or an item to donate (looking to get rid of an older car that still has plenty of life in it?) please contact Heather Schreier or Ken Parris.



News from the Athletic Director

The 2017/18 school year is fast approaching. Please make sure your student athlete has all of the necessary forms completed and to the school office by August 7. Below you will find a list of items needed to make sure you and your athlete are prepared.

1. Have a current PIAA physical dated *no earlier* than June 1, 2017.
2. Watch the Cougar Athletics video, available August 7, or make it personal and meet with Mr. Yoder for an informational meeting on Monday, August 14, in the school library from 5:00-5:45 PM.
3. Pay the sports fee of \$85.00 prior to the athlete's first practice. Please make checks payable to CCS.
4. Go to the Athletics Schedule, view practice and game schedules, and sign up for notifications.

Practices begin on August 14 for high school soccer and volleyball. Middle school soccer and volleyball practices begin on August 21. Coaches may use the first 2-4 practices for try-outs. Coaches will announce this at the first practice.

If you have questions following the video, email Mr. Yoder at phil.yoder@conestogachristian.net.

****CCS is in need of middle school soccer and volleyball coaches. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Phil Yoder.**

Where to Go for Information

Have you wondered where to find information you need for the school? Almost anything you need can be found on our website, conestogachristian.net. It is easy to navigate through the tabs at the top. For example, check out the "Resources" tab and click on "Current Families" to find just about any form or document for which you may be looking. They are listed in alphabetical order.

For information about your child's class schedule, lesson plans (in middle school and high school), or grades, head to ParentsWeb. ParentsWeb is the family side of RenWeb, our school management system. You can access ParentsWeb from our regular website as well. Just click on the tab at the top right. Don't have a ParentsWeb account set up yet? Not to worry. Complete directions on setting up an account can be found [HERE](#). (Or check on the [Resources for Current Families](#) page.) Every family, as well as every individual student in grades 6-12, should have a ParentsWeb account. Lots of important information is found there.

Elementary teachers will be letting parents know how to access their class websites and how to keep up to date on what is happening with the Jr. Cougars.

For up-to-the-minute snapshots of what is going on at school, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Of course, you can always call the school office during school hours with questions and contact your child's teacher(s) using email. Teacher emails are configured as firstname.lastname@conestogachristian.net.

Stay in touch!