



Fort Collins Christian School

Newsletter

March 22, 2019



IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH, APRIL & MAY

Monday, March 25	4 th Quarter Begins (No School for grades 5-8)
Tuesday, March 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences (School is out at noon)
Monday, April 1	Visitation Day (Grades K-8) 8:00 – 3:00/4:00
Tuesday, April 2	Visitation Day (Preschool – Pre-K) 9:00 – 10:30
Wednesday, April 3	Swimming at Chilson Center (after Lunch)
Sabbath, April 6	Special Music at the Church
Mon. April 8 – Thurs. 11	Week of Prayer
Monday, April 22	Mid-term Reports
Saturday, April 27	Thank-you Dinner (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) Music Program (7:10 – 7:45 p.m.) Gymnastics Show (7:55 – 8:15 p.m.)
Friday, May 3	Track and Field Day at HMS (9:00 – noon)
Monday, May 6	Visitation Day (Grades K-8) 8:00-3:00/4:00
Tuesday, May 7	Visitation Day (Preschool – Pre-K) 9:00 – 10:30
Wednesday, May 8	School Accreditation Day
Saturday, May 18	Special Music at the Church?
*Please let us know if May 18 works for you for our students to do the last Special Music!	
Wednesday, May 22	Awards Night & Graduation (6:00 p.m.)
Thursday, May 23	Last Day of School (School is out at noon.)
Friday, June 14	Pre-Registration Deadline

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 April, we are focusing on the value of **Heroism: Making decisions that align with conviction and beliefs, even if it means standing alone.** Our students are given the opportunity to acknowledge classmates who show the core values every day.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences for the A Tuesday, March 26 (Noon to 6:30 p.m.)

On Tuesday, March 26, we will have Parent/Student/Teacher conferences (Preschool – 8th). School is out at noon. Please check your conference time on the conference sign-up sheet at the sign-in & out table.

If this coming Tuesday, March 26, does not work for you, we can



schedule your conference for a different day, so please let us know. We would like your child(ren) to be responsible for their learning, so we ask them to be a part of the conference. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Parent
+
Teacher
Educated
Child**

OPEN HOUSE/VISITATION DAY SCHEDULE FOR NEW STUDENTS

Here is our visitation day schedule for prospective students for the next school year.

- 1) Monday, April 1 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00/4:00 p.m.) for Grades K-8
- 2) Tuesday, April 2 (9:00 to 10:30 a.m.) for Preschool (ages 3-5)
- 3) Monday, May 6 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00/4:00 p.m.) for Grades K-8
- 4) Tuesday, May 7 (9:00 to 10:30 a.m.) for Preschool (ages 3-5)

Please let other people know about our visitation days. If people are interested in coming to our visitation days, they need to contact us and **make an appointment**, so we can prepare.



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 introduced the new student to our school will get \$75. We believe that we have a great school.

Please let other people know about our school and our OPEN HOUSE/visitation days.

SWIMMING AT CHILSON CENTER – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

We are going to Chilson Center in Loveland for swimming after lunch on April 3. We will leave school at 12:45 p.m. to go there. Students in our preschool's half-day program are welcome to come with us. We will have a lot of fun there! Preschool students **MUST** have a parent drive/accompany them to the event.



Please pick your children up at Chilson Center at 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. If you cannot pick up your child from the Chilson Center then please let us know.

Please bring a swim suit, towel, plastic bag for wet swim suits, and \$3.

If April 3 is a very cold day, we will postpone the swimming day until a day that is warmer. We do not want our children to get sick after swimming.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT THE CHURCH – SABBATH, APRIL 6

Our students are singing a song and playing colored bells for the Special Music at the church on Sabbath, April 6. The students in grades 2-8 will play the chimes for the offertory. Please be at the church by 10:40 a.m.



THANK-YOU DINNER, MUSIC PROGRAM, & GYMNASTIC SHOW - SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Our school is supported by Fort Collins SDA Church and private donations from our church members. A lot of our church members help out at our school and pray for our school, students and teachers every day. We can offer affordable tuition rates, without compromising standards, quality or excellence, because of the church support and generous donations.

