



From the Desk of Mrs. Donovan, Interim Elementary Principal

October 5, 2020

Dear Parents, and CPCS Community,

Welcome to a new week here at CPCS! We are in full swing at school and are thankful for the general good health of our students and staff. Thank you for your diligence in assessing your children's overall health and taking temperatures in the morning before school. It's been helpful and effective! If you need another health pad, you can pick one up in the office or ask that one be sent home with your child.

Over the last couple weeks, I've been blessed to be able to read one of my favorite books to the PreK-2nd grade classes. The book is called *You Are Special* and is written by Max Lucado. In it, a Wemmick (wooden person) named Punchinello learns that he is special because Eli (the woodcarver) made him. It doesn't matter what he can or cannot do, his outward appearance, or others' opinions of him; he is special and uniquely made by his maker. I talked with each class about how God made each one of them special and how, ultimately, it doesn't matter what others think of them because God made them all special and loves them very much. This book is applicable for all grade levels and even for us parents! After I finish reading this book to the last few classes on Wednesday, I'll move on to 3rd-5th grade and a new book.

Psalm 139:14 - "I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Have a wonderful week!

In Him,

Megan Donovan

Notes

- ★ Thank you for your participation in the Discount Card Fundraiser! The winners are:
 - 1st place - Gavin Netjes (sold 64!)
 - 2nd place - Trevor and Preston Roman (sold 45!)
 - 3rd place - Liam and Lucia Leetsma (sold 17!)
 - 4th place - Tommy Keevers (sold 16!)

Any cards not picked up last week will be sent home today with your child(ren).

- ★ An important note on before/after school carpool: We've had neighbors complain about the speeds at which cars are traveling down the roads in the neighborhood. Please be mindful when traveling to and from school of your speed, and be considerate of our neighbors here in the Gates of St. John. Thank you!
- ★ Students will be cleaning out their lockers the week leading up to our fall break (October 19-23). During the week of the 19th, all lockers will be sanitized using the EMist machine. This would be a good time for you to wash all of the items coming home (extra sweatshirt, art shirt, blanket, pillow, etc.) to ensure a fresh start when we return the following week.
- ★ Our 2-day PreK students and 4-day K students will have their pictures taken this **Thursday, October 8th. **Fall athletic pictures will also be taken this Thursday.**** Picture Day for eLearning students and retakes is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 18th**. Please use the picture form sent home to order online.

Health/COVID Updates

As a school, we are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff. Because of this, we ask that you please notify our school nurse, Carrie Bruns, via email at 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 we are following proper protocols in regards to quarantining and contact tracing (if needed).

New CPCS Faculty & Families

Meet Mrs. Reilly, our Reading Specialist!

My name is Patti Reilly, and I am so excited to be working in Student Services as a Reading Specialist. I taught for six years before having kids, and have been home for the last eight years with little ones. This past year I worked toward getting certified in the Wilson Reading Program and have spent time tutoring students with reading difficulties. In my spare time I enjoy going for a jog, working in the garden, and going on a bike ride with my family. My favorite place to be is up at the lake in Michigan enjoying the beauty of God's creation and the blessing of sweet time with family. I have enjoyed getting to know many of the students here at CPCS over the last weeks and am looking forward to a wonderful school year.



Meet the Hamstra Family!

1. How did you become connected to CPCS?

We became connected to CPCS because several members of our church either work here or have students who attend here. We've only heard amazing reviews and it was time to make the jump!

2. What's your favorite family activity?

Our favorite family activity is adventuring! We love hiking, nature and climbing mountains. In fact, Calvin (our only son) has a goal with his dad to reach all the highest points in the US. We devote a lot of our breaks and vacations to High Pointing!

3. Favorite family Bible verse?

Our favorite family verse is John 15:4 "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

