



Christian County Public Schools Newsletter

Autumn in Western Kentucky means schools are in session. The last 3 months have been challenging to say the least, but because of the courageous and hardworking staff of Christian County Public Schools, we were able to bring almost 6,000 students back to in person learning and safely into our buildings. The newly organized CCPS Virtual Learning Academy and its staff have also hit the ground running during the 1st quarter of school. Their work has been nothing short of outstanding, developing an online learning platform for over 2,000 students district wide and providing an option to parents and students. As a district we have done many great things, but nothing I can recently think of matches the efforts to begin school for the 2020-2021 school year during a health pandemic.



Superintendent
Chris Bentzel

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy fall break and used the week to reset and prepare for the 2nd 9 weeks of school. Our hope as a district is to continue working the COVID re-entry process, finalize the Fall Benchmark Assessment process, and continue the “teaching and learning process” for our students this 1st semester to make some ground, close the gap, and gain some momentum heading into the turn of the calendar year.

I hope everyone has a good start to the 2nd 9 weeks and maintains the focus and energy we started back in early September. Please maintain those healthy habits, keep moving forward, and I appreciate the staff and all of our efforts to be ALL IN for the students of Christian County Public Schools.

Chris Bentzel
Superintendent
Christian County Public Schools

Laura Morris
Assistant Superintendent
Administration/Elementary Schools



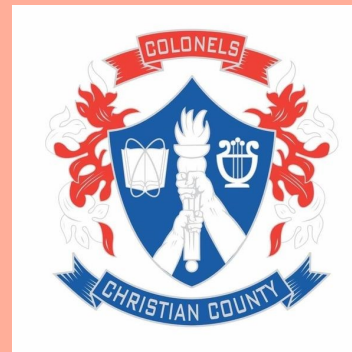
The beginning of the 2020-21 school year has challenged students and staff to find a new normal for learning, and it has also connected us in new ways. I have learned through this process how much I admire the expertise that our administrators, teachers and classified staff bring to Christian County Public Schools. I also appreciate the ways in which our students and families continue to work hard to grow and learn.

What I MOST appreciate about CCPS is how, even under circumstances we have never before experienced, we are still a growing and caring community.

“Normal” is such a simple word, and it is a goal of CCPS to not only find our new normal, but to use this time as a learning experience that will forever impact the learning environment in a positive way. This fall may not be “normal,” but our learning will continue and our students will thrive. We know all students that are a part of CCPS have been welcomed with open arms (from 6 feet away) to our school community. We look forward to continued growth for all students!

#All In

Hoptown—County Football Game Rescheduled for October 30th!





Pembroke's Alissa Riley Named GoTeachKY Ambassador

Alissa Riley, a teacher at Pembroke Elementary School, has been named a GoTeachKY Ambassador for 2021! Led by the Kentucky Department of Education, GoTeachKY's mission is to ensure all students across the Commonwealth have equitable access to effective educators. GoTeachKY seeks to recruit the next generation of teachers in Kentucky, helping remedy the critical teacher shortage that affects the state.

Ambassadors support this mission by communicating with both students and potential teachers through programs such as Educators Rising and the Teaching and Learning career pathway. Ambassadors also represent GoTeachKY at career fairs and other speaking engagements. Each ambassador has a unique story that brought them into the teaching profession and their stories will be featured on social media as examples of the different pathways available to future educators.

Riley is one of 32 Ambassadors chosen this year, and from that group, one will be named Kentucky Teacher of the Year on October 22, 2020.

How to Avoid a 'Twindemic'

Do your part to avoid a flu epidemic on top of the COVID-19 pandemic.

How? Flu shots!

Everyone over 6 months needs a flu shot every year.



Call your pediatrician's office today! It's the best place for all your child's vaccines, including flu shots.

Keep your family and community healthy by getting vaccinated today!



CCHS senior Sophi Fowler is the 2020 Distinguished Young Woman of Christian County!

Distinguished Young Woman is designed to provide young women with the opportunity and support needed to succeed before, during, and after attending college. Participants learn skills like interviewing, public speaking, self-confidence building and compete in the categories of Interview, Scholastics, Talent, Fitness, and Self-Expression. Congratulations Sophi!

Other CCPS winners are:

Committee Spirit Award:
Samaria Sims \$250

Participant Spirit Award:
Hiley Welker \$100

Be Your Best Self Essay:
Karena Chaudoin \$150

Fitness:
Sophi Fowler \$250
Samaria Sims \$250

Talent:
Sophi Fowler \$250
Samaria Sims \$250

Self Expression:
Sophi Fowler \$250
Madeline Gibson \$250

Interview:
Sophi Fowler \$250
Madeline Gibson \$250

Scholastics:
second runner-up -- Dana Hardison \$100
first runner-up -- Macy Baker \$200
Winner -- Sophi Fowler \$300

Overall Third Runner-up:
Macy Baker \$250

Overall Second Runner-up:
Madeline Gibson \$500

Overall First Runner-up:
Samaria Sims \$750



Second Baptist Church Hosts VLA Nights

Second Baptist Church hosted *Meet the Virtual Learning Academy Teachers Night* and *VLA Training Nights* to help parents and students acclimate to the VLA instruction process! VLA teachers and staff members were on hand to answer questions & provide help! Thank you Second Baptist Church!

CCHS Graduates Earn American FFA Degrees

Christian County High School graduates Gracey Hancock and Lynzee Lacