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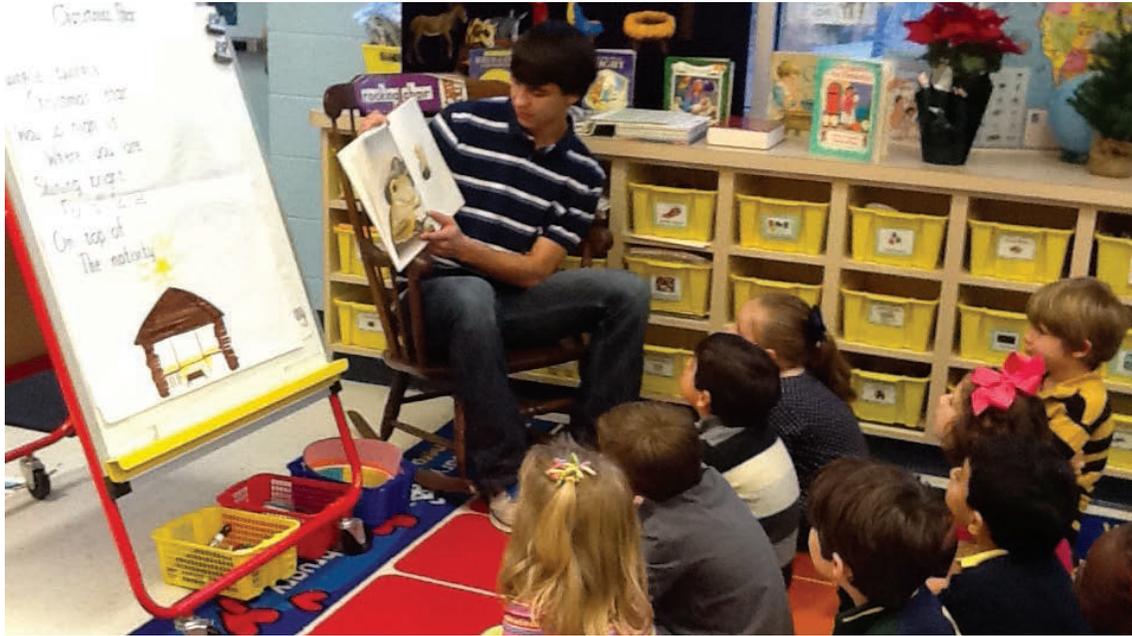
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Dear Charlotte Christian Community,

“What did you do in school today?” Typically when I pose this question to one of my children I am lucky to receive more than two syllables in an answer, and sometimes it is simply a grunt or two. Just recently, my youngest daughter, Faith, a current kindergarten student, could not contain her joy in explaining to me that her older brother, Jonah, a current junior in upper school, read a story in her class.

One of my fondest memories of when we first moved to Charlotte is my son Jed lining up after a varsity football victory to give high fives to the players. The varsity student-athletes could have simply walked by but they took their time and enthusiastically interacted with the younger students. One student-athlete in particular would take extra time and speak with or take pictures with the students, often forcing the coaches to wonder where Matthias Farley was and why he was not in the locker room for the post game discussion. Matthias is now playing football at Notre Dame, and we, not surprisingly, have a lot of Fighting Irish football fans at Charlotte Christian.

I love being a part of a JK-12 school. It is a tremendous joy to see our younger students interact with the older students. When the lower school students see a student star in a play or perform in a concert or on an athletic team, and then see them in the hallways, their excitement is contagious.

We are intentionally adding to our school calendar events that will foster a greater development of our JK-12 school atmosphere. This year we began a new tradition with an all-school Thanksgiving Chapel in addition to our all-school Hendrick Chapel. We also offered a school-wide Mock Election, started the “We Have Your Back” prayer initiative, and hosted the Warner Field House dedication that provided an opportunity for students from all divisions to participate. The more we can be intentional about offering these events for our all our students, the better a community we can build.

God Bless,

Barry Giller  
Head of School



# School-wide Mock Election Taught Students about the Election Process





Photo Credit: Marty Minchin

Patriotic music and a sea of red, white and blue welcomed students in every grade as they experienced voting in the school's first mock presidential election held Oct. 30. Upper school students organized by Mr. Steve Hoff, upper school history department chair, and senior Andy Ferguson all worked together to help Charlotte Christian's 994 students register and then vote in the mock election, held just one week before the nationwide election date of Nov. 6.

Junior kindergarten and kindergarten students jumped with excitement at the chance to shake hands with upper school students dressed as Mitt and Ann Romney, Barack and Michelle Obama, Gary Johnson, Paul Ryan, and Joe Biden. Even Secret Service officers and election officials were on hand to make the event as authentic as possible. The dining hall was transformed into a busy polling site complete with a wide assortment of campaign and political posters and even a continuous running tape of the presidential debates. Upper school students helped everyone register and then enter one of the three voting booths to cast their ballots. Each student received authentic "I voted" stickers, and middle and upper school students were given exit interviews, very similar to a real polling site.

"Our goal was to impact our students and let them know that voting is important," shared Mr. Hoff. "We wanted to make this fun for them and at the same time teach them about civic responsibility and the process of elections and voting."

Senior Andy Ferguson, who is considering a future in political science, began helping Mr. Hoff organize the event in August. Andy created "fun facts" election brochures for students in grades JK-7 that included information like the candidate's favorite foods, books, and games. For students in grades 8-12, he made a more detailed brochure that included each candidate's position on the issues of national defense, jobs, health care, education, energy and marriage. Each brochure was reviewed by a faculty election committee to ensure that both candidates were presented accurately, fairly and without bias.

"The mock election exceeded our expectations," said Andy. "The dining hall was a buzz of excitement. I believe we succeeded in getting our students more acquainted with the political process and thinking about what it means to have the right to vote."

For some of the younger students, it was all about dressing up in fun "election" hats and coming down to vote for their choice. For older students, it was an opportunity to begin forming their own opinions and to understand what it will mean for them when they turn 18. "If kids don't realize the weight of their voice, we might not have good voter turnouts in the years to come," said eighth grader Elizabeth Gowan. "I think it is important to use our privilege to vote and it's cool to see classmates form different opinions."

For weeks leading up to the mock election, teachers in every grade focused on teaching students about the process of election in the United States and how important it is to our country.

Second grade students learned all about electoral votes vs. popular votes with elections that featured Teddy Grahams® and favorite cookies. Teams of students in Mrs. Hasselberg's class made campaign videos for their favorite flavor of Teddy Grahams® and then everyone voted. Electoral votes were assigned to each class based on the number of years that their teachers and assistants had taught at Charlotte Christian. In the case of the Teddy Grahams®, when the votes came in, the





chocolate team won the popular vote but the cinnamon team won the electoral vote. The elections were a fun and engaging way for the students to learn about the importance of electoral votes and how they can greatly impact an election.

Fourth grade students designed their own campaign slogans, buttons, T-shirts, and even wrote their own oaths of office as they learned the requirements to become President of the United States. Middle and upper school students studied the presidential and vice-presidential debates and did assignments on differences like strategy, questions, subject matter, and settings. Throughout the entire election season, teachers focused not on the candidates themselves, but on the multi-faceted process and how candidates are elected in our country and each citizen's right to vote and run for office.



## STUDENTS ACTIVE AT DNC

Several upper school students had the opportunity to participate in the Democratic National Convention when it came to Charlotte in September. Sophomore **CONOR ARDEN** had a behind-the-scenes look at the DNC as a student intern for Fox News. Conor worked daily as a “show runner” for the national news outlet and was responsible for ushering special guests through pre-show preparations like make-up, microphones, and then getting them to the “Fox and Friends” set on time. During the week, Fox broadcast from several uptown locations including the NASCAR Hall of Fame, giving him a first-hand look at news media and broadcasting during a major political event. Conor had the opportunity to meet several political figures including Karl Rove, former Deputy Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush; and Jim Trippi, well-known political strategist; along with “Fox and Friends” anchors Gretchen Carlson, Steve Doocy, and Brian Kilmeade.



“I enjoyed working on the Fox set and seeing how much work goes into creating a television news broadcast,” shared Conor. “It was very exciting to work on such a big news event and to gain first-hand experience.”

Charlotte Christian also had a team of five students that were selected to participate in press activities at the DNC as part of the Mayor's Youth Press Corps. The students served as press members at forums featuring current and former political figures discussing topics centered on domestic and world politics. Sophomore **KELSEY PHALEN** and junior **ALEX KELLOGG** participated in the Domestic Politics & Policy Forum entitled “How They Would Govern?” which analyzed what the first 100 days of each presidential candidate's administration might look like. Panelists included Tom Daschle, former Senate majority leader, and Vin Weber, former Member of Congress.



Senior **MALLORY FINCH**, junior **JAMES FINCH**, and senior **JESSA O'CONNOR** participated in the International Affairs Forum that addressed “Global Responses to Poverty and Human Development.” Panelists included Madeleine Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State; Morgan Tsvangirai, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe; and actress Ashley Judd.

# THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CLASSROOM

By Theresa Kasay, Director of Academics • Reprinted The Learning Curve blog post from October 2012

## The Four C's of a 21st Century Thinker: Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, and Critical Thinking

As educators, we daily endeavor to train, teach and enrich students. We encourage them to embrace their God-given gifts and to excel in all they do. In the 21st century classroom, many of the norms we knew as students have changed for today's student. While our generation sat in rows and dutifully completed worksheets and read from our readers, today's student works in collaborative groups, communicates in literature circles, and thinks critically about how characters interact with one another using a contemporary novel. Math class looks different these days as well. Gone are the rote math worksheets that require students to remember and regurgitate information. Today's mathematics student uses hands-on manipulatives to show their problem solving skills and thinking patterns. Students also draw upon mental math strategies modeled by the teacher and demonstrated as a daily part of students' everyday math experiences. Students have learned to dialogue, discuss, and defend their thinking to strengthen understandings.

Technology has forever changed the landscape of our lives. This too is true in the world of education. Not that long ago we toiled with monochromatic green monitors and dot matrix printers, and we were confident we were on the cutting edge of technology. Fast forward 25 years, and we are lost without our iPhone, iPad, laptop, Facebook or Pinterest. Who knew that a cloud would one day have a meaning that had nothing to do

with weather? It is almost mind boggling to think that since Apple's release of the iPad in the spring of 2010, according to a report dated Sept. 7, 2012, the company has sold more than 84 million iPads worldwide. Schools are technology consumers, too. This year Charlotte Christian School is thrilled to add 30 iPads to our lower school STEM Lab. Science labs of old were stiff and sterile and evoked feelings of reserve. Now the current STEM Lab is filled with the buzz of students vacillating between the dissection of an owl pellet to the iPad owl pellet app to assist in identifying the animal they uncovered.

Twenty-first century student learning is inquiry-based and centered on solving real world problems. Teachers are focused on asking high-level questions and facilitating thinking, discussion, and learning. As we move forward with educating students, we are tasked with producing students who are technologically savvy, globally competitive, creatively inspired critical thinkers who are effective communicators that work collaboratively with others. Even as we implement the latest models of instruction, we embrace and foster the foundational qualities of a good student including: hard work, perseverance, dedication, kindness, integrity, curiosity, compassion, in order to help cultivate the well-rounded student that is prepared for college and beyond.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: SUPPORTING OUR TEACHERS TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

This past October 2012, Miss Kasay along with divisional assistant principals met to help educate the teachers on new techniques to carry over into the classroom.

### DIRECTOR OF ACADEMICS THERESA KASAY ON COMMUNICATION

Communication is defined as being able to articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts. Students should be media savvy, have strong technological abilities, and proficient in these varied forms of communications.

Teachers can enable more communication with their students if they act more as the facilitator in a classroom setting, letting students to lead the conversations. This would help create a safe environment for the students, encouraging more open dialogue on the topics and feel valued for their ideas. A more formal option is to hold a Socratic Seminar – “a formal discussion, based on a text, in which the leader asks open-ended questions. Within the context of the discussion, students listen closely to the comments of others, thinking critically for themselves, and articulate their own thoughts and their responses to the thoughts of others. They learn to work cooperatively and to question intelligently and civilly.”

### LOWER SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BECKY KNIGHT ON COLLABORATION

Cooperative Learning is the instructional use of small groups so that students work together to maximize their own and each other’s learning. Any assignment in any curriculum for any age student can be done cooperatively. The work is done to accomplish shared goals and there is mutual responsibility in that group environment.

Miss Knight discovered in her research that “61 percent of cooperative learning classes achieved significantly higher test scores than traditional classes. These groups give a structured environment to teach students the skills needed to face and contribute to real world problems, whether defending their faith or making a business proposal.”

Examples of collaboration are the Media Magazine class in the middle school and the rocket lab in the upper school. The third grade is already using sentence stems this year, giving students the tools to interact with each other collaboratively on projects.

Sentence stems are structured dialogue that provide a way for students to communicate and work to ask questions in higher learning.

“When students begin to work together on projects, they didn’t know how to interact so we are modeling conversations and questions with words to support their thoughts,” said Ms. Christine Doyle, third grade teacher. “For example ‘I agree because,’ allows them to have conversations but stay on topic. For our non-fiction project, it helps for them to learn what their peers are teaching and how to help them out.”

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL KARL SIMON ON CREATIVITY

With creativity, the sky is the limit and teachers are tapping into increasingly creative ways to reinvent how they convey material to students. One of Mr. Simon’s favorite tools is Edmodo, a resource website, which he uses in his middle school leadership class. “Edmodo provides a safe and easy way for students to connect and collaborate, share content, and access homework, grades, and school notices.” The layout is similar to Facebook, providing an interactive tool that engages students in a medium they are similar with and allowing for additional dialogue beyond the classroom. A platform like Edmodo allows students who may not feel as comfortable speaking in class to actively participate online. In addition to Edmodo, he shared about educational apps like Study Blue and Flash Card, which are now available to help aid students and teachers in the classroom.

### UPPER SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL JENNY RAMSEY ON CRITICAL THINKING

When observing a class, how would one know if students are utilizing critical thinking? Students engage in either Bloom’s Revised Taxonomy or Marzano’s Hierarchy of Thinking and Reasoning that move them through leveled thinking to not just learn knowledge but able to process and apply it. Marzano’s levels include: knowing, organizing, applying, analyzing, generating, integrating and evaluating. These skills help students make informed and innovative solutions. Teachers are encouraged to ask good questions of their students and to design relevant, collaborative, creative activities that require communicating and that encourage reflection. “From a Christian standpoint, we want our kids to think critically from a Biblical worldview,” said Mrs. Ramsey. “A perfect example of a class using these skills is the senior Apologetics class where students learn what other faiths believe in order to defend their own faith.”





## STEM: New Lower School Science Curriculum

“Charlotte Christian School is excited to introduce a new STEM educational program that integrates the learning of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics,” said Director of Academics Theresa Kasay. “The lower school science curriculum is balanced to include the four disciplines of science instruction: life sciences, earth and space sciences and engineering, technology, and applications of science. Charlotte Christian’s STEM implementation also included a renovation to the Lower School Science Lab. The new lab is outfitted with a multi-touch, interactive SMART Board, document camera, and a class set of iPad 3 tablets. Technology equips students with the ability to manipulate data and help foster a deeper understanding of the other three STEM components: science, engineering, and math.

“Students in grades K-5 attend Science lab classes each week to engage in hands-on science experiments and activities. This instructional shift focuses on inquiry-based teaching and problem-based learning that requires students to develop and implement problem solving skill and strategies. Students learn by asking questions, creating hypotheses, developing and using models, testing ideas and gathering data, and exploring hands-on experimentation.”

“Our students love the hands on learning experiments,” said STEM Coordinator Dana Brickner. “This style of learning creates a high level of student engagement and a rich educational experience to apply in later learning.”

Lab instruction uses technology to teach students about the scientific method and introduces them to science notebooking. Students also study the engineering process through student collaboration with a focus on critical thinking and problem solving. In addition to updates in the Science Lab, lower school classroom teachers also implement STEM units of study in their classrooms. Not only will teachers introduce science experiments with students, but they also work to integrate current STEM objectives into other curriculum areas.

### THIS SEMESTER A FEW OF THE PROJECTS INCLUDED:

- Junior kindergarteners: healthy living by utilizing healthy food apps on the iPad.
- Kindergarteners: matching animals to their properties.
- First Grade: designing walls with the engineering kit.
- Second Grade: designing own spectragrams to learn about sounds and vibrations.
- Third Grade: engineering of simple machines with wheel and axel, pulley, incline plane.
- Fourth Grade: using flip cameras for video presentations on student-written four chapter books including sections on Eat and Move; Restaurant Choices; Nutritional Facts and Healthy Recipes.
- Fifth Grade: creating their own blood using oil, rice, marshmallows and licorice to model plasma, platelets, white and red blood cells.





## New Dance Team Joins Athletic Program

Knights basketball fans will notice an exciting new addition to the games this season when the Charlotte Christian Dance Team takes the floor. The team of eight upper school dancers began performing on Dec. 7 and will continue to perform at all Friday night varsity men's games through February.

"Our primary goal is to enhance an already great atmosphere at basketball games," shared the team's coach, Mrs. Lori Anne Sword. Three of Charlotte Christian's conference opponents already have established dance teams. The addition of the new sport makes a total of 50 sports teams in the athletic program for middle school and upper school combined.

"Dance is a very athletically challenging sport and it offers an additional option for female students at Charlotte Christian," shared Coach Sword. "The team enjoys presenting dance in both an athletic and wholesome way for the enjoyment of our fans."

The dance team consists of highly trained and accomplished dance students who have taken ownership in the program by sharing in the design and choreography of each dance. The idea for the team was actually initiated by committed dance students who wanted to bring the sport to Charlotte Christian. A faculty committee reviews each routine before they are performed during a game, a system that has worked well for the team.

### CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN DANCE TEAM:

Noelle Cassier  
Megan Farley, Co-Captain  
Meredith Farley, Co-Captain  
Faith Hanegraaff  
Caroline Kasay  
Sydney Michaud

Emma VanDeVelle  
Kirby Von Egidy  
Haley Putnam, Team Manager  
Lori Anne Sword, Head Coach  
Stewart Emery, Assistant Coach

## PowerAde Performance Players of the Week

The PowerAde Performance Players of the Week Program was initiated this fall by the athletic department and features student-athletes who are exceling in their sports. "The whole idea behind this new program is student recognition," said Athletic Director Tom Jamerson. "Our goal is to be student-centered in our approach, and we want to create incredible athletic experiences for our students at Charlotte Christian."

This program is just one of many ways that the athletic department is working to make the athletic environment at Charlotte Christian more student-focused. Other activities include athletic recognition assemblies, student surveys at the end of each season, and leadership programs.

Each week, coaches nominate outstanding athletes from each sport and select one female and one male as the PowerAde Performance Player of the Week. So far this year, the following athletes have been recognized for their outstanding performances.

### FEMALE:

#### BASKETBALL

Gigi Bailey  
Kerstie Phills

#### CHEERLEADING

Bailey Thompson

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Morgan McManus

#### SWIMMING

Rachel Redmond

#### VOLLEYBALL

Madison Kofoed  
Kyrie Pennington

### MALE:

#### BASKETBALL

Matthew Fisher-Davis  
Patrick Rooks

#### FOOTBALL

Garrett Bradbury  
Bo Hines  
Des Lawrence  
Adrian Robinson

#### WRESTLING

Mark Saleh



## 2012 NCISAA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Varsity Football Wins Second Title Since 2008

“Consistent is the one word that describes our team this year,” said Head Coach Jason Estep when talking about the varsity football team’s success in securing the school’s third state championship. The Knights won the 2012 NCISAA 3A state football title with a 24-21 win over Providence Day at home, closing out the season on top as both CISAA and NCISAA champs with a 9-3 overall record.

Coach Estep shared that the coaches were intentional in mapping out a plan that would call on senior leadership and set the team up for success. In the spring, the seven rising seniors were asked to draft a team of underclassmen that they would lead and mentor throughout the year. Players were not chosen specifically on their athletic ability, but on their character, academics, and accountability. The seniors all stepped up and took ownership of leading their teams. A plan was also in place for character development as Coach Jim Blazeovich, the team’s chaplain, led the team in Bible devotions focused on “Jesus – A Man’s Man.” Relationships were formed and the team began building the foundation of consistency – the key to the whole season.

“The mood in the locker room was different,” said junior Bo Hines. “We were not just individual players anymore; we knew the goal at hand and we were one team.” One of the things that the team remembered throughout the season was a quote from Coach Blazeovich, “We are Christians that happen to play football, not football players who happen to be Christians.”

As the season began, the team was challenged early in a competitive schedule that included three out-of-state opponents in the first five games. At the mid-point of the season, the team was 2-3, but not discouraged. Their game against nationally-ranked Gilman School in Baltimore was the turning point in the season. “We had earned success locally and playing a team like Gilman put our players on a national stage,” said Coach Estep. “The game was a test that built up the team’s confidence



and the players knew that if they could compete with Gilman, they could play with anybody.”

And that is exactly what they did. The team returned to Charlotte charged and focused, going on to beat every conference opponent and winning the last seven games they played.

“Facing adversity at the beginning of the year helped everyone,” shared Bo Hines. “Sometimes you lose when you win and win when you lose. Our strength of schedule gave us the confidence to know that we could hang with any team in the country.”

“It was a great feeling, something that every senior player hopes for – to win your last high school game, and for us it was the state championship,” said senior receiver Hayden Sanders. “Everybody had a part in it and it felt good to win it as a team.”

The team consistently stayed focused and grounded and drew on the strengths of their senior leadership, even allowing their losses to fuel them for later success. “They stuck to it,” said Coach Estep. “Even when they were outmatched or outsized, they remained a team and met the goal. They believed in what we were doing and it worked.”



## SMALL IN SIZE - BIG IN POWER

### JV Volleyball Grabs CISAA Conference Championship

Although small in numbers with only six players, the JV volleyball team proved they were mighty in power and spirit when they turned the season around and became CISAA conference champions. Head Coach Samantha Franklin described the team as “gritty and determined to win,” an accurate description of a team that started off the season a little rough with a few injuries and ended with an impressive 14-3 record.

Most of the teams they faced had as many as 12 players, but the Charlotte Christian team powered through with just six girls. When some of her players were injured early in the season, Coach Franklin brought in varsity players to complete the roster for games, and when the entire team was healthy, she still had no subs.

“I knew from the beginning that our team was very strong athletically, so we capitalized on our small size and used it as our motivating theme throughout the season,” shared Coach Franklin. “I told them early in the season that I expected nothing less than to win this year. They had a goal and they didn’t stop until we won.”

At the CISAA tournament, the team played an amazing eight games in one day with no subs. They kept a varsity player on the bench as a back-up in the event of an injury, but never had to bring her in. The six girls played all eight games. After starting with a loss to Providence Day in the opening round robin, the team dug deep and persevered to make it to the championship match where they faced Providence Day one more time. “It was especially sweet to play them again. Their team was pretty

hyped, but our girls were determined to win the title. I was so proud of them.” The powerhouse of girls fought through exhaustion and won the championship match in three games.

One of the best parts of the season and the championship was the support the team received from the varsity squad. Varsity head coach Jamie Arnold and the entire varsity team showed up with posters and cheered on the JV team during the tournament. “We had the largest and loudest cheering section and our girls were really charged by the support from the varsity team. We had practiced some with the varsity squad during the season, so it was awesome to see them there cheering us on,” said Coach Franklin. “It helped our girls push themselves for the win and feel confident about their game.”

#### JV VOLLEYBALL TEAM MEMBERS

Ellie Farish

Emmie Farish

Lindsay Jamerson

Kerstie Phills

Sydney Slattery

Stevie Sweeney

Emily Saba, varsity sub

Allison Myers - Manager

Samantha Franklin - Head Coach

# ACT 1 TRAVELS TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Nov. 15-16, Charlotte Christian School's ACT 1 drama team competed in the NCTC High School Play Festival, the state championship for high school theatre, and came away with two awards - Excellence in Live Music: Brad Kesling and Nathan Pillmore; and Excellence in Ensemble Acting: *Almost, Maine*. Though the show did not win the competition, the students were pleased with their performance and were proud they made it to the state finals.

"I know we performed the show the best we could," said senior ACT 1 member Lynn Putnam. "Everyone felt really good about it. The competition was amazing, and we received an ensemble award which means we were up there in the judges' eyes."

The festival was held at Greensboro College and brought together 18 schools from all across the state to share their talents and celebrate their collective achievements. Each of the schools presented a 45-minute play and received feedback from industry experts.

In the first round of the festival which was held Nov. 2-3, 2012 at Rocky River High School, the ACT 1 team won the Regional Distinguished Play Award for *Almost, Maine* which allowed them to move on to the Greensboro statewide competition. At Rocky River, the team also presented Elton John and Tim Rice's *AIDA* School Edition and won the following group and individual awards for both plays: Regional Distinguished Play Award: *Almost, Maine*; Excellence in Acting: sophomore

Emma VanDeVelde for *AIDA*; Excellence in Ensemble Acting: ACT 1 team for *AIDA*; Excellence in Incidental Music: junior Nathan Pillmore and freshman Brad Kesling for *Almost, Maine*; Outstanding Achievement in Student Design and Production for Student Technical Direction: senior Carson Brannock; Excellence in Costume Design: Mrs. Connie Farrell and Mrs. Anne Putnam for *AIDA*; and Excellence in Directing: Mrs. Lori Anne Sword and Ms. Linda Booth for *Almost, Maine*.





## ACT 2 SCENE SHOWCASE

The Charlotte Christian community has come to expect top-caliber performances from its theater students. The ACT 2 students did not disappoint when they performed scenes from six different plays at the ACT 2 Scene Showcase in November. The program included excerpts from “I Can Tell Your Handbag is Fake”, “Rapunzel”, “Little Women”, “Meet Me in St. Louis”, “John Lennon and Me” and “Taffetas”.

Prior to leaving school last May for summer break, Mrs. Mindy Damon, ACT 2 director, assigned each student to a role in one of the pieces. The actors worked hard over the summer to learn their lines, and they came back to school ready to work within their group. From August until November, the actors worked on the details of their scene down to the last facet.

“The purpose of having the students perform in the scene night was to immerse each individual in the training process necessary to execute this kind of performance,” said Mrs. Damon. “Each student carried a hefty role that required in-depth training in the craft of acting. With a hefty role comes lessons in characterization, tension and release, story development, connection levels, body and voice communication, and of course, diction and volume.”

As the performance date approached, detailed sets were constructed for each scene by Mrs. Erien Booker and her crew of parent volunteers. Props were secured, a stage was built and plans were made to transform a portion of the Dining Hall into a theatre.

On the night of the performance, the actors donned costumes, appeared in full hair and makeup and played to a full house of enthusiastic supporters. In between each scene, several students performed a Shakespeare monologue on a side stage while props and set pieces were moved into place for the next scene.

“The night was created so every student received a significant amount of stage time,” said Mrs. Damon. “As an educational institution, we believe that the whole child should be educated. This is often hard to do if a student doesn’t have a chance to shine, so that is what scene night is about - investment in the individual.”

“It was a great amount of work for just one night of performance, but the learning that was gained through the process made it such a valuable educational opportunity.”



Five Charlotte Christian upper school students (L-R) Lynn Putnam, Chad Damon, Sydney Weaver, Scott Ortlip and Alex Watkins and have been selected for the prestigious **AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE SERIES AT CARNEGIE HALL** scheduled for February.



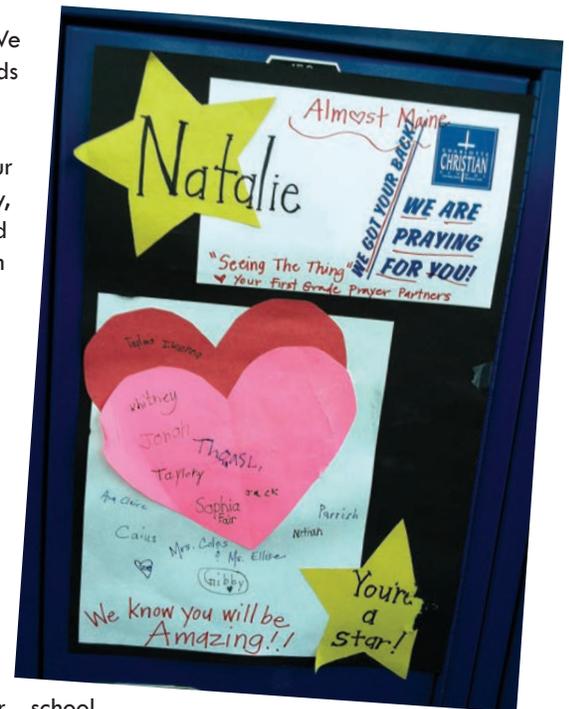
# We Have Your Back

Lower school students are actively participating in building community through a “We Have Your Back” prayer initiative. As they become aware of situations or prayer needs of fellow groups of students, they send them prayer cards.

“The initiative was started by a discussion I had with a parent about teaching our students the importance of praying for each other,” said Miss Sharon Humphrey, lower school principal. “She actually was the one who said ‘We got your back,’ and I decided to put it on a card for students to sign and give to the student(s) for whom they were praying.”

The first time the cards were used was when the entire lower school prayed for the ACT 1 drama students before they went to their competition. The lower school students signed prayer cards and put them in the upper school students’ lockers.

“Our students were excited about praying for the older students each day, and many prayed for them at home,” said Miss Humphrey.



Following the ACT 1 competition, two students went to the classroom and thanked the lower school students for praying for them (picture above).



The lower school continues to minister to their fellow students and is currently praying for the fourth graders as they reach out to the fourth grade students at Greenway Park Elementary. Miss Humphrey plans on continuing this program as she receives names of students who might need prayer when going to competitions, or during big events like final exams, SATs, etc.



## Building for a Purpose



To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. One of the last steps to becoming an Eagle Scout is to plan and develop a service project that is helpful to a religious institution, school, or community.

In planning for his Eagle Scout project, sophomore Alex Watkins chose to tackle an assignment that would benefit Charlotte Christian School. He met with Chief Financial Officer Terry Efird and Director of Facilities Bill Fairchild, and after they looked around the school and talked about what could be improved, Alex chose to build flower beds by the Early Education Building.

“I have been at Charlotte Christian since first grade, so I decided I wanted to do something for the school,” said Alex. “I liked the idea of planting the flowers and making it something others could enjoy.”

Part of the year-long process included making sure the project requirements were met according to the Boy Scout standards. Alex had to provide detailed plans, including design drawings, estimates of supplies needed and amount of work required, to troop leaders and different committees who reviewed the plans and made changes before signing off on the project.

Alex’s final task before beginning the work was to order all materials and have them shipped to the school. The actual physical labor took place over about five days, two of which were full work days with assistance from the troop members. The project was finished in late summer.

Now that the project is complete many people are enjoying Alex’s contribution to campus.

“Our junior kindergarten and kindergarten students love to see nature,” said Mrs. Lynda Collins, administrative assistant in the Early Education Building. “The boxes are so nice and really allow the children to see how God works in nature.”

“The area gets a lot of visibility on campus thorough tours and because it can be seen from the street,” said Mr. Efird. “Alex has made it both useful and visibly attractive at the same time. It also adds to the interactive and educational opportunities for our JK/K students. We are blessed to have Alex as part of our student population.”

Alex is also among those who enjoy seeing the fruits of his labor. As an upper school student, he parks his car by the Early Education Building and sees the beds each day on his way to class.

“I enjoy getting to see them, and it feels good knowing I have done something for my school.”



# A Season of THANKS

The Charlotte Christian School community is full of reasons to be thankful, and during the week of Thanksgiving, students all across campus celebrated the holiday both in and out of the classroom.

Junior kindergarten students participated in Thanksgiving centers where they painted Native American T-shirts, made necklaces, sand art, turkey apples, turkey puppets and enjoyed fresh popcorn for a snack.

All kindergarteners performed "The First Thanksgiving," an annual play in which students portray the Pilgrims arriving in America and the Native Americans who helped them. Mrs. Windham's class presented their play outdoors with their version of the "Mayflower" and a Native American "village" nestled among the trees. Each class ended their play with the children reciting Psalm 100 and a prayer of thanksgiving. Students and their parents enjoyed pumpkin pie and hot cider following the presentation.

First grade classrooms were transformed into different parts of the Thanksgiving story. In Mrs. Baum's room there was a Native American village where students played in a tepee, made leg rattles, played Native American games, and ate popcorn. Mrs. Coles' room was turned into a Pilgrim village where students made corn husk dolls and homemade Johnny cakes and butter for snack. Mrs. Ebert's room was transformed into the Mayflower, and students made Mayflower replicas and ate crackers and jerky.



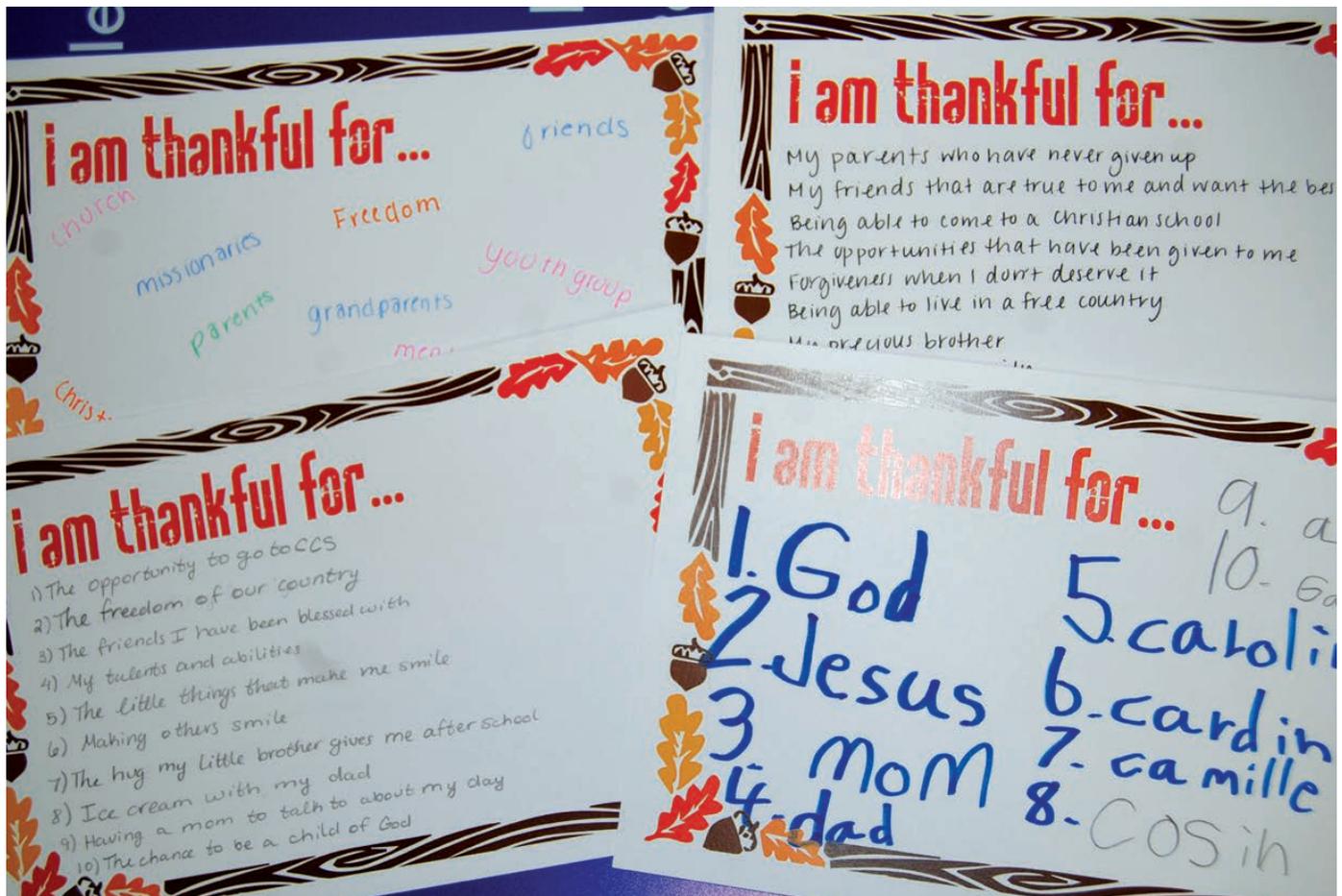
"It was a really fun day!" said Mrs. Baum.

Part of the fifth grade social studies curriculum includes making family heritage albums each year, and during the week of Thanksgiving, students spent time in class sharing their heritage albums with an emphasis on thanking God for their story and their families shared Mrs. Jennifer Mull, fifth grade teacher.