Thank-You Dinner (6:00– 7:00 p.m.): We would like to thank our church members, so we will serve a Mexican Dinner for the supporters of our school on Saturday night, April 27. We would like all of the parents to bring some Mexican food to this thank-you dinner. The food items can be Spanish rice, beans, salsa, chips, enchiladas, tamales, burritos, nacho cheese, salad, dessert or drink. The Mexican Dinner sign-up sheet will be at the sign-in & out area later, so please sign-up for the food item(s) you can bring.

Spring Music Program (7:10 - 7:45 p.m.): Our students (Grades: Preschool – 8) will play colored bells, play the chimes, and sing songs in this program. Some students will also play the piano.

Annual Gymnastics Show (7:55- 8:15 p.m.): Our students (Grades: Preschool – 8) will practice tumbling, gymnastic routines, and pyramids for this program and present a gymnastic show. All the students need to wear a black t-shirt and shorts for this program.



Please invite your family and friends to this fun program!

ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER REPORT 2019



About 90 people came to the Italian Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday night, March 9.

We would like to thank everyone who came to the dinner and gave us a generous donation for this fundraiser! We would also like to thank the parents who helped out in the kitchen and those who donated food items for the dinner.

We raised **\$3,000** including tips (\$160). Thank you again for supporting our school!





SCHOOL ACCREDITATION DAY – WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Fort Collins Christian School is accredited by the following two organizations: 1) The National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA) and 2) The Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities.

The last school accreditation was May, 2012. At that time, we were granted the highest accreditation possible.

The school accreditation process helps our school to demonstrate a commitment to ongoing self-assessment, evidence-informed practice, and continued school improvement.

This school year, our accreditation coordinating team has been working hard to review the progress report from the previous accreditation, and has been evaluating the accreditation standards for the upcoming accreditation.

Parent Survey for Accreditation: The **parents' survey** is a critical component of our accreditation process. Your opinions about the quality of the school program helps us to become a better school. The Rocky Mountain Conference emailed you a parent survey a few weeks ago. Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey. If

you have not yet completed it, please do so as soon as is possible. If you have not received the survey, please let us know. Thank you for your cooperation.

Accreditation Day: The Accreditation Assessment Team is coming to our school on Wednesday, May 8, and will stay at our school all day to study the accreditation standards, evaluate our school, and give us their report at the end of the day.

TUITION RATES FOR 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration Fee: \$340 (Grades K-8)
\$200 (Preschool)

Tuition for Grades 1-8: \$410 (Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Tuition for Kindergarten: \$430 (Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
\$450 (Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
\$510 (Monday- Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Friday, 8:00 a.m.-noon)

Tuition for Preschool:

3 half days	\$320 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m./12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
4 half days	\$420 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m./12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
5 half days	\$500 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m./12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
2 full days	\$370 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) \$420 (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
3 full days	\$510 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) \$530 (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
4 full days	\$580 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) \$640 (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
4.5 full days	\$640 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Friday (8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.) \$690 (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Friday (8:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.)

Sibling Tuition Discount: 2nd Child: \$25 off, 3rd Child: \$50 off, 4th Child: \$75 off

After School and Before School Care: \$5 per hour

Constituent Family Discount: \$70

Payment Plan:

- **Pre-registration:** If you pay the registration fee by June 15, you get 10% off on the registration fee.
- **Yearly Payment Plan:** If you pay the registration fee and the entire year's tuition by June 15, you will get 10% off the registration fee and entire year's tuition.
- **Half-Year Payment Plan:** If you pay the registration fee and the half-year tuition (5-month tuition) at the time of registration, you will get 5% off on the registration fee and half-year tuition.
- **Quarterly Payment Plan:** If you pay the registration fee and a quarter of the entire year's tuition at the time of registration, you will get 2.5% on the registration fee and quarterly tuition.
- **Monthly Payment Plan:** The registration fee and first month's tuition (August) are paid at the time of registration. Nine remaining monthly payments will be due on the first of each month from September through May.

ACADEMY DAYS

Campion Academy is a Seventh-day Adventist high school located in Loveland. The following news is from the aforementioned.

