



Jefferson County Christian School October 2015 Newsletter



Dear JCCS School Family:

Next Friday, on October 9th, we will be holding a retirement dinner for one of our dear, faithful teachers, Mrs. Virginia Young. Anyone who knows Mrs. Young and would like to celebrate with us is invited to attend. Please see the enclosed invitation and be sure to RSVP if you plan to join us. Mrs. Young will be retiring after fifteen years of devoted service to Jefferson County Christian School. She also will be moving all the way to Texas to live near family and to enjoy her new life of leisure ☺ But today I want to share with you not the end of the story but the beginning of the story of Mrs. Young and JCCS. And of course, it is a God story.

Back in the summer of 2000 we found ourselves in need of a new fifth grade teacher. The teacher that left was at the beginning of her career and in transition and was moving away from the area. Her name was Miss Young. I knew at the end of the school year that Miss Young would not be returning and so I spent all of the months of June and July seeking the next fifth grade teacher, to no avail. I had searched high and low and had contacted every contact. Finally, in late August, I did what I should have done in early June, I prayed unto the Lord. I said, "Lord, there is nothing more that I can do to find a teacher. You know the children need and I need you to send a fifth grade teacher to me through these doors."

Soon after I prayed that prayer, I was working in my office in Mingo late into the afternoon (4 or 5-ish.) I was by myself and because it was after school hours, no one would have known I was there. Right then I heard a little knock on my door. There stood an elegant, petite little lady by the name of Mrs. Young who just happened to drive by the school and just happened to stop and see if the school was open and if anyone was in the building. She parked, and opened the door and came upstairs. She did not even know that a Christian school existed there before that moment.

As we began to chat, I learned that she had moved from Texas back to Jefferson County to care for her father. She indicated that she needed to work and that she was a missionary, a counselor and an elementary teacher. I told her that I needed an elementary teacher and the rest is history.

After many years of working together to teach children the truth of God, Mrs. Young and I often reminisced of how God answered my prayer directly by sending the right fifth grade teacher through the doors. And then for 15 years, we were blessed by her service unto the Lord and by her love. Thank you, Heavenly Father, who hears and answers prayer. See I Peter 5:7

P.S. Mrs. Young will be having an estate sale this weekend, October 2, 3, and 4 at her property. If anyone would like to help out or attend the sale, please call the office tomorrow for times and directions.

Grateful for our time together,

Diane Hutchison

Administrator



News You NEED TO KNOW



September 24th The "BACK TO SCHOOL" FELLOWSHIP NIGHT / OPEN HOUSE

Was a wonderful evening for our school family! Thank you so much for attending. September 24th was also the day for Progress Reports. Due to the ability of our parents to track grades through InfoDirect, we do not automatically send a hard copy of the Progress Report Home. We do send a hard copy home to parents of students who are receiving "D" grades or who are at risk of failing a class. If you would like to receive a hard copy of your student's progress report, we would be happy to send one and you may request one through the office or by emailing pgrabits@myjccs.org

PTF NEWS

Silent Auction
The PTF is busy! Thank you so much for your help and support for the Parent Teacher Fellowship at the Silent Auction at our Open House. We were able to raise over \$1,000 to benefit our students and staff this year! Also, thanks to all the parents who are so faithfully volunteering to be "lunch ladies." The next PTF MEETING will be held on Monday, October 4th at 2:45 PM in the lunchroom. We will be voting to approve the new PTF Bylaws and discussing upcoming activities and projects. All interested parents should plan to attend! See the enclosed PTF newsletter.

October 15th

PRAYER AND A PIECE OF PIE DAY!

We want to appreciate all of our pastors in October during Pastor Appreciation Month. Our homerooms have all been praying for the local pastors assigned to their classes. Now we have plans to meet them and share a piece of pie. Flyers were sent home last week for you to turn in your pastor's information in order to receive an invite. In this packet, we



are making a plea for pie and help on the day of the event. If you still would like to turn in your pastor's name for an invitation, please contact Julie Marshall.

A NOTE ABOUT PACKED LUNCHES AND PEANUT ALLERGIES

We have several students enrolled who have peanut allergies. We have built a protocol to follow throughout the day to keep those students safe and our students are abiding by it in such a sweet way to help those classmates. Although, we are not asking all of our parents to make our school 100% peanut free, we are asking that if it is possible for you to pack a lunch for your student that is peanut/peanut oil free then that would lessen the possibility of a dangerous incident to occur. We thank you for your care and cooperation in this matter.



2015-2016

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

We have made every effort to be accurate and correct on this year's official school directory. It is enclosed in this packet.



2015-2016 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

The revised 2015-16 Parent/Student Handbook that was promised the first week of school is on hold for the moment due to some significant changes. As soon as it is ready, we will post it on the website at www.myjccs.org and also send home a hard copy to each family.

When you do receive it, please read it and make yourself aware of its contents and then sign and return the last page to acknowledge that you have seen it and read it. The Handbook acts as a "type" of contract between the school and the home so that you know what you can expect from the school and we know what to expect from you in the way of cooperation and support.