The week prior to Thanksgiving, each student and faculty member was given a card upon which to write 10 things they were thankful for. With approximately 1,100 students and faculty members at Charlotte Christian, this added up to more than 10,000 reasons for which the school community could be thankful.

The week culminated in the all-school "10,000 Reasons" Thanksgiving chapel. Upper School Math Teacher David Zacarias opened chapel by singing the popular worship song, "10,000 Reasons," and a student from each grade (2-12) came to the stage to tell what they were thankful for. During the chapel service, another student representative from each grade brought all the cards from their grade to the stage and placed them in a basket.

Mr. Giller shared a short message from the Gospel of Luke highlighting being thankful for God's work in our life. Using the parable of the 10 lepers who were healed from their disease by Jesus, he reminded the students that we don't want to be like the nine lepers who couldn't see what God had done for them and that instead we should be like the one who returned to Jesus and praised Him for the work he did in the leper's life.





## FOURTH GRADERS PARTNER WITH GREENWAY PARK ELEMENTARY

Charlotte Christian School fourth grade students recently welcomed fourth grade students from Greenway Park Elementary School as part of a collaboration formed between the two schools. The schools began the partnership in the early fall as a way to build community and encourage students to learn from other children their own age.

The students first became acquainted as pen pals and communicated with their “buddies” through letters to one another. On Dec. 12, the students from Greenway Park traveled to Charlotte Christian for a morning of fun activities with the Charlotte Christian students. The children were paired with their buddies and rotated among multiple stations where they learned about Native Americans, created rock crystal as part of a STEM science lab, competed in relay races, designed paper snowflakes, and decorated cupcakes.

Charlotte Christian fourth grade students will have the opportunity to travel to Greenway Park in February to share time with their new friends.

Charlotte Christian fourth grader Kate Carlson shared that her favorite part of the day was meeting her new friend Zamouria and playing with her during the recess games in the gym. Kate had already written a letter to Zamouria and asked lots of questions about her favorite color and her favorite animals. “I think it was cool that we got to connect with other kids and start to build relationships with them,” she shared.

When asked what she had learned through the special partnership, Kate said, “We are all God’s children and He loves us all the same.” Kate is looking forward to visiting her new friend when they travel to Greenway in February. “I am excited about seeing their school and their classroom. It will be lots of fun,” she shared.

“It was a wonderful day for our fourth grade students and they are excited about visiting Greenway. I was proud of how they were true disciples of Christ to our guests,” shared Lower School Principal Sharon Humphrey. “Our students have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet new friends through this collaboration.” The partnership allowed the fourth grade students to put the school verse of John 13:35 into action, “For they will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



# SPEAKER SERIES

In an effort to partner with parents in the education of the whole family, the 2012-13 Parent Education Series was formed to offer a series of seminars, Bible studies, and book clubs for the Charlotte Christian community. National speakers and authors as well as current parents and teachers offered their expertise on a variety of topics. Here are a few of the parent education opportunities provided in 2012:



**STEVE BROWN**, founder of Key Life Network, a radio broadcaster, seminary professor, bestselling author, and pastor, visited at the beginning of school and spoke on his book *Three Free Sins*. This past summer all Charlotte Christian employees read Dr. Brown's book which focuses on the fixation Christians have on the management of sin.

**DR. LAUREN KING, PSY.D.**, psychologist at Southeast Pych, spoke to parents of middle and upper school students in September about "Building a Positive Body Image in Your Teen," a forum that focused on healthy body image and eating habits.

**JOHN STONESTREET**, of Colson Center/Breakpoint and Summit Ministries, talked to parents in November about "Why Students Walk Away (from their faith) (And What We Can Do About It)". Mr. Stonestreet holds degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Bryan College and is the co-author of *Making Sense of Your World: A Biblical Worldview*. Studies show that nearly 50% of students reject their faith in college, and 70% will no longer go to church after they leave home. Mr. Stonestreet talked about how students these days are inundated with messages from all over and it is essential they are receiving a solid foundation starting at home, church and school.



**DEAN HARDY**, senior Bible teacher, taught an Apologetics Class for parents this fall. The upper school Bible department is known for their biblical preparation of students with the knowledge of what Christians believe, the knowledge of what other religions believe, and the tools with which to defend their beliefs. In an effort to give parents a glimpse into their child's Bible class, a nine-week study was offered. Parents discovered a rational basis for the Christian faith, faced their own doubts and questions, and learned about other worldviews.

## 2013 PARENT EDUCATION FORUMS

### MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

*Stand Firm:*

*A Study of Ephesians*

Jan. 16 – May 1

Every other Wednesday  
at 1 p.m.

Swim and Tennis Center

### DAD'S BOOK CLUB

*The Hole in our Gospel*

by Richard Stearns

Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 20,

March 6 at 7:30 a.m.

### STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

Flenniken Dining Hall

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 27, March 20 at 7 a.m.

Early Education Building

### DAD'S BOOK CLUB

*Is God on America's Side*

by Erwin Lutzer

April 3, April 17, May 1,

May 15 at 7:30 a.m.

### SWIMMING WITH POOLE: HELPING ADOLESCENTS DEAL WITH CONFLICT

April 24 at 8 a.m.

Swim and Tennis Center

For more information on these parent education opportunities, please visit [www.charlottechristian.com/parenteducation](http://www.charlottechristian.com/parenteducation).

"Personally, it provided a wealth of knowledge about the field of apologetics and defined several paths for me to use when called to defend my own faith. Mr. Hardy's dedication and passion for preparing our students to defend their faith when they leave Charlotte Christian is inspiring. I really appreciate having the opportunity to witness his commitment to equipping our students to stand firm for what they believe while helping me to have meaningful discussions with my kids at every level," said Mrs. Katrina Cassier.

# 2020 VISION

CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 2020 VISION STATEMENT

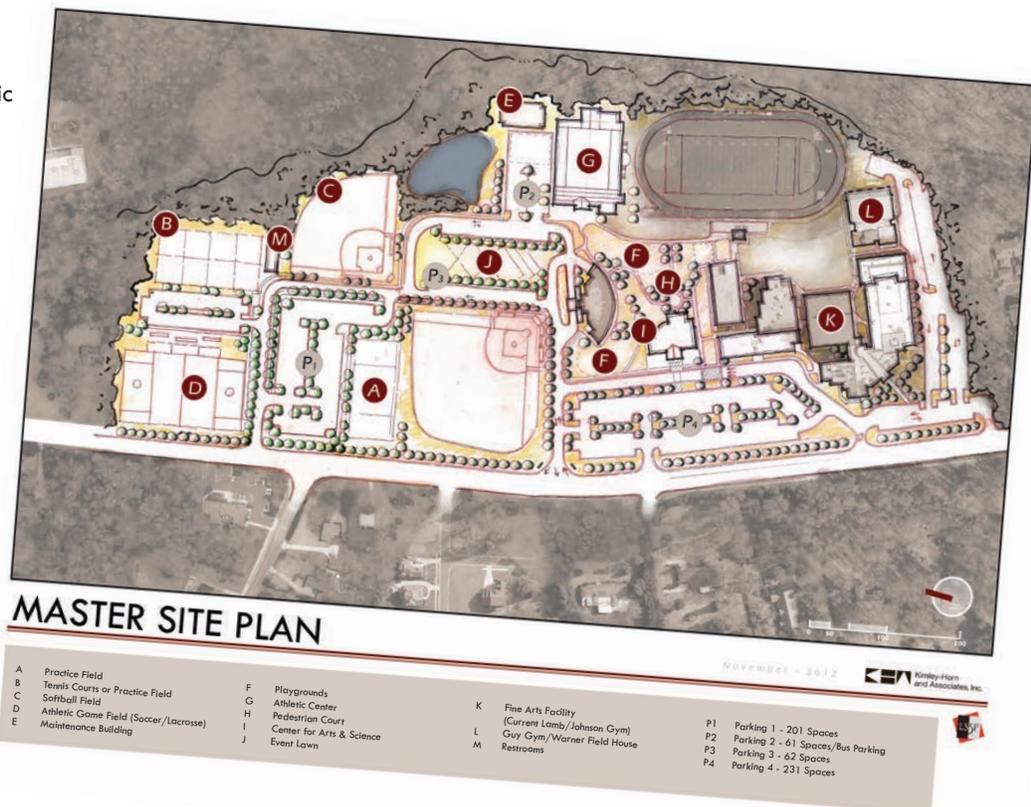
Charlotte Christian will be the premier Christian School in the Southeast hallmarked by its intentional spiritual formation of students, rigorous as well as varied academic offerings, vibrant fine arts department, and a comprehensive, competitive athletic program. This vision will be actively supported by a passionate and talented faculty, an administration that models servant leadership, supportive parents, a visionary board of trustees, and a vigorous alumni base.

Head of School Barry Giller unveiled the 2020 Strategic Vision for Charlotte Christian, laying out God's calling for our school over the next five to eight years. The 2020 Vision is the result of two years of prayer, planning, and processing. It includes input from focus groups, committees and surveys that were sent to the Charlotte Christian community.

“Our objective is to enable God to work on our campus and to help us become the school of excellence that He desires us to be,” said Mr. Giller. “As a parent you can partner with us by volunteering on campus and engaging in our community; by participating in the Annual Fund and capital campaign to enhance the educational environment now and in the future; and by sharing the 2020 Strategic Vision for Charlotte Christian with a prospective family and the excitement surrounding your Charlotte Christian experience.”

### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

1. Retain, train, and recruit employees and trustees who embody the school's mission with evident passion for their faith, Christian education, and their grade level/ discipline.
2. Intentionally disciple students to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and equip them to integrate Biblical truth and learning into their daily lives in order to impact the culture for Christ.
3. Offer a rigorous and unified (JK-12) college preparatory curriculum that challenges students of multiple academic abilities and talents.
4. Foster an atmosphere of Christ-centered community in which the school and home partner together in seeking a collective Biblical worldview.
5. Prudently plan for the future by maintaining a financial plan that focuses on long term sustainability and growth including widening advancement opportunities featuring development, brand strengthening, and admissions.
6. Maintain current and develop new facilities that serve the school's three divisions while providing appropriate common area space for the wide array of co-curricular opportunities.
7. Offer a comprehensive co-curricular program in the arts, athletics, service, and leadership arenas that enables students to develop their God-given talents in a meaningful and Christ-honoring manner.



## ACADEMICS

### HENDRICK SCHOLARSHIPS



Seniors **SARAH DRUMMOND** and **WES MEDEIROS** were named the 2012 recipients of the Jennifer and Kimberly Hendrick Memorial Scholarships during an all-school chapel held in October. Mrs. Cathy Hendrick established the two scholarships in memory and honor of her daughters, Jennifer Marie Hendrick and Kimberly Paige Hendrick, both Charlotte Christian graduates of the Class of 2000.

### NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED SCHOLARS



**KENDALL CAMERON, MICHAEL GOOD, COLIN JARRETT,** and **SCOTT ORTLIP** have all been named Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program and are part of the 34,000 students throughout the nation being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship competition by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

### WORLDQUEST COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Charlotte Christian Academic WorldQuest team on placing fifth out of 23 teams and 184 students that competed in the 14th annual Academic WorldQuest competition held this fall in Charlotte. The trivia competition was hosted by the World Affairs Council of Charlotte and included current events, world history and elections, and international culture categories. Team members: **LILY AUSTIN, CONNOR CLAVIN, ALLEN CROSBY, HOUSTON CULPEPPER, MICHAEL GOOD, ALEX KELLOGG, COLIN JARRETT,** and **JEFFREY YOH.** The team was led by Mrs. Renuka Szymborski, head of the English Department.

### CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to sixth grader **DYLAN GENTNER** on winning the 2012 Charlotte Christian Spelling Bee and seventh grader **COLIN GALLAGHER** as runner-up. Dylan will go on to represent Charlotte Christian in the Mecklenburg County Independent School Spelling Bee on Jan. 22 at Charlotte Preparatory School.

### CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN PACKS 1,022 BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



For more than 15 years, it has been a campus-wide tradition at Charlotte Christian School to pack shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project. This year's goal was 1,000 boxes and at final count, a total of 1,022 boxes had been collected by students in JK-12. Upper school National Honor Society members counted and delivered the boxes to the OCC collection site at Calvary Church.

## READING KNIGHTS

### READING PAGES

Abbey Buzanowski • Davis Goodrich  
Kathryn Jamison • Loren Jones  
Ada Sadowski • Clara Sadowski  
Cameron White • Zachary Zinger

### READING SQUIRES

Kathryn Jamison • Loren Jones  
Matthew Peach • Clara Sadowski

### READING KNIGHTS

Lily Golzar

### READING KNIGHTS WITH A PENNANT

Jake Buzanowski

For more information on Reading Knights, please visit [www.charlottechristian.com](http://www.charlottechristian.com) under the academics tab and click on media center.



## ATHLETICS

### ALUMNI IN BOWL GAMES

Congratulations to three Charlotte Christian alumni who recently played in college bowl games. Brothers **KELBY BROWN** ('10) and **KYLER BROWN** ('11) played for Duke University in the Belk Bowl against The University of Cincinnati on Dec. 27 in Charlotte. **MATTHIAS FARLEY** ('11) played for The University of Notre Dame in the Discover BCS National Football Championship game against The University of Alabama on Jan. 7 in Miami, Fla.



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### ALL-CISAA CONFERENCE ATHLETES

**CHEERLEADING:**

**ASHTON BOBO**  
**MADISON BYRON**  
**MOLLY HAIR**  
**BAILEY THOMPSON**  
**PAYTON WALKER**

**FOOTBALL:**

**JEB BLAZEVICH**  
**DALTON GOUVEIA**  
**BO HINES**  
**DES LAWRENCE**  
**ERIC LYNCH**  
**C.J. NASH**  
**WES MEDEIROS**  
**ADRIAN ROBINSON**

**SOCCER:**

**XAVI TORRES-REYES**

**TENNIS:**

**REBECCA HARRIS**

**VOLLEYBALL:**

**SYDEL CURRY**

### ALL-NCISAA STATE ATHLETES

**FOOTBALL:**

**JEB BLAZEVICH**  
**DALTON GOUVEIA**  
**BO HINES**  
**DES LAWRENCE**

**ERIC LYNCH**

**C.J. NASH**  
**WES MEDEIROS**  
**ADRIAN ROBINSON**

**TENNIS:**

**REBECCA HARRIS**

**VOLLEYBALL:**

**SYDEL CURRY**

### NCAA SIGNING DAY



Charlotte Christian hosted NCAA Fall National Signing Day Ceremonies in November for seven student-athletes who signed to play athletics at the collegiate level. Congratulations to the following athletes:

### ATHLETES

### BREAK SCHOOL RECORDS

Congratulations to two outstanding female student-athletes on breaking Charlotte Christian records. Senior ladies' basketball player **GIGI BAILEY** broke the ladies' career scoring record during a recent game against Legacy Charter School. Gigi broke the previous record of 1,450 points (Leah Metcalf, UNC-Chapel Hill) at Charlotte Christian. Freshman varsity swimmer **RACHEL REDMOND** also set a school record in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:56.45 in a recent tri-meet against Charlotte Latin and Providence Day.

**GIGI BAILEY**

Harvard University – Basketball

**SYDEL CURRY**

Elon University – Volleyball

**REBECCA HARRIS**

Virginia Tech University – Tennis

**PATRICK HAYNES**

Wingate University – Baseball

**BAILEY OBER**

College of Charleston – Baseball

**PATRICK ROOKS**

Clemson University – Basketball

**MATT SIMMONS**

Gardner Webb University - Baseball

**FINE ARTS**



**MATTHEWS ARTFEST WINNERS**

Senior artists **KATE CONDON** and **CARSON KOWAR** both won scholarships and prizes at the 27th Annual ArtFest Matthews held Sept. 29-30. Carson won the Grand Prize \$750 scholarship and the \$300 second place award. Kate won the \$150 photography award and a \$75 honorable mention award. ArtFest Matthews is a Fine Art and Master Craft Show held each fall and sponsored by the Matthews Chamber of Commerce. The show features a juried art show and senior art competition which showcases some of the county's best senior artists.



**ART IN ACTION SERVICE PROJECT**

Members of the Art in Action Club recently delivered the club's latest service project to the All Nations Coffee Club located in the NoDa area of Charlotte. The project was a large collaged painting of the world completed by more than 20 Charlotte Christian upper school artists. The All Nations Coffee Club was opened with the mission of promoting hope and family in a Christ-centered community.

**HONORS BAND SELECTIONS**

Congratulations to the following Charlotte Christian musicians who were selected to perform in the following honors bands:

**Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble**  
**SCOTT ORTLIP**

**Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall - Honors Band**  
**SCOTT ORTLIP**  
**ALEX WATKINS**  
**SYDNEY WEAVER**

**North Carolina All-State Orchestra**  
**SCOTT ORTLIP**

**North Carolina Association of Independent Schools Honors Band**  
**MATTHEW BOELKINS**  
**JEREMY HART**  
**DANIEL KOCHER**  
**AMARIS NORWOOD**  
**ARDEN NORWOOD**  
**GERLEA PATTON**  
**MORGAN YEARGAN**

**Sound of America National Honor Band Nomination**  
**SCOTT ORTLIP**

**Winthrop Invitational Honor Band**  
**ALEX WATKINS**  
**HARRISON HAMER**



# CHARLOTTE CHRISTIAN'S *Ladies* TENNIS TOURNAMENT

This year marked the second annual Ladies' Tennis Tournament at Providence Country Club. Sixty-four ladies participated in this wonderful event that included brackets for all ages and playing levels. The morning started off with round robin play then moved into the club house for lunch and a silent auction. This year's event raised more than \$8,500 towards the Annual Fund. Thank you to all of the volunteers who spent their time and energy making this a successful event.

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In Loving Memory of Jamie Kimble,  
Remembered by Jill Vance



**TENNIS COMMITTEE:**

Lori Fuqua, co-chair  
Libby Sarvis, co-chair  
Wendi Brown  
Jennifer Jarrett  
Tonya Jesso

Suzy Johnson  
Karyn Love  
Julie Peach  
Rachel Kocher  
Jill Vance





## Warner Field House Dedication



A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony was held Oct. 26, 2012 for the opening of the Warner Field House, a new facility dedicated in memory of George and Louise Warner. The new field house was built through the generous gifts of current and alumni parent benefactors. Troy and Dena Brown chose to name the new facility in memory of Dena's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, great-grandparents of three Charlotte Christian students.

