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#### August 1, 2023

### **The School Year Begins!**

Dear CCS Family,

Happy 1st Day of School! I can tell you that, going into my 27th year in education, the 1st day is always special in the excitement, energy, and promise that it brings. I hope that each of you felt that energy this morning as our students arrived for their new school year adventure!

Along with that energy and excitement comes a lot of new information. As a parent myself, I know that sifting through all of the folders, info, required signatures, etc. can be daunting. As a parent and an educator, I also know how critical and important attending to these items can be in setting the groundwork for a successful school year.

With that in mind, and to supplement some of the forms and documents you are receiving, I wanted to highlight some of the areas of our website that you will find helpful at this time of the year. This is not an exhaustive list, but I think it will dial you in to some of the most important topical information for this time. I am particularly hopeful that this will be an aid to our many new families who are experiencing CCS for their first school year. A brief synopsis of the linked information is also provided.

#### Learning and Growing

While some curricular information was shared at last week's Orientation events, this is a great place to explore the content and curriculum your child will be exploring this year.

## After School Enrichment

At Orientation and at yesterday's Meet the Teacher events many of you got a chance to meet our Ms. Amy Macias, Director of our After School Enrichment program (as well as our summer camps). This is a great space to save and look for information on those programs as you need.

#### PTO / PTO Membership

Community Christian School has a simply "awesome" PTO. Please consider joining as this is a great way to be involved, to be "dialed in" to what's going on, and to be a part of a great family of families within our community. And don't feel that joining obligates you to "be at everything." Our PTO leaders will find a way for you to fit in according to your schedule!

#### Parents FACTS Portal

Especially if you are new to private school, navigating the FACTS and Renweb platforms may be unfamiliar. The link above simply takes you to that entry point but I also want to take this space to encourage you to dive in and, if you have questions, please reach out to our front office team for assistance.

# <u>Supply Lists</u>

Of all the rituals of the beginning of school, I know that standing in line for school supplies is not a favorite. I am hopeful that the link above will help in making that as efficient as possible for you and your child.

## **Uniform Requirements**

As I mentioned at our Orientation events last week, I know that we are not where we thought we would be with respect to uniforms and our transition to a new vendor, Dennis. I am optimistic that we will be turning the corner very soon, including a pop up store for parent convenience later this month. I also expect the permanent Sandy Springs store to be fully stocked and operational by the end of this week. Lastly, I can confirm that Dennis will be doing a discount event later this semester and in advance of the Winter season to explicitly acknowledge the inconvenience. Ultimately, we appreciate your patience at this time and the link above provides guidelines for our uniform policy.

In closing, I want to reiterate that our teachers, support staff, and administrative team are here solely to reflect and enact our mission - namely to provide a Christian environment in which students grow in their faith and develop academically to their highest potential. We stand ready, as we begin and go through the upcoming school year, to fully partner with our families toward this end.

It's going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

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