



## From the Desk of Mrs. Donovan, Interim Elementary Principal

September 14, 2020

Dear Parents, and CPCS Community,

As we're coming up on a month back in school, I'd like to share with you some ideas on how to engage with your child(ren) on an academic level and help them excel. At CPCS, our goal is to partner with you, the parents, to aide in your child's growth spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially.

- Talk with your child about what he/she learned and did at school. Go beyond the simple, "How was your day?" and ask specific questions. What was the coolest thing you learned today? Did anything make your teacher laugh? Was anybody sad at school today? What did you read today that was interesting to you? It's fun to hear kids reflect on their day when prompted with specific questions!
- Read with your child. No matter the age of your child, reading out loud with him/her will promote growth and learning in a big way. Please see the picture on the next page for stats regarding reading 20 minutes a day at home!
- Review your children's assessments with them, especially the areas where they struggled. With a growth mindset at the forefront, and support from both school and home, successes will come - if even small steps at a time.
- Finally, and most importantly, pray with and for your child(ren)! Jesus loves them even more than we do, and He will lead and guide them throughout each day.

I pray you have a blessed week. We are so thankful for you, our CPCS community!

In Him,

Megan Donovan

# READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A  
reads at home



20

min/day

STUDENT B  
reads at home



5

min/day

STUDENT C  
reads at home



1

min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,  
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Source: <http://readdbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-day/>

## Notes

- ❖ Please return your child's Language Survey by this **Friday, September 18th**. Thank you!
- ❖ MAP Testing results will be sent home later this week.
- ❖ Picture Day is next **Wednesday, September 23rd**, for PreK 3-day through 8th grade. Our 2-day PreK students will have their pictures taken on **Thursday, October 8th**. Picture Day for eLearning students and retakes is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18th**. This date is subject to change. Please use the picture form sent home to order online. Thanks!
- ❖ The CPCS Prayer Team, made up of parents who want to meet together at school to pray for the CPCS community, will be meeting on Friday mornings, right after morning carpool drop-off, in the southwest corner of the CPCS parking lot (weather permitting). Bring a chair and come and go as you need to. We usually meet for 30-45 minutes. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Gorter at 219-314-1185 or [dougntam@hotmail.com](mailto:dougntam@hotmail.com). If you can't join us but would like our weekly prayer sheet of CPCS prayer requests and praises, please email Tammy and she will add you to the weekly prayer email.

## Health/COVID Updates

As a school we are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff. Because of this we would ask that you please notify our school nurse, Carrie Bruns, via email at [cbruns@crownpointchristian.org](mailto:cbruns@crownpointchristian.org) of any COVID-19 exposures within your household as well as any suspected cases of COVID-19 within your household. The information provided to the school will be held confidential among the leadership team so that we can ensure that we are following proper protocols in regards to quarantining and contact tracing (if needed).

## New CPCS Families & Faculty

Each week we will be spotlighting one new family to CPCS and one new faculty member!

### *Meet the Dutton Family!*

The Duttons attend Faith-Cedar Lake and first heard of CPCS through friends there. They love playing outside in the backyard and going to friends to swim. Their favorite memory verse is Luke 1:37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."



## Meet Mrs. Bruns, Our School Nurse!

Being a nurse is something that I always wanted to do, but didn't take the opportunity to do until I left my corporate office job when I became a mom. I knew that once I returned to work after my girls were school-age I wanted to pursue my dream. So, when I had a 2 year old and 7 month old I started nursing school at Purdue in Hammond. I already had a Bachelor's in business so their 2nd Bachelor's degree Nursing program was a perfect fit for me! My family and I survived 4 back to back crazy semesters and I graduated in December of 2013 and passed my boards in January 2014. Since then I have worked in long-term care/rehab and most recently at a Gastroenterology office. I am so happy to be here at Crown Point Christian School serving our students and staff!

I have been married to my husband, Steve, for 12 years and we have two daughters, Emily (5th Grade) and Amanda (3rd Grade). We live in Crete, IL and attend Faith Church in Dyer. In our spare time you will find us outside hiking, kayaking, gardening, and camping! I enjoy crocheting and am working on learning to knit socks!

