



Easter Blessings . . .

The school calendar is rapidly winding down, as we are already into the first week of the final grading period. The next event on our theological calendar is commonly referred to as Passion Week. Preparations are even now being made by various groups around the world to celebrate the fact of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Two thousand years ago, the fact of the Resurrection gave a motley, scared group of disciples the courage to spread the good news of the Gospel. Paul stated our eventual victory in passages such as 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 as he observes: *"Oh Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* We pray you will sense the Resurrection anew during this time of year and that this fact, the very bedrock of our faith and assurance, will continue to give you a sense of victory as we journey toward the ultimate goal and can exclaim one day as Paul did, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"* (2 Timothy 4:7).

Please continue to be a prayer warrior for this ministry as we partner with you to help your students keep the faith.

In Christ,
Mr. Martin

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**Our FFA Chapter
Rocks!**



Parent Appreciation Dinner Tuesday, April 4, 5pm-7pm



By now you should have received your invitation to our "Parent Appreciation Dinner" - to be held on Tuesday, April 4. We hope you will allow our staff to prepare and serve your meal that evening - and treat you to their home-made desserts. Dinner will be served from 5pm to 7pm in the gym. The invitations ask for an RSVP from each family. Please return your RSVP card by Fri., March 31, to your child's teacher (older child if more than one).

2017-2018 Enrollment

Our Open Enrollment period is underway. Please encourage your friends to visit our school, and give them a referral form. **For any new family enrolling because of your recommendation, you will receive a \$100 credit.** The new family will need to attach a referral form to their application and follow through with the enrollment next year. You will receive your \$100 referral credit next October. Referral forms are always available in the office.

Important: Current Families

We will not be able to place your child's name on the roster for next year if you have a past-due balance from 2016-2017.

Attention: Step-Up Families

If your child is currently on a Step-Up scholarship, you must re-apply for next year and provide us with your Renewal Scholarship letter (if you haven't yet).

For families who plan to apply for the first time, check the Step-Up website for information:

www.stepupforstudents.org

*Or alternately, you may check the
AAA Scholarship website:
info@aaascholarships.org*

TerraNova Standardized Testing

April 3-6 for 1st-11th Graders . . .

Our 1st-11th graders will have their TerraNova testing Monday through Thursday, April 3-6. Please be sure your children have a good breakfast each morning and come to school rested for their standardized testing. It is very important that they arrive on time. Once the testing begins, they may not enter the classrooms late. Thank you for helping on the parental end to prepare our students for a week that is successful and stress-free. (If it is necessary for your child to leave for an appointment, please make it for afternoon.)

Field Day/Half Day Friday, April 7



Our 1st-12th graders will enjoy Field Day on Friday, April 7, which is a half-day of school. Many fun games are being planned by Coach Williard and Coach Maddox. Parents, if you can volunteer to help, please let them know.

The half-day release times that day will be:

K's, Noon
1st-12th, 12:15



Student Corner . . .

Our FFA Chapter Shares Agricultural Knowledge



Our CBCS Chapter of the F.F.A. celebrated National FFA Week by sharing their knowledge of Florida agriculture with all our Elementary classes. This project involved giving six separate presentations (geared to the different age levels). They showed slides and talked about Florida's produce, livestock, and aquaculture - displaying not only their vast knowledge but also honing their skills in public speaking. Making this presentation to our 3rd graders, Chapter President Teegan Ahrens is shown at left; Samuel Levasseur, center; & Devion Smith, right. At the far right, their FFA Advisor, Mr. Rudd, gives a "fist up" for Florida farmers and suggests to students that they encourage their parents to support our local farmers by purchasing Florida grown oranges and strawberries. We have asked Teegan, Samuel, & Devion to share some interesting facts below. As you can see from photos of the 3rd graders, they greatly enjoyed both the presentation and the fruit samples!

Teegan:

The part of Florida Agriculture that I discussed with the students was all about citrus. Citrus is what Florida is famous for, especially oranges! Did you know that 95% of the oranges we produce are used for eating, and the other 5% for juice. That's a lot of oranges we just eat. The *Florida Natural* brand orange juice is made from 100% Florida oranges. That means they use only oranges we grow in Florida for their juice. When people are educated about Florida agriculture, they start to appreciate it. When we appreciate agriculture and treat the earth correctly, we are glorifying God because we are fulfilling the Creation Mandate.

Samuel:

I first asked the students what was their favorite farm animal. I taught them the difference between plowing the field today and how it was worked over 100 years ago. Lastly, I showed them how farmers came up with an efficient way to milk by using a rotary parlor for milking dozens of cows at the same time, with little stress to the herd. Agriculture is so important to the success of our world, and it starts with the farmers and their drive for a better tomorrow through more productive means and greater technology.



Devion:

Aquaculture is the process by which one raises aquatic animals or plants, like fish, crabs, & seaweed. It's found all around. For example, did you know that seaweed, or at least the extract from it, is used in many things like baby food, toothpaste, salad dressing, and even ice cream? There are two main ways to raise fish - **Extensive aquaculture & Intensive aquaculture.** Extensive aquaculture is when you use a large pond or section of water. Intensive aquaculture is when you use tanks, and this takes a lot of work to maintain. Both aquatic processes are valuable to the industry. Today farming is much more than a plow and some overalls! Agriculture must continue to grow to provide the sustainability our world needs.



Scrip News

Spring has arrived! It's hard to believe we only have two more months of school left. It's not too late to get on board with Scrip. Stop by the office or the Scrip Store on Friday mornings and check it out!

