



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

September 21, 2020

Dear Parents, and CPCS Community,

I hope this letter finds you refreshed after the weekend, ready for the first day of fall tomorrow. We are in a good groove here at school. I love walking the halls and stopping in classrooms to see all the learning that is happening.

Since I addressed and stressed the importance of reading last Monday, I'd like to touch base on the importance of writing this week. We've adopted a new ELA (English Language Arts) curriculum this year, PreK-8th grade, that places a strong emphasis on writing. Writing helps with problem-solving and critical thinking. In order to write well, a student needs to be able to think creatively and critically. This takes practice. Here are some reading responses you can ask your child(ren) to write about if you'd like them to practice at home. For younger children, you could ask them about these topics, as that will help with comprehending what they read.

- ★ Describe an important event that happened in the book.
  - This made me realize...
- ★ Explain a problem that a character faced.
  - I can relate to this because...
- ★ Describe the setting.
  - I could visualize...
- ★ Tell what a character said.
  - I now understand...

I shared Ephesians 4:32 during announcements this morning, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Have a blessed week!

In Him,

Megan Donovan

## Notes

- ★ Picture Day is this **Wednesday, September 23rd**, for PreK 3-day through 8th grade. Please use the picture form sent home to order online. 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.
- ★ The latest edition of the Middle School Newsletter has been updated on the website. Please click below to see the most recent happenings in middle school!  
[Middle School Minute](#)
- ★ 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@crownpoinchristian.org](mailto:cbruns@crownpoinchristian.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 Faculty & Families

## *Meet Ms. Bonnema, our P.E. Teacher & New Athletic Director!*

If you asked me 5 years ago what I would be doing today, I would have told you that I was going to be a physical therapist. That, however, was my plan and not God's plan. I tried very hard to follow my plan, and even moved out to Arizona for a year in order to follow my plan. Long story short, I finally listened to Him and here I am! I went to Huntington University and earned my Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Movement science. After that, I took my 2 years of not listening to God and trying to do my own career plans. That didn't work and after much encouragement and nudging for God, I earned my transition to teaching degree from Taylor University. I am now in my third year of teaching PE, all three of which have been at CPCS. This year, I was blessed with the opportunity to fill the role of athletic director. I love sports and organization, so I jumped right on the opportunity! While I still have much to learn, I can't wait to see how God uses me through this position. In my free time during the week, you can find me at the YMCA working with my personal training clients. I also love to spend time hiking, kayaking, playing basketball, playing pickleball, doing puzzles, and spending time with my family and friends.



# Meet the Deuter Family!

## 1. How did you hear about CPCS?

We googled private schools near Crete and this was the first one we actually toured and fell in love instantly. We did enroll Liam at a different school for K3 before he would be old enough for CPCS, but CPCS can offer so much more for technology, dual-languages, and extracurricular programs while keeping the Christian atmosphere and teachings in every subject area.

## 2. What is your favorite family activity?

We like to have family games nights and enjoy going for family walks/bike rides. Our new favorite place to walk this summer is Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve where they have different trails and a large hill they love to roll down!

## 3. What is your favorite family Bible verse?

Our family verse would be Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

