

# Church Hill Intermediate School News

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## First Nine Weeks Celebrations:

- Student Attendance was 96.63%!
- 146 CHIS students made honor roll.
- Students sold over \$13,000 in candy bars to support our school!
- 111 students made their AR Goals!

## A Note from your Principal

As we finish our 9th week of school, I am very proud of our students as I observe classes and watch them engaged in learning activities. Each day I see students busy using promethean boards, computers, iPads, manipulatives, and instructional games to promote higher level thinking which will help them conquer the TN State Standards. Classes buzz with interaction among students as they participate in learning centers, cooperative groups, and partners. Our two main areas of focus this year are ASSESSMENTS and

PURPOSE. Teachers have diligently searched to find quality questions that match our standards in order to measure student learning. As they do this, they are also connecting their lessons to real-life situations so that students can find a purpose in what they are learning and connect that with thoughts about what they want to do as an adult. Isn't it exciting to think about all of the possibilities these 400+ students have ahead of them? Isn't it also amazing that in only 6-7 years most of the students at CHIS will be the adults in our communi-



ty...beginning careers that will impact us all? They are the future doctors, mechanics, nurses, welders, cooks, congressmen, bus drivers, dentists.

As John F. Kennedy said, "Children are the world's most valuable resource, and its best hope for the future."

We look forward to watching our students grow in their education and future occupations!

## Fender's Farm—a School-Wide Fun Day

On October 7, all CHIS students were invited to attend a field trip to Fender's Farm. We were blessed with beautiful fall weather as students and staff gathered

on eight school busses and headed off for a fun-filled day to celebrate the end of the first nine weeks of school. Getting through the maze wasn't easy, as students

had to answer tough questions designed by their teachers to determine their way! Racing pigs, a mechanical bull and hayrides also complemented this fun day!

## New Physical Activity Laws Create Fun Choices for CHIS Students

In July, the Tennessee General Assembly passed House Bill 2148 that stated that students in grades 2-6 shall have a minimum of 20 twenty-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least 4 days per week. While this initially was a scheduling nightmare, as other state-mandated requirements for classes had to be considered, teachers at CHIS once again stepped up to the challenge!

Related Arts teachers shaved off 20 minutes of their classes and created choices for students for activity time.

Each week, students choose from a variety of activities, including arts/crafts, outdoor recess, yoga, dance classes, and others. At the



end of each Related Arts class each day, students go to their chosen activity area for a “brain break.” All teachers and assistants also provide another 20 minute activity time in the afternoons for students during Connections. While this has created some extra planning, students have shown great interest and reports show a decrease in student discipline.

## CHIS Receives \$2000 Teacher Appreciation Grant

On September 15, Isaiah Bailey, coordinator for the 2016 Tennessee Educator Survey, contacted CHIS to inform us that we had been selected as one of the \$2000 grant winners in Tennessee. CHIS was chosen for being one of the schools with the highest response rates in the state (97% of our teachers participated in the survey!) This grant is purposed to be used toward teacher/staff appreci-

ation at the discretion of the principal. Results of this survey can be found at <http://educatorsurvey.tn.k12.gov/>

The Leadership Team at CHIS will use the information from this survey to make any needed changes toward continuous school improvement.

CHIS is a great place to BE!

**“Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students.” Solomon Ortiz**

## Dinner and a Show! Don't miss this upcoming event at CHIS!

Mrs. Ragsdale is joining efforts with the CHIS Celebration Team, Fine Arts Department, and all teachers to create a “rocking” experience at CHIS! Our Fall Musical will be held on Thursday, November 17. We will begin the evening's festivi-



ties with a dinner, then proceed with the show! We will also be having a silent auction that evening for themed baskets.

Any community businesses or individuals who would like to donate items to be auctioned, please contact Sherri Pugh at 357-0252.

We hope everyone will come out and have a good time! Look for more information soon in Friday

## Clubs of Interest coming to CHIS!

As CHIS continues to promote students into finding their “purpose” for learning, teachers and staff have created clubs of interest for all students. In October, students were given a list of clubs to choose from. Once assigned, students will attend these clubs once per month during Connections time with other students of like-interests. Hopefully, students will find new ideas for future occupa-

tions and connect what they are learning to these occupations.



Some of the club choices include: Storytelling, Appreciation Team, Songwriting, Drama, Performance Arts, Crafts for Love, Wellness, Astronomy, Computer Building, Board Games, History, Key Club, Spanish Club, Creative Writing, Book Clubs, Lego Club, Quilling, Escape Classroom, Chorus, Newspaper, Career Club, Alabama Football, and more!

## Dance, Dance, Dance!

CHIS held our Back to School dance on Friday, September 23. Students came out and enjoyed a night of fun with their friends as they danced, played, sang, and just hung out. The money from this dance went toward our school improvement fund. Currently, we are using money from these funds to purchase a large screen television for our cafeteria and conference room. These televisions will be used to scroll important school infor-

mation, deadlines, and also school news to our students and visitors.

We appreciate the support we get from our students and parents as we strive to make CHIS a great place to be.

Come on out and enjoy yourselves at our next school dance... which will be held on Friday, October 28! This dance will be

costume-themed. All masks must be removed at the door for entrance, and all costumes must be appropriate and not too revealing. As always, students must be picked up inside the door for safety. Hope everyone can come out for this great night of fun!

**Notes on Morning Drop-Off: Please allow students to exit their vehicle as soon as traffic stops in the drop-off area. Do not wait until your car is first in line. This will make the traffic flow much quicker! Thanks!**

## Thank You, Lowes of Kingsport!

We would like to thank Lowes of Kingsport on West Stone Drive for their generous donation to CHIS! Lowes donated eight crepe myrtle trees, four redbud trees, and loads of mulch and edging for our front yard. Then, employees from Lowes donated their time to do the

much-needed makeover! After several hours of hard work, the results were amazing! When shopping at Lowes, be sure to tell them that the community at CHIS appreciates their investment in our school!



## Church Hill Intermediate

The mission of Church Hill Intermediate School is to provide every student the opportunities to learn and the encouragement to succeed academically, personally, and professionally.

We're on the web!  
<http://chis.hck12.net/>

### Upcoming Events:

October 21: Report Cards Go Home

October 27: Family Reading Night

October 28: Halloween Dance 6PM-8PM

October 31—November 4: Book Fair!

October 31: Halloween (costumes allowed); 1st Nine Week Celebration

November 1: TNReady Information Meeting and Family Bookfair Night

November 4: First Club Meetings

November 8: Election Day! No School for Students

November 11: Veteran's Day! No School for Students

November 17: Dinner and a Show

November 23-25: Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2: Clubs

December 16: Christmas Dance

December 20: School Dismisses at 11:30

January 5: Happy New Year! Back to School

See our School Calendar on the CHIS website for updates to events!

Don't forget to register your Food City Club Card for CHIS!

## Send in your Boxtops!

Did you know that Church Hill Intermediate School receives 10¢ for each tiny Boxtop clipping that you turn in?

If we get \$500 in Boxtops by December 9, we will have a school-wide pajama day!

Please send these in throughout the year to support our school.

Also, if you are interested in helping coordinate our Boxtops for Education Program at CHIS, we could use your help!

We need people to help sort, count, and organize these so that they can be post-

marked by November 1 and by March 1 each year.

If interested, please contact Elizabeth McLain.



**Earn Cash for Our School!**