

Jefferson County Christian School

March 2010 Newsletter

Dear JCCS School Family:

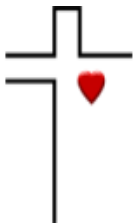
Do you remember the show, "Let's Make A Deal?" The students in 7-12 didn't really when I tried to explain it in Chapel the other day. My point was that in life, they really can choose one of three "doors" to walk through. They can go through life (Door #1) believing that the Word of God is True, beginning to end. Or they can choose to go through life believing that the Word of God is false. Or they can walk through life believing that some parts of the Word of God are true but some are false. Which "door" they go through is really a matter of the life they will live . . . and not live.

I explained to them that what you believe determines your values, and what you value determines your actions. If they truly have decided that the Word of God is true, it will affect all their future actions, and therefore all their futures. It will determine what they will do and what they won't do. There are future consequences for choosing the other two doors as well. One of them is that if you do not believe God's Word is absolutely true then whose truth is true? The world's? MTV's? Texts from friends?

Depending which door you open up, you should look in and see what the future holds. Those who open Door #1 have a life filled with all that God has for them: peace, protection, provision, plans, and His presence now and for eternity. Those who believe God's Word is false reject the truth of the only One that can save them. And those who are not sure if all of God's Word is true spend their lives bumbling, tumbling, and stumbling while they try to figure out what is and is not true. The ground behind door number three is shifting sand. That's a miserable way to walk through life.

At JCCS, in partnership with home and church, we teach each child the truth of God's Word so that our students might be able to run the race that the Lord has for them. It is our hope and prayer with that on the path of Solid Rock behind Door #1, there will be no stumbling. Instead, they can run with freedom and joy and strength right into the arms of the Savior.

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6:68



Standing on Solid Ground,

Diane Hutchison
Administrator



NEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW

A VIEW FROM "SNOWBIRD CENTRAL"

If you could only see me in Snowbird Central at my house: TV, laptop, phone, passwords, snow chain list, etc. If I ever retire from JCCS, I am very sure that I am now qualified to be a meteorologist. Truthfully, I just want you to know that I put extensive time (up at 4:30 AM) and prayer into making the closing and delay decisions. No one has criticized me or questioned me and I am grateful for that but I thought I would explain a few things. First, we are somewhat unique because we pull students from 8 different school districts. Four of those districts provide busing for our students. Because of our unique position, many, many factors go into making the decision which I painstakingly weigh out. The bottom line is always: can we safely get our students and our teachers into school and home safely for the day?



NEW DELAY OPTION

As you know, last week I mentioned a new "delay" option that could be helpful and I want to explain it again. You are familiar with the options we have used in the past: CLOSING, 2 HR. DELAY, and EARLY DISMISSAL. Now I have added to our possible options a NOON START. Under that option, the students would report to school at 12:00 PM. All grades K- 12 would begin at that time. There would be no lunch period (although the young ones would still have a possible snack time in their class). We would have four hours of learning time and therefore the day can be counted as a full day of school and would not have to be made up. The students would be dismissed at exactly 4:00 PM. There will not be busing from any district either to or home from school on those days. We may not ever have to use this scenario but there have been and I think probably will be times when this plan could preserve a day of school safely and keep us from adding to our make-up days. Here is the important thing to remember, if I would decide to go with this schedule, the TV announcement will say: "NOON START". That is how you will distinguish it from a regular 2-hr Delay. There will be not be preschool on "Noon Start" days.



SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

We have exceeded the five allotted snow days by four to this point. Right now those four make-up days will be the ones that were originally scheduled on our School Calendar for the year. They will be April 1st, April 5th, June 3rd, and June 4th. We will NOW BE IN SESSION on APRIL 1, APRIL 5, JUNE 3 and JUNE 4 to cover make-up days.



PROGRESS REPORTS & NOTICE OF IMPROVEMENT

will be sent home on Thursday, March 4th in the mail. Every student in Grades 7-12 will receive a progress report. They DO NOT need to be signed and returned. Students in Grades K-6 will only receive a Notice of Improvement if the teacher

wishes to notify parents of academic deficiencies or major changes in academic progress. We postponed the issuing of progress reports by one week due to the amount of snow days we have had in the last four weeks. However, the third grading period will end as scheduled on Friday, March 26th. Reports will be sent home with the students on Thursday, April 1st in the manila envelope. Reports Cards MUST BE SIGNED and returned by the following Wednesday to avoid a demerit penalty.

RE-REGISTRATION

We are sending home re-registration forms in this packet. You may return them to school through your student or mail them in. Re-registration is open to current families until April 15th. Current families who re-register after April 15th will be charged a \$25.00 late registration fee. When you re-register, you will receive your financial contract in the mail. **YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRACT IS DUE 2 WEEKS FROM THE DATE IT IS ISSUED. IF YOU'RE FINANCIAL CONTRACT IS NOT SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE OFFICE IN THE TWO WEEK TIME PERIOD, IT WILL COST YOU THE FULL \$50.00 REGISTRATION FEE TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.** Remember that as per our policy, if you sign a financial contract and then for some reason a change is requested or required by you, you will be charged a \$100.00 fee to have a new contract written. This applies to each new contract written for you between the first time one is signed and turned in through the end of the next school year. Because of these policies, please consider your commitments carefully and follow through in a timely manner to avoid any fees.