Are you still asking what Scrip is? Scrip is gift cards! You purchase Scrip cards (gift cards) from the school at face value. For example, you purchase a \$25 gift card to Walmart, and you receive a Walmart Scrip card for \$25. It's that simple. No strings attached! We purchase Scrip cards (gift cards) from Great Lakes Scrip at a discounted price. It is an easy fundraiser for the school. Everyone has to purchase groceries, gas, and clothes. Just think Scrip before you head to the store!

Are you a mall shopper? Here is a list of stores that participate in Scrip: Aeropostale, American Eagle, Claire's, Dillard's, Express, JC Penny, Macys, Payless, Build A Bear, Disney Store, Bath and Body Works, Dick's Sporting Goods, Cheesecake Factory, Panera Bread, Red Robin, Bahama Breeze, and Starbucks.

With any purchase of Scrip in the month of April, our secondary students will receive a homework pass (one per week), and our elementary students will get to go into the Scrip Treasure Chest.

As always, think Scrip!
Ms. Tuvell



Congratulations To CBCS Contestants



Selected For ACTS District Competitions

The following students in our 3rd-7th grades will be participating in the Association of Christian Teachers & Schools (ACTS) Math, Spelling, & Bible competitions this month. Congratulations to each student, and please lift them in prayer as they prepare with their teachers:

Math, April 7 @ Ocala, First Assembly Christian School

3rd - *Conor Gallagher, Sarah Alonso, She'Niyah Mobley*

4th - *Sean Fondren, Nathan Lawrence, Jonah Smith*

5th - *Jeremy Johnson, Destinie King, Camden Long*

6th - *Tayden Clark, Ethan Newell, Josh Smith*

7th - *Owen Newell, Celia Young*

Spelling, April 21 @ CBCS

3rd - *Mikalah Rudd, Daniel Viana, Madi White*

4th - *Zayra Arce, Scarlett Feliu, Shemaiah Wells*

5th - *Emma Alonso, Adriana Ellis, Carissa Howell*

6th - *Emma Kerzan*

7th - *Joey Lawrence, Ashleigh Wood, Celia Young*

Bible, April 28 @ Orlando IEC

3rd - *Gabi Miller, Natalia Vetrano, Sa'Myra Cameron, Victoria Nieves, Kya Rose Locke*

4th - *Kaylin Clark, Scarlett Duarte, Grace Orozco*

5th - *Frank Hernandez, Andres Luna, Jenaya Nystrom*

6th - *Onice Bonachea, Tayden Clark, Angel Eliezer, Kiara Ortiz, Alex Rodriguez*

7th - *Unique Carter, Tamira Porter, Celia Young*

Also - *Teegan Ahrens representing our High School*

Artist of the Month

Mrs. Alford has selected the following student as our second recipient of this award . . .

Azura Patten (3rd grade)

Azura is shown (below left) busy creating a painting in her Art class. On the wall outside the classroom, you can see a sample of art work by our award winner last month, Adriana Ellis.



Azura at work in Art class



Adriana's painting

Central's Community Easter Egg Hunt Sat. April 15, 11:00-1:00



Please add this event to your calendar (and delete the Spring Fling originally scheduled for April). Students (PreK - 5th) and their families are welcome. The kids will enjoy the egg hunt, and there will be hamburgers & hotdogs for all.

"Jump/Hoops for Heart"



We raised over \$1600 for the American Heart Association - an all-time school record. Thanks so much for your support!



Think Ahead . . . Summer Camp @ CBCS

Summer will be here before we know it. Plans are being made for Summer Camp, and we would like to invite you to participate. Tentative plans are for June 12-August 4, 6:30am-6:00pm for age 4 through 8th grade. If you are interested, we ask that you sign up by May 1st with Mrs. Longanecker in the daycare office.

CBCS Lions Capture Top Trophies In Central Florida Athletic Conference Championship

Our CBCS Varsity Basketball Team, coached by Mr. Martin, won 1st place in the three-day CFAC Championship Tournament! Congratulations to our team members: *Eugene Clarisa, Manny Feliu, Damonte Jackson, Nate Lanz, Chris Lee, David Lee, Josh Lefranc, Sam Levassuer, Thomas Smith, & Leejhai Wells.* What an exciting finish to their 15-4 season! We also want to congratulate our Varsity Girls Basketball Team, with Coach Williard, on 11 season wins & on taking the 2nd place trophy in their very close final tournament game - coming within 1 point of 1st place! Well done, Lady Lions: *Daysha Catrett, Katharine Feliu, Ana Howell, Raven Joyner, Devion Smith, Aliceah Spencer, & Yemika Travieso.*



Special Kudos to our players who were selected to participate in the All Star Game. They all received individual trophies & All Star T-shirts:

*Chris Lee
Eugene Clarisa
Sam Levasseur*



*Aliceah Spencer
Ana Howell
Daysha Catrett*

Eugene Clarisa & Chris Lee were also selected for the All Tournament Team!



**Our proud Principal & Coach,
Mr. Dan Martin!**



*Aliceah
Spencer &
Chris Lee
in action!*



*Above: Varsity Basketball boys
celebrating their Championship win!*



*At Right: Varsity girls with
their Runners-up trophy*



Congratulations, CBCS Golf Team!

*Frankie Hernandez
Camden Long
Caleb Martin
Gracie Orozco
Josh Proctor
Jared Smith*

With golf pro, Ron Bakich,
as their coach, our
golfers won this 3rd place
TBCAL trophy



**Reading
Counts!**



**Shown here in
Elementary
Chapel with our
Library Director,
Mrs. Bateman:**

*Madi White, 3rd
Jared Smith, 5th
Aiden Perkins, 1st*

**Three more students receive medals as they work towards
attaining their goals in our *Reading Counts!* program.**