



Fort Collins Christian School

Newsletter

September 6, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Sabbath, September 7	Special Music and School Consecration Service
Wednesday, September 18	Mid-term Reports
Monday, September 23 - 30	ITBS Testing (grades 3-8)
Thursday, October 10?	Colorado Corn Maze?
Thursday, October 17	First Quarter Ends
Monday, October 21	Second Quarter Begins
Wednesday, October 23	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (School is out at noon)
Saturday, October 26	Fall Festival 6:30 p.m.

FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A CORE VALUES SCHOOL

We are a core values school! We **CHERISH** our selected seven core values: **C**hrist-centered Living, **H**onor, **E**xploration, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **S**ervice, and **H**eroism. "To acquire wisdom is to love oneself: people who **CHERISH** understanding will prosper." Proverbs 19:8

In **August** and **September**, we are focusing on the first core value of **Christ-centered Living**: Reflecting God's character in attitudes and actions. The students are given the opportunity to acknowledge classmates who show the core value of Christ-centered living every day.



SPECIAL MUSIC & SCHOOL CONSECRATION TOMORROW, SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 7

Our Students are doing the Special Music at the church tomorrow, Sabbath, September 7. The students (Preschool – grade 8) will play color bells and sing a song, and Grades 3-8 will play chimes for the Special Music.

After the Special Music we will ask all the parents, teachers and volunteers to come to the front, and Pastor Daniel will do a consecration prayer to consecrate our school to God. All of the students and parents are invited to join this occasion. Please be at the church by 10:30 a.m. Sabbath, September 7. We will practice our music in the Preschool classroom before we go and perform in the sanctuary.

ITBS TESTS THIS MONTH

We will **start ITBS Testing Monday, Spetember 23**. The test days will last about four to five days.



Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores students on how they perform nation-wide (not state-wide). ITBS testing tests all academic areas: reading, writing, expressions, spelling, vocabulary, punctuation and capitalization, math concepts, math computation skills, science, and social

studies. On the other hand, the standarized testing that Colorado public schools use tests only math, reading, and writing skills. The ITBS scores will arrive in December, so we will give you the results late December or beginning of January. Only grades 3-8 participate this testing.

Tests will begin at 9:00 each morning, and will last until lunch time. The students have short breaks between each test. Students are encouraged to do their best.

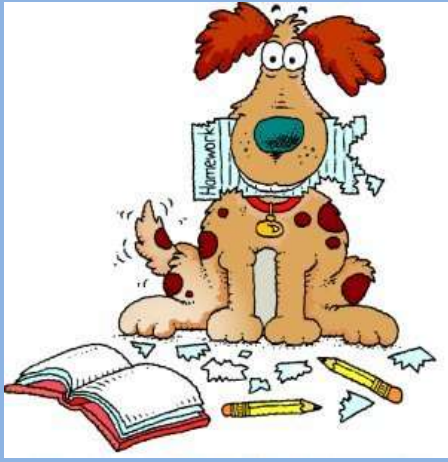
*Here's how you (parents) can help during the test week.

- Make sure your child goes to bed early each night, then eats a hearty breakfast.
- Make sure your child drinks plenty of water, and gets plenty of outdoor exercise.
- Encourage your child to do their best. Motivate them to concentrate hard.
- Make sure your child brings a full water bottle to school each morning, because the disposable water bottles spill so easily.
- Send snacks for the day, so they can have snack during the break.



SCHOOL IS A KID'S JOB

Your children work hard at school – it is their job. And to prepare for an adult job, we practice responsibility at school and at home. Responsibility is one of our core values, too. We focus on believing, “I can take care of myself. I can



remember my homework; I can remember my lunch box; I can remember my papers; I can remember to turn in my work and homework; I can remember my school supplies; I can remember to study for my spelling test on Thursday. I can remember my water bottle. This is my responsibility; no one else has to do it for me.”

Learning independence and responsibility will give your child confidence to succeed. “If you can’t be responsible for the small things in your young life, how can you be responsible for the big things late in life?” This is why we ask students to be responsible with their things and duties and to remind them of what they are supposed to do.

We have some water bottles at school to give to students if they forgot their own water bottle at home, and we are happy to share them with students. Hydration is essential, and we want our students to stay refreshed. We are eager to make sure every student has plenty of water.



Staff Meeting on Tuesday Morning

Mr. & Mrs. Breese, Miss Reeder, and Pastor Daniel have their staff meeting on Tuesday mornings (7:00 – 7:45 a.m.). Please do not bring your children before 7:45 a.m. Tuesday mornings. If you have to bring your child(ren) before 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday morning, please

make special arrangements with us ahead of time. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL T-SHIRTS DAY ON WEDNESDAYS!



Most of the students got their red school t-shirts. We have ordered red t-shirts for the new students. The school t-shirt will be used for the school field trips, and **Wednesday is a School T-shirt Day!** So please make sure your child wears the school t-shirt on Wednesdays.

PARENT INCENTIVE:

When you introduce a new student to our school and the student stays in our school for more than 6 months, the parents who introduce a new student to our school will get \$75. We believe that we have a great school. Please let other people know about our school.



PRESCHOOL CORNER:

The school year is off to a great start in the preschool classroom! Adjusting to school days is hard work, especially when you are 3 or 4 years old! But the students have been doing wonderfully, and have jumped right into playing and learning!

Right now, we are learning about many things, like how Jesus gives us friends, comparing sizes of objects, the days of the week, counting, and the weather. It's fun to spend the day with friends, learning and playing together!

As a side note, we are collecting cardboard egg cartons for a project! If you have any cardboard egg cartons, please consider donating them to preschool this month instead of throwing them away!

Thank-you for your continued prayers for our school as a whole, as well as for the preschool program! ~Miss Reeder



OUR MISSION

It is our purpose to provide a safe Christ-centered learning environment to empower students to become respectful and responsible individuals with a lifelong desire to learn.

OUR VISION

It is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers of the individual student through Christ-centered instruction. It is the preparation for successful

citizenship in this world and the world to come. It is to instill the joy of unselfish service for others in the child.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to teach our students about a lifelong personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and also to challenge, support, and care for our students as they develop into respectful, responsible, and caring individuals.

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