JCCS
Parent/Student
Handbook
2015-16

125 Fernwood Rd.
Wintersville, OH
740.275.4326

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES



Included in the Handbook this year when you receive it, listed under the Computer Acceptable Use Policy, are guidelines for both our parents and students in the use of Social Media as it pertains to school. Please go over the Social Media Guidelines for Students in Grades 7-12 and then sign the form (both students and parents) and return it to school. The returned form serves as our record that you have seen and understand the guidelines.

OCTOBER 29th & OCTOBER 30th PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled on Thursday, OCTOBER 29th after school from 2:30 until 8:30 PM or on Friday, October 30th from 8:00 AM– 12:00 PM. There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 30th due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a special time for teachers and parents to communicate concerning the student's strengths and weaknesses and build their partnership for the good of the student. Conferences will be set up as follows:

LOWER SCHOOL CONFERENCES (Grades Pre-K through 6): Every family will be scheduled for a conference in order to issue the first report card of the year and for teachers and parents to communicate progress/praise/concerns. You will receive a sign up sheet in a few weeks in order to set up an appointment. Teachers may set up conferences of students without siblings in the week leading up to conference night in order to spread the meeting out and allow more time in the conference. If students attend conferences with their parents they will be asked to sit in the hallway and wait within eyeshot and earshot of their parents. Students will not be permitted to roam the building or playground but must be under parent supervision at all times.

UPPER SCHOOL CONFERENCES (Grades 7-12): Parents of Junior High and High School students will attend a joint conference in the Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, October 29th from 2:45-5:00 PM and again from 5:30-8:30 PM. All of the upper level teachers will be available to

meet with parents on a first come/first served basis. Parents will wait in the waiting area for the teacher they need to see to be free and then approach that table. Students can wait on their parents in the waiting area. Mr. Randy Sells and Mr. Dan Sells will not be available on conference night due to a college trip for our students. If you need to meet with either of those teachers, please contact them directly to set up a time. Parents need to visit their student's homeroom teacher in order to receive the report card.

Students whose parents do not attend a conference by October 30th will receive their first quarter report cards on Monday, November 2nd.

OCTOBER 30th

NO SCHOOL due to Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 11th

VETERANS DAY & ALSO A "GRAND DAY" at JCCS for us to honor our grandparents, "grand friends" and veterans! See the enclosed flyer for information on this upcoming program!



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Mrs. McGurn, our school nurse, has asked me to remind you that students who must take medication at school must have the proper forms filled out or we **CANNOT** give it. That includes PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS and OVER-THE-COUNTER medications. ALSO, any parent with a child with a special HEALTH CONDITION which requires possible attention or intervention at school needs to contact Mrs. McGurn as soon as possible that we might be prepared.



SEE, SAVE, AND SEND THESE ITEMS!!!!

Box Tops for Education: We are participating in this campaign. Just look on the tops of your cereal, cake mix, etc. for the “Box Tops for Education” label. Cut, save, and send labels to school in an envelope with your student. These box tops result in cash dividends for the school. Get friends and relatives on board for this project to benefit the children. We need a volunteer to be in charge of this program for our school. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Adey at the school office.



Campbell Labels: We are still saving labels from Campbell’s products to secure equipment for the school.



Paper Recycling: Please save & bring the following recyclable items to school: *paper, cardboard boxes, phone books, catalogs, hard back & paper back books, newspapers, junk mail and deposit in the JB*



GreenTeam container at the corner of the playground. We receive money from JB Green Team for our recycling efforts. By the way, JCCS received FIRST PLACE in the RECYCLE BOWL for the state of OHIO last year and we received a \$1,000.00 cash prize. Thank you for your efforts!!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE KROGER CAMPAIGN where the money you already spend on groceries benefits our school! See the enclosed flyer!



AMAZON SMILE

Be sure to name us as your organization of choice when you shop on AMAZON so that we may receive cash dividends on the money you already spend.

SAFETY PLAN: The Wintersville Methodist Church next door has kindly agreed to be our secondary safety site in the event that we would have to evacuate our own building due to an emergency situation. In that event, students will be



gathered and accounted for in the church sanctuary and students will be reunited with their parents through a reunification process and released to the parents from the fellowship hall downstairs. I want parents to know that in the event of that situation, we will contact the persons listed on your child’s Emergency Medical Form in the order that you have listed them to pick up the child. We will only release the student to those persons listed on the form. If you would like to add or subtract to those contacts for reunification purposes during an emergency, please contact the office to make those changes.

WINTER CARNIVAL-SAVE THE DATE!

This year we have created a super fun and super easy fundraiser to melt the mortgage down in order to put up the gymnasium. We are having a WINTER CARNIVAL for the whole school family on February 26th! If you were here for Open House you were able to see Marc’s great movie but if you missed it, see the enclosed flyer. Start now to save all your loose coins in your family’s “frozen” Aldi’s bag. At the Winter Carnival, we will all bring the bags back (loaded down with change, or course) to be counted on that cold winter night...warmed up by a lot of family fun AND we will see if we can meet the Big, Hairy, Audacious Goal!

JCCS CAR DECALS are now for sale to benefit the Athletic Committee. Go to the JCCS Parents Facebook page to see a sample and then contact Tiffany Manley if you wish to purchase one for \$6 or 2 for \$10.

PRAISE GOD FOR: His perfect provision and protection

PRAY TO GOD FOR: Continued good growth for each of our students.