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CCS is a local-church ministry that helps the family fulfill its God-ordained responsibility to educate children academically, physically, spiritually, and socially toward Christlikeness.



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BE YE TRANSFORMED...

by Christiane Anton

BRADENTON— On August 29 and 30, the junior and senior high students took a step away from school life to enjoy the annual school retreat. Held at the DaySpring Conference Center in Parrish, the retreat allowed students to unwind from their schoolwork in order to focus on fellowship with friends.

Seventh grader Jocelyn Neumann said, “I loved how we got to interact with others and got to know who people are.”

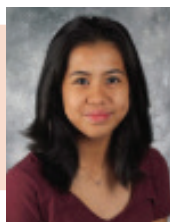
Although the students were able to enjoy games and delicious food, they also had a chance to reflect on their relationship with God. The guest speaker, Pastor Matt Rowley from River Reach Baptist Church in Jacksonville, preached about Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus, reminding students that God’s grace should cause a transformation in their lives. “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2). Along with the daily teaching, the students played numerous outdoor and indoor games. Some of the games included Swamp Tag, Cat in the Hat, Dodgeball, the Tic-Tac-Toe Challenge, and ice-breaker games that allowed students to get to know their teachers better.



Sophomore Bryce Dowdy said, “I really enjoyed this year’s retreat! I really liked the game with dodgeball inside the gym, where everyone was running, screaming, and jumping to get away from the ball!”

These games provided a great distraction from school and gave students a chance to bond with new classmates. The students came back from the two day break with refreshed and revitalized spirits. Ultimately, the retreat gave students a chance to start this school year transformed to be more like Christ.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

October:

- 10-11: No Classes
Teacher Convention
- 16: End of First Quarter
- 17: Report Cards
- 18: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24: Fall Concert (grades 7-12)
7:00 p.m.

View the full calendar of events on our website.

Teacher Convention, 10/10-11

Classroom teachers will have a time of relaxation and refreshment at Lake Yale Baptist Camp and Conference Center in Leesburg on Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11. There will be no classes here on campus as teachers enjoy workshop sessions designed to help them improve their teaching and develop stronger relationships with students, each other, and God.

End of First Quarter, 10/16

The first academic quarter will end on Wednesday, October 16. Work not completed by this date will be marked incomplete and may affect the grade marked on report cards. Report cards are scheduled to go home on Thursday, October 17. Teachers will be available after school on Friday, October 18, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. for conferences if parents wish to meet. Teachers may send home a request to meet if they have concerns about a student’s progress or behavior.

JH-SH Fall Concert, 10/24

The Community family will not want to miss the first concert of the academic year. Our junior high and senior high choirs and bands will present a fall concert on Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Mr. Ron Fox, our students will present pieces such as “Bashana Haba’ah” by Manor, Hirsch, and Leavitt.

Meet Your Soccer Crusaders



back: Nicholas Dos Santos, Jacob Brower, Micah Raigeluw, Danny Mendez, Anthony Adorno, Ben Gullett, Colin Farrell, Braidon Farrell, Ethan Franklin, Josiah Reich, Tyler Carney, James Drew, Coach Repholz;

front: Isaac Aragon, Brandon Brooks, Kevin Bell, Bryce Dowdy, Diego Mendez, Miguel Reyes (manager)

Engaged! She Said Yes!



On Saturday, September 21, beloved CCS history teacher, Mr. Caleb Merrill, proposed to his girlfriend, Crystal Gilbert!

A Biblical View of Sports

Mr. Clark Cherry



In today's society sports have become a global phenomenon enjoyed by millions. The positive aspects of sports are numerous. Unfortunately, sports also reveal negative qualities. The goal of sports, like the goal of life, is to glorify Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 10:31).

CCS strives to avoid two extremes that are prevalent today in the world of sports. One extreme is a win-at-all-costs attitude. When kept in perspective, winning is a noble goal (I Corinthians 9:24). However, when it supersedes the goal of Christlikeness, it is out of place. When a person is willing to cheat, defy authority, or disrespect his opponents, he does not glorify God.

Another extreme CCS avoids is the just-play-for-fun mentality that relies on talent and ignores hard work and discipline. Although sports should be enjoyable, God desires believers to give their best effort for His glory (Colossians 3:16). Coaches agree that they would rather work with a moderately talented player with a strong work ethic than an extremely talented player who is lazy.

CCS enjoys offering sports to the students. Sports are tools to help students become more Christlike. May the Lord use the CCS athletic program to accomplish this mission.

Crusader Corner: Upcoming Games

Monday, 9/30	JV Volleyball vs. Providence, 4:15 p.m. V Volleyball vs. Providence, 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 10/01	Soccer vs. Central Baptist, 4:30 p.m. V Volleyball vs. Central, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, 10/04	Soccer @Ruskin Christian, 4:00 p.m. JV Volleyball @Ruskin Christian, 4:30 p.m. V Volleyball @Ruskin Christian, 5:45 p.m.

Volleyball playoffs begin Tuesday, October 8, and continue through Saturday, October 19. Soccer playoffs begin Friday, October 11, and continue through Friday, October 18. Brackets will be posted online as they are made available to participating schools.

Full game schedule, dismissal/return times, links to maps, and directions are on our website: communitychristianfl.org.