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# **CBCS** Newsletter

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### A Message From Our Administrator

Smiles! Everyone is smiling! Well, it's true in most cases. Children are smiling because school has begun. Teens are smiling because they have renewed those relationships from last school year. Parents are smiling because summer is over and they can finally release their children into the loving arms of their teachers (so they can finally have a break). Yes, everyone is smiling!

The Bible says that "a joyful heart makes a cheerful face" (ESV). We have so much more to smile about than just sending our children off to school (although that is worth a big smile  $\odot$ )! We have a God who loves us and sent His Son who died for us and raised Him from the dead. We have a salvation that is free. We can have a home in heaven through faith in Christ. Our sins are for-given as God smiled on us by showering His mercy and grace. There's nothing better to smile about than that!

My hope and prayer is that we will have a fantastic school year as God smiles on Central Baptist Christian School. More importantly, however, my prayer is that you have experienced God's loving smile by accepting His Son, Jesus Christ, as Savior and that we are living in a way that causes the Father to smile on us as He sees His Son living in and through us.

Lord, smile on Central!



Labor Day Monday, Sept. 4 (School & Daycare Closed)

Coming Up Soon . . . Mark Your Calendar!

Many Fun Fellowship Events In September:



Friday, Sept. 8, 7:00 pm *"Back-To-School Dessert Social"* (Bring favorite to share or enter in contest.)

Monday, Sept. 11 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night @ Valrico location





Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:45 am "Muffins With Mom" CBCS Gym

#### Introducing Our New Faculty & Staff...

We are privileged to add four new teachers and one new office staff member, as well as two new members of our Daycare support staff. Also, you will notice some of our returning faculty & staff wearing "different or additional hats" this year, as we cover the needs created by an exciting increase in enrollment. For example, you will find Mrs. Sherrill teaching our brand new PreK3 class - and Spanish teacher, Mrs. Rudd, directing our Daycare. Mrs. Longanecker (besides her lunchroom duties) will be serving as our Elementary Teachers' Aide. And Evan West (now a graduate of Pensacola Christian College) rejoins us as full-time PE Coach. Welcome back, Coach West!

#### Now, let's give a very warm welcome to:



**Mr. Jon Patterson,** a graduate of Clearwater Christian College, joins our faculty as Secondary School History teacher & 7th grade homeroom teacher. He also coaches HS Girls Volleyball.

**Miss Meagan Portervint** (who was previously on our Daycare staff) has graduated from USF & joined the faculty as Secondary School Math teacher

& 10th grade homeroom teacher.





Mrs. Ida Cohen (who was a volunteer in our VPK program last year) is now the Teacher's Assistant in Mrs. Martin's VPK class.

Mrs. Sheris Patten (who coached in our mini-sports program last year) is now the Teacher's Assistant in Mrs. Proctor's VPK class.





Mrs. Karen Formont (who is filling a new position on our Office staff) joins us as *Family Accounts Manager*, handling accounts receivable.

We also welcome **Hannah Rudd & Chelsea Wagnon** who are working part time on our Daycare staff and our newest faculty addition, **Pastor Clarissa**, who will be teaching Bible four days a week in our secondary school. Hannah was Valedictorian of our CBCS Senior class last year, and Chelsea is in the Masters program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Mrs. Martin, VPK Director,

HANK YOU The entire school staff would like to thank Central Baptist Church for recognizing all of us and most importantly praying us in - at a special church service the Sunday before school began. The wonderful cooks of Central Baptist provided a delicious "feast" after the service.



## **5th Graders Exercise Caution as They Experience Eclipse...**

Mrs. Rice skipped ahead to Chapter 7 in the Science curriculum on the first week of school to prepare her 5th graders for the Aug. 21 eclipse. Understanding the phenomenon & the need for safe viewing, they are shown below with the boxes they made. (Mr. Sanchez assured that the younger kids were in on the excitement as they viewed it on the Chapel screen before carline.)



# Glimpses of "First Day of School" 2017-18

From our youngest & new PreK students to our high school CBCS Lions here ever since their own K-years ...







Above Left to Right - Jasmine Clark & Nikko Bazaldua, VPK, with their backpacks; new 1st grade student, Ingrid Urbina, at lunch with Ms. Wilson; and returning 5th graders (selected to be Safety Patrols & serving in the office as their first duty station), Brandon Kerzan & Tylor Formont.



TJ Mascho, now in 11th grade, has been at CBCS since K4. Here he is on the first day of school this year - signing out early, as one of our high school students accepted into the Dual Enrollment program with HCC. They take classes here in the morning & head to HCC for college in the afternoon.



It's Skate Night #3 for the Martin family, as Mr. Martin begins his third year as our CBCS principal.