ATTENTION ALL 9-12 GRADE PARENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING ATTENDANCE
Please understand and take note of the Attendance Policy for students in grades 9-12 in the Parent/Student Handbook. Students who miss over FIVE days in a QUARTER (EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED) will receive a FAILING GRADE for those classes missed over five times. The only exception to this will be absences that were PREAPPROVED by the Administrator or those that are medically EXCUSED BY A DOCTOR. Also, please remember that absences can only be EXCUSED when a note of explanation is sent in on the day of the student's return to school and only for those reasons approved by the State of Ohio Department of Education.

MARCH MADNESS DRESS DOWN DAYS sponsored by the Junior Class to benefit the Senior Banquet. See the enclosed flier! **REMINDER:** Students may participate in the theme for the day or pay just to dress down in clothes that are appropriate by the gym clothes dress code. Students **MAY NOT PAY** to dress down in clothes that **BREAK** the dress code (shirts with wrong writing/pictures; clothes too tight or immodest; anything that would be offensive to Christ and the Christian community.) Please cooperate in a good way with Dress Down guidelines so that we may continue to have this fun activity.

MARCH 15 -19th



OHIO GRADUATION TEST for all 10th Graders. It is a requirement of the State of Ohio that all students pass the OGT in order to graduate from a chartered Ohio high school. This test replaces the 9th Grade Proficiency Tests of past years. Any juniors or seniors who need to make up certain sub-tests will do so at that same time. Please ensure that your student is well rested and well nourished that they might do their very best. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Potvin, our guidance counselor.

MARCH 4th

THE ELEMENTARY IN-SCHOOL SPEECH MEET was delayed due to a snow day delay. It will now be held on Thursday, March 4th. It will begin with first grade at 8:30 AM in the school gym and continue with each grade consecutively until we finish. Parents are invited to attend.



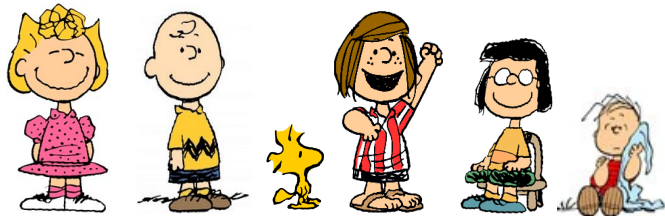
DRESS CODE REMINDER

Some of our students are starting to "slippy slide" on the dress code regulations. Please refresh yourselves on the rules in the handbook. Be careful about jeans that are frayed and patched. Also boys are required to have short hair (above the eyes, off the ears, off the collar). Girls cannot have shirts that are low cut (more than 4 finger widths below the collar bone). If girls "layer" shirts, all shirts must be able to be "correct" if worn alone, even the under layer. No "incorrect" shirts can be showing. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter. Remember my motto concerning the JCCS dress code. "It's a big circle, get in it."

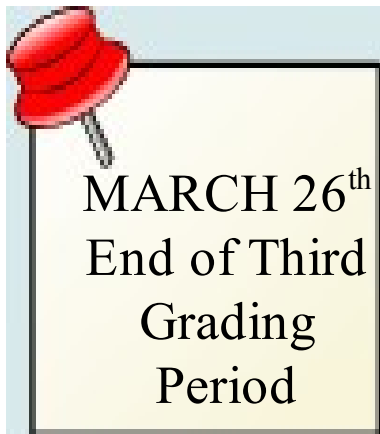


PAPER DRIVE

Thanks to all of you who faithfully contribute to the Paper Recycling Project that is headed up and handled by Mr. Cunningham. His efforts in this, with your contributions have raised over \$10,000.00. If you bring us paper to recycle, please bring PAPER AND CARDBOARD ONLY (no styrofoam, cellophane wrapping, etc.). **Also, please do not put any of the materials you bring for recycling in our dumpster.** If you leave off paper and cardboard after school, please leave it in the special container by the north end steps OR IN Mr. Cunningham's truck in front of the garage. The project has become so BIG that we could use some helpers. Perhaps you know of a retired person with some time on their hands that would enjoy doing a good work by helping Mr. Cunningham sort and stack papers on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays. Please consider and let me know!



“YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN”
and we can't wait to see the whole gang in this year's spring musical on April 8, 9, and 10th. Ticket information is enclosed in this packet! “Charlie Brown” was the very first production of the JCCS Royal Theater back in 1998. Come out to see our new “take” on this sweet and special and very funny show!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

- ~God to send the students He desires to have at JCCS for the next school year.
- ~Continued health and safety for our school family
- ~God's divine guidance for our seniors
- ~Preparations for the play



PRAISE GOD FOR



- ~The blessings of the Fish Fry
- ~Protection during delay days
- ~His uncommon love for us