Teen Makes Directional Shift After Attending Campion's *Academy Days*

Amira Davis was an eighth-grade student attending a public school in Alamosa, Colorado, when her pastor approached her and encouraged her to attend a free weekend event at Campion Academy in Loveland, Colorado called *Academy Days*. Accepting this invitation would end up having a major impact on her life. "Honestly, I didn't really know anything about Campion, and I didn't have plans to attend," she recalls. "The pastor just told us there was going to be this fun and free event, so I decided to go. When I went, I saw how much fun it was, and how easy it was to make friends in that environment. Ultimately, that's why I decided to go to Campion."

Now in her second year at Campion as a sophomore, Davis says "Coming to Campion definitely affected my academics in a positive way. There were a lot of things in school that I felt I struggled with, and when I came here, I got more personalized help. Being here has helped me focus on my academics, my GPA, and my goals for the future."

Davis has also appreciated the focus on spiritual growth at Campion. "I definitely have more opportunities to connect with Jesus than I would at any other school," she commented.

Campion Academy is once again preparing to open its doors to interested students during its annual *Academy Days* on April 12 and 13. *Academy Days* is designed to give prospective seventh through eleventh-grade students the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat "cafe" food, tour the campus, make some new friends and just get a feel for academy life.

Students attending *Academy Days* typically come from all over the state of Colorado, and many other states as well, including Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Texas. The theme this year is "He Knows Me By Name" and is featuring virtual-reality station games, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food. "This event not only introduces students to academy life, but it is designed for students to have a great time and make new friends," comments Jessica Rios, Enrollment Director. "Most importantly, visitors experience what it means to be surrounded by vibrant young Christians in our Christ-centered campus."

In addition to having fun, students are also given the opportunity to apply for scholarships in multiple areas, including writing, art, music, and service. Robyn Quillin, from Cortez, Colorado, attended last year's *Academy Days* and won a scholarship for Christian Service for her volunteer work she had done at nursing homes and through Pathfinders. While she was already planning on attending Campion before the visit, she discovered, "It was a great way to get some scholarship money to help me attend, and it was fun to see all the different activities they have at Campion. It also made it easier to come this year because I got to know other students beforehand." While some scholarship competitions happen on-site, most need to be applied for by April 4, and can be found on the *Academy Days* registration home page.

Campion Academy provides students with a rigorous academic environment grounded in a Biblical worldview. Students not only gain a top-quality education but are encouraged to grow their faith in Christ in every aspect of academy life.

For more information and to register, visit www.campion.net/academy-days.

Jill Harlow
Communication Director
Campion Academy



POLICE SERVICES BUILDING VISIT – TUESDAY, MARCH 5



Students in grades K- 8 visited the Police Services Building on Tuesday, March 5. The police officers gave us a tour of the building and talked about their occupation. We learned a lot about the Police Services Building and what police officers do. Additionally, we learned about the qualifications and training needed to

become police officers.

After the visit, our students made thank you cards for the police officers and firefighters who protect lives and serve our community. We are so thankful that some people risk their lives and serve in our community, and we are so blessed that our school is located next to the Police Services Building. We feel safe in this location.



GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BREAKFAST (GRADES K-4)

Students in grades K-4 learned about the presidents of the United States. Mrs. Breese



read a story called *George Washington's Breakfast*, and the students learned that George Washington had hoecakes for breakfast.

In March, our lower grade students actually made hoecakes (Johnny cakes) in the classroom and enjoyed George Washington's breakfast of hoecakes and tea. They were very tasty!



SKI DAY - THURSDAY, MARCH 7

On March 7, we went to the Snowy Range Ski Area in Wyoming for the first time. The snow was perfect, the weather was good, and the price just right. We had a great time skiing there!



FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESCHOOL CENTER

This month, our preschoolers have been working hard on many things, including practicing writing. We have been learning about Jesus' life on Earth, as well as how God helped Daniel make good choices, and can help us make good choices too. We had a new friend visit on visitation day, and are looking forward to our next visitation day to meet more friends! As we head into this last stretch of the school year, we are looking forward to all of the fun events coming up! As always, thank-you for your support and prayers!

~Miss Reeder

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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.