## **Fun @ Central Skate Night**



Ashleigh Wood, Sasha Hanifan, Esther Strasavich, & Brycen Sanders are the first students in line for the 6pm start.



Peyton Anderson is next in *line - saying how much he* likes his new school, 3rd grade class, & teacher.









Our "Most Colorful" skater: 6th grader, Jared Smith!



Miss Portervint & Andres Luna give it "Two Thumbs Up"!







Fathers & daughters, mothers & sons, friends, grandparents, & staff are seen on & surrounding the rink - enjoying the event and the fellowship that always occurs when Central families come together.

### Let's All Get Onboard With Scrip!

Thank you to all who participated in our first Scrip Day. We had a great turn-out! All students were treated to ice pops, compliments of the Scrip program.

For our new families who are still questioning what Scrip is ... it's gift cards! We purchase gift cards from *Great Lakes Scrip* at a discount and then sell them to our CBCS families at face value. It is an easy way for our school to fundraise. Everyone needs gas and groceries. Why not purchase a gift card from Scrip to purchase those needs.

Each month we have a promotion to reward our students for participating in Scrip. For the month of September we are rewarding our secondary students with a homework pass. They can earn up to one homework pass per week. Our younger students will get to go into our Scrip Treasure Chest full of many treasures.

I like to highlight a few of the Scrip vendors. We try to keep *Publix, Walmart, & Winn Dixie* Scrip on hand for parents to purchase. These are stores that most of us visit frequently. Also, we carry *Shell, WaWa, Speedway, & Circle K* for your fuel needs.



Use your Scrip order form or come by the Scrip Store on Friday mornings and check out our Scrip inventory. Together we can make the Scrip program a success!

Before you go shopping: Think Scrip! Mrs. Cheri Craven, Scrip Coordinator

## Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Sept. 11 ...

Thank you to Mrs. Young for organizing our Spirit Nights again this year. The first will be Mon., Sept. 11, at the *Chick-fil-A* Valrico location. Some Spirit Night dates on the 2017-18 calendar may change, so watch newsletters for updates.

### IDENT-A-KID...

Parents, you will have an opportunity on **Sept. 12** to have a photo ID made of your child. IDENT-A-KID will be on campus at 8:30am to photograph and fingerprint those students whose parents return the application that will be sent home beforehand. (You are welcome to bring siblings, too.)

### **Reminder:** Book Fees Due Sept. 15



*"Muffins With Mom"* Weds., Sept. 20, 7:45am



Moms, you are encouraged to come to the gym for this special time with your children before the school day begins. The students will be dismissed to class at 8:15, after which there will be a short devotional time for the moms who can stay.

### Individual School Pictures Sept. 21 ...

Students in K3 - 11th grade will have their individual school pictures taken on Thurs., Sept. 21, and are to wear their Chapel clothes, with maroon polos. (*K3: maroon t-shirts*)

### Conference Night Sept. 21 ...

Our 1st-11th grade teachers will be available for conferences on Thurs., Sept. 21, 4-6:30pm, Conference forms will be sent home. If your child's teacher does not request a conference but you would like one, there will be a space on the form for you to make that request.

#### "See You at the Pole 2017"...

Our MS & HS students are planning their annual "See You at the Pole" event for Wed., Sept. 27, 7:30am, in the Secondary School parking lot. This global event is student-planned & student-led. Meet at the flagpole as our students lead us in prayers for our nation, community, and school.

#### Middle School/High School Retreat ...

Please pray for our 6th-12th graders as they go on their retreat to *Word of Life* on Sept. 28th and 29th.

## **CBCS** Volleyball Season Underway ...

Thank you to the many students who tried out for our volleyball teams - and to Coach Patterson. Coach Williard, & Coach Maddox (who are coaching the High School, Varsity, & JV teams, respectively).

#### **High School Varsity Girls**

Teegan Ahrens Sofia Borja Jordan Albright Hannah Estrella Ana Howell Miriam Huff Mary Mitir Hailey Osborne Taylor Scowden Reina Prentice Aleah Rudd Aliceah Spencer Angela Swiney Varsity Coed Team

Trinity Heine Joey Lawrence Melody Martin Brianna McGuire Yariana Mendoza Ethan Newell Austin Osborne Rebekah Rudd Chris Serrano-Alvarez Ashleigh Wood Celia Young

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#### JV Coed Team

Ezequiel Acevedo Calvin Borgard Sa'Myra Cameron Nyla Hicks Josh Huff Jeremy Johnson Kendall Johnson Jan Serrano-Alvarez Esther Strasavich Alternates: Valeria Betancourt Analis Mazo Hannah Stallard