The Warner Field House is a 7,800 square foot facility that was built in conjunction with the expansion to the Guy Gymnasium, both of which broke ground in May of 2012. The new field house includes athletic offices; a multipurpose room designed for use by wrestling, cheerleading, fine arts and large group meetings; and locker rooms for football, lacrosse, and wrestling. The facility also includes a classroom which can be used for physical education class lectures, athletic team meetings, and study halls. In addition to the field house, the Guy Gymnasium was expanded by 2,400 square feet to accommodate double court space for basketball and volleyball along with expanded spectator seating.

The ribbon cutting ceremony honored the legacy of George and Louise Warner and included Head of School Barry Giller, members of the Charlotte Christian Board of Trustees, parent benefactors, coaches, teachers, and students. The architect for the project was LS3P and the general contractor was Shiel Sexton. A reception honoring the Warner family was held in the new facility immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"We are extremely excited about this new addition to our campus," shared Head of School Barry Giller. "This facility will provide academic and athletic space that will benefit our entire study body. We are thankful to all of the benefactors for their generous support of Charlotte Christian and look forward to continuing to expand our campus to meet the growing educational and co-curricular opportunities of our students."



# Bring The Love...

## 2012-13 Annual Fund

donors as of December 18, 2012



The following is a list of families who have already made their commitment to the 2012-13 Annual Fund. Please note, the star next to family names indicates they are a "Cornerstone Donor" and have given faithfully to the Annual Fund for 10 or more years.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bugg

The theme of this year's Annual Fund clearly defines a tradition our Charlotte Christian community has celebrated for 62 years. Through thousands of hours of volunteerism and generous financial support for the Annual Fund, our community provides for exceptional programs and opportunities for our students. While tuition provides the essentials for a Christ-centered, college preparatory education, strong support for the Annual Fund is instrumental to our goal of developing students for college and beyond.

John and Karyn Love serve as leaders for this year's campaign. Together with more than 100 volunteers, the Loves put together a strong team of leaders who committed to raise \$525,000 this year with 100 percent of current families participating at some level. Through the generosity and leadership of many, this year's campaign is off to a strong start, raising \$228,999 in pledges and gifts to date.



New giving recognitions were introduced this year with the Harry Graham Leadership Society and Cornerstone donor recognitions to the Annual Fund. While the school does not list donors by their giving level there is a desire to honor those who give \$1,000 or more as well as those who have given faithfully for 10 or more years at any level. These two groups will be recognized next fall during a special Graham Leadership reception.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Zach Goodyear  
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Mrs. Cassie Jones  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Kaplan  
 Ms. Theresa Kasay  
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ketron  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tony King  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark King  
 Ms. Becky Knight  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel Kotula  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis\*  
 Rev. and Mrs. Al Lewis  
 Ms. Gina Lister\*  
 Mr. and Mrs. Josh Little  
 Dr. and Mrs. Burton Lohoff-Gaida  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Maier  
 Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Marcey  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Mendlik  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mills  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Molitor  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Montgomery  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moreau\*  
 Mr. and Mrs. Grey Mull  
 Mr. and Mrs. Rex Myers  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bret Myers  
 Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nations  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sullivan  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jason Sword  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Szymborski  
 Ms. Terri Tedesco\*  
 Drs. Ron and Freida Thomas\*  
 Mr. Lynn Thorneburg and Dr.  
 Susan Hockaday  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trotter  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Turner  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Turner  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Vachino  
 Mr. and Mrs. Brad Van Hoy  
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Vance  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Von Cannon  
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waldrop  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Walker  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Warr  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Weaver  
 Dr. and Mrs. Mark Weigel  
 Mr. Marty White  
   and Dr. Heather White  
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 Dr. and Mrs. Hany Youssef  
 Mr. David Zacarias

# HOMECOMING 2012



Class of 1987

This past October, Charlotte Christian celebrated Homecoming 2012. In a weekend that both alumni and parents of alumni look forward to every year as they come back to a place where they shared great memories. They reconnected with old friends, teachers and coaches in the hospitality tent; spent time admiring the changes on campus and watched the Charlotte Christian Knights compete in the annual Homecoming football game. This year marked significant years for classes 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002 as they celebrated 30, 25, 20 and 10 year class reunions, respectively.



**SAVE THE DATE HOMECOMING 2013:**

**OCT. 11, 2013**

Class of 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008



Class of 1992



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**This year's Grandparents' Day is Friday, March 1, 2013**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

# Class Notes

2012

**MARI PILLMORE** won the "Firebird" Photo Contest hosted by *The Charlotte Observer*. She received four passes to the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art, a "Firebird" T-shirt and puzzle.



country singer, Blake Shelton backstage in a concert on campus. He is studying economics, nutrition, Chinese, world religions and the history of dance.

**WILL PADEN** accepted his Faculty Scholarship to Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, Texas and has been enjoying his first semester. He has pledged FIGI fraternity and is enjoying life in the great state of Texas. Will got to meet the



**BEN SCARLETT** married Megan Wheeland on June 23, 2012 at the Alexander Homestead in Charlotte, N.C.

**JORDAN MITCHELL** and **VIRGINIA BOWEN** were married June 16, 2012 at Sardis Presbyterian Church. They live in Smyrna, Georgia.

**TAYLOR ULRICH**

graduated from the University of Charlotte-Greensboro in 2012 with a B.S. in Information Systems and Operations Management. During his junior year, he did study abroad at the Universität Mannheim in Mannheim Germany. His half-year of foreign studies concentrated in IT and business informatics. During this time, Taylor also self-disciplined in industry telecommunications, and achieved certification as a Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician (CCENT). Upon his return to the states and graduation in May 2012, Taylor accepted a position as a Network Systems Engineer for a privately-held systems integrator, specializing in the design, deployment, and support of secured wireless and business video architectures for public and private organizations. Taylor has also achieved his Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) and Aruba Certified Mobility Professional (ACMP). He provides customer-facing services including pre- and post-sales architecture designs, solution configuration and implementation, and post-implementation support and knowledge transfer services. Taylor currently resides in Charlotte, N.C.

2011

**HOPE FOSKEY** just began pharmacy school this past fall at the University of Georgia. She is pictured here at the annual White Coat Ceremony for first year pharmacy students on Aug. 11, 2012 with the Dean of the Pharmacy School.



2010

**ERIN SAYSON** was recognized by the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches/Women as a Scholastic All-American for the 2011-12 season.



**BETHANY MITCHELL** spent a semester abroad at University of Wollongong, NSW Australia.

2008

**ALEX COMPTON** graduated cum laude from N.C. State in May 2012 with a degree in biology. He is currently on an 11 month mission trip with The World Race. The World Race goes to 11 countries in 11 months. So far he has been to Africa (Zimbabwe, South Africa and Swaziland) and will spend the next month in China. They have been doing a variety of things: Bible school, farming, cutting down trees, constructing a building and taking care of some medical needs for the locals.



**ZACH DEXTER** is developing mobile and web-based security products for his startup, databracket.com. Zach recently attended the three month, fall 2012 session of Hacker School, an advanced-level software coding accelerator in Brooklyn, New York.



2007

**ZENUS WILSON**

graduated from Davidson College, class of 2011, with focus on premedical, major in chemistry and biology. He even attended a six week summer course in Africa with the premed students at Davidson. While at Davidson he worked as a research fellow in the Bernd Research

Lab researching the effects of ethanol and ozone on lung cells from May to Dec 2010. Zenus also worked as a scribe for the Emergency Medicine Scribe Systems where he charted on patients for emergency physicians in the ER at Presbyterian Hospital Huntersville. In the fall of 2011, Zenus enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Medical School. This past year Zenus lost his brother, Cal, on Nov. 25, 2011.

## Class Notes

**ALLISON RUTHERFORD** is engaged to Angus Ferguson. They will be married on July 13, 2013 in Charlotte. She is a second grade teacher in Greenville, S.C.

### 2006

**CAMERON LINEBERGER** is a site coordinator for Reading Partners at the Brightwood Elementary School in Northwest Washington, D.C. Reading Partners is a national volunteer tutoring program that aims to improve literacy among students whose reading skills are six months to 2 1 / 2 years behind grade level.

**ELISE LINEBERGER** has been promoted to senior manager of business and legal affairs at Shine America in Los Angeles, Calif.

### 2005

**CONNOR LYONS** started a new job with the Products & Development Group at Akamai Technologies in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



### 2003

**MEREDITH PLUNKETT** married John Pitts on June 9, 2012 in Charlotte, N.C.



**DANIEL BRYANT** graduated from Multnomah Bible College in 2007. He currently works as an independent contractor in partnership with his father and works part-time at a local church in Matthews as an associate youth mentor/praise band leader. Beginning in January, he will be taking a leave of absence from contracting while he produces his first music CD,

brought together by a Charlotte Christian graduate who works in the movie industry.



### SARAH SCOTT

married Matt Robinson on July 28, 2012 in Atlanta, Georgia.

### 2002

**ROSEMARY N. ALEXANDER** passed the Georgia State Bar Exam and will continue to practice in Alabama and expand to Georgia with the same firm, Shunnarah Injury Attorneys.

**COURTNEY DRYER** has been practicing as an optometrist in the Charlotte area since receiving her Doctor of Optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. in 2011. She is opening her own practice, 4 Eyes Optometry, in the Parktowne Village Shopping Center in February of 2013.

**OLIVIA (REID) LINTHAVONG** graduated from the UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine in May. Dr. Linthavong is currently doing a Residency in Pediatric Medicine at the North Carolina Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill. She and her husband Kanhka live in Burlington.

**JEFF SWICEGOOD** finished his Master of Arts degree in teaching on Dec. 10, 2012 with his master's degree in education from Wingate University.



### 2002/1999

**MATT TIMMERMAN** ('99) and **KRISTIN (BROEILS) TIMMERMAN** ('02) welcomed their second child on Sept. 18, 2012, Tristan Rhys. He joins big sister Tinsley who is now 18 months old. The couple resides in Matthews, N.C. and own an insurance brokerage in Mint Hill.



### 2001

**SARAH SUTTON** and her husband, Scott, welcomed their first child a daughter, Hannah Rae, on Aug. 26, 2012. The Sutton's moved back to Charlotte with the relocation of Scott's job as the Sustainability Engagement Manager at Duke Energy.



### 2000

**TIM BRYANT** and his wife, Abby live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is a senior firefighter for the Chattanooga Fire Department and the Secretary/Treasurer for the local union. Tim is currently completing certifications

in preparation for promotion to Lieutenant. The couple has a 3-year-old son and is expecting another baby this spring.

## Class Notes

**CHARISSA (GRUBBS) BURNS** and her husband, Chad, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Lillian Gail on May 31, 2012. Her older brother Jacob Michael is very excited to have a sister. The Burns family lives in Portland, Ore. and Chad works at Oregon Health & Science University.

### 1999

**RUSSELL BROWN** recently changed jobs joining Brackett Flagship Properties in Charlotte as the Vice President - Investments. Russell is also close to completing his MBA at The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

**KERRI (BOYTHE) CURRIE** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed another boy, Croix Thomas, on Dec. 12, 2012. Croix joins big brother Conlee.

**IAN REID** and his wife, Rebecca, welcomed their first child, Eli Bradstreet, on Nov. 7, 2012 weighing 9lbs. 6oz. Ian is the senior pastor at First Lutheran Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia.



**JACQUELINE SCHAFFER** was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives, where she will begin her first term in January 2013. She will represent House District 105, which encompasses much of South Charlotte. After earning her law degree from Regent University School of Law in 2007, Jacqueline served as Counsel for Government Affairs for the

American Center for Law & Justice in Washington, D.C. Currently licensed to practice law in North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, she now serves as General Counsel for Charlotte-based executive search firm Schaffer Associates, Inc. Jacqueline looks forward to the coming legislative session and to representing the people of South Charlotte at the General Assembly in Raleigh.

### 1997

**MATTHEW RIDENHOUR** was elected as a Mecklenburg County Commissioner.

### 1991

**RAFAEL MCLEOD** and his wife, Melanie, welcomed their fifth child, Henry Wells McLeod on Aug. 12, 2012. The McLeod family moved to Houston, Texas recently to open a brand new Chick-fil-A restaurant after spending four years operating a franchise in Winston Salem, N.C. Their other four children are Corinne (7), Dyer (6), Sadie (4), and Bennett (2).

**HAL QUEEN** recently became the Owner/Operator of the Chick-fil-A restaurant on Albemarle Road.



## Charlotte Christian Alumna Joins the Development Advancement Team

Meredith (Plunkett) Pitts joined the Development Advancement Team in July 2012 as the development assistant and alumni coordinator. She assists in the school's fundraising events along with promoting the Annual Fund and Capital Campaigns. One of her main focuses will be growing alumni relations, and she is currently working on re-launching the alumni Facebook page.

She previously worked as an assistant teacher at Charlotte Christian in the fourth grade for four years. A 2003 Charlotte Christian graduate, Meredith attended Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. where she majored in communications with an emphasis in public relations. During her time at Lee she interned at Make-A-Wish Foundation in Chattanooga. She enjoyed seeing a child's excitement when their "wish" was granted. She also spent a summer interning for Representative Sue Myrick in Washington, D.C.

Please contact Meredith with any alumni updates or stories at (704) 366-5657, ext. 6402 or [meredith.pitts@charchrist.com](mailto:meredith.pitts@charchrist.com).

### 1990

**CHARLES TODD** is a studio principal for Little Diversified Architectural Consulting in Durham, N.C. Charles and his wife, Holly, have five children: Emma (15), Lucas (12), Simon (10), Aaron (7) and Cora (5).

### 1978

**MERWIN FOARD** and his family live in Mount Kisco, N.Y. He and his family are doing well post Super Storm Sandy and the following nor'easter. Phoebe (19) is a sophomore at Wagner College studying early childhood education and psychology and Bailey (14) is in ninth grade at Fox Lane High School. Merwin and his wife, Becky, recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. Merwin opened in his 15th Broadway show, a stunning revival of Annie where he plays President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.







1. Homecoming - Jersey Day
2. Knightsfest
3. Veterans Day Chapel
4. First Day of School
5. Social Studies Village Projects
6. Morgan McManus - National Scholastic Ceremony NYC
7. Charlotte Christian Shrine Bowl players

8. Winter Collage Art Show
9. Grades 2-5 Christmas Program
10. Back-to-School Kick-Off
11. Homecoming King & Queen
12. JK/K Nativity
13. Lessons & Carols
14. Upper School Windy Gap



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**JANUARY 2013**

- 3 Classes Resume
- 14 Rising Grade 1  
Parent Meeting (8 a.m.)
- 15 Rising Grade 2  
Parent Meeting (8 a.m.)
- 15-17 MS Stepping Up Week  
(Grade 5)
- 16 Rising Grade 3  
Parent Meeting (8 a.m.)
- 17 Rising Grade 4  
Parent Meeting (8 a.m.)
- 18 Rising Grade 5  
Parent Meeting (8 a.m.)
- 21 Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Holiday - School &  
Offices Closed
- 28 State of the School Address  
(7 p.m.)
- 31 Admissions JK-12 Open House  
(7 p.m.)

**FEBRUARY 2013**

- 1 PTF All-School  
Parent Coffee (8 a.m.)
- 4 Jazz Band Concert (7 p.m.)
- 5 Rising Grade 6  
Parent Night (7 p.m.)
- 7 Rising Grade 9 Family  
Forum (7 p.m.)

- 10 US Choir Performance –  
Providence Baptist (10 a.m.)
- 11 Grade 10 College Planning  
Parent Night (7 p.m.)
- 12 Rising Grades 7 & 8  
Parent Night (7 p.m.)
- 14 Knights Out Dance
- 15 Winter Break –  
School & Offices Closed
- 18 President's Day –  
School & Offices Closed
- 19 Employee Appreciation Day
- 20 Rising Grade 6 Parent  
Breakfast #1 (8 a.m.)
- 22 Re-Enrollment Contracts Due
- 26 Rising Grade 6 Parent  
Breakfast #2 (8 a.m.)
- 27 Men's Fellowship (7 a.m.)  
Rising Grade 6 Parent  
Breakfast #3 (8 a.m.)
- 28 LS Spring Musical (7 p.m.)

**MARCH 2013**

- 1 Grandparents' &  
Grandfriends' Day  
LS Early Dismissal (11 a.m.)
- 1-2 LS Spring Musical (7 p.m.)
- 6-7 W/AP Testing (Grades 4-8)
- 14-16 US Spring Musical (7 p.m.)
- 20 Men's Fellowship (7 a.m.)

- 22 Easter Chapel
- 22 LS Jerusalem Walk  
(8:15 a.m.)  
LS Easter Program (9:30 a.m.)  
LS Early Dismissal (11 a.m.)
- 25-28 Spring Break – No School
- 29 Good Friday – School &  
Offices Closed

**APRIL 2013**

- 1 Easter Monday – School &  
Offices Closed
- 11-13 MS Spring Musical (7 p.m.)
- 15 National Honor Society  
Induction (7 p.m.)
- 16 National Jr. Honor Society  
Induction (7 p.m.)
- 19 Grade 6 Middle Ages Day  
US Prom
- 22 MS Orchestra & Choir  
Concert (7 p.m.)
- 24 Swimming with Poole (8 a.m.)
- 29 US Orchestra & Choir  
Concert (7 p.m.)
- 30 US Awards Assembly (8 a.m.)

**MAY 2013**

- 2 National Day of Prayer  
Lemonade & Cookies  
(3:30 p.m.)  
Vocal Tech Recital (7 p.m.)
- 6 Annual Golf Challenge –  
Ballantyne Resort
- 6-10 Grade 8 Washington, DC  
AP Exams
- 15 N.E.W. Parent Coffee
- 20 Senior Exams Begin
- 24 US History Day  
LS Field Day – Grades 2-5  
(8 a.m.)  
LS Field Day –  
Grades JK-1 (9:45 a.m.)
- 24-31 MS/US Exams
- 27 Memorial Day – School &  
Offices Closed
- 30 Grade 5 Promotion (9 a.m.)  
LS Last Day of School –  
Early Dismissal (11 a.m.)
- 31 Senior Breakfast (9 a.m.)  
Senior Baccalaureate  
(11 a.m.)  
Grade 8 Promotion (7 p.m.)

**JUNE 2013**

- 1 Class of 2013  
Commencement (10 a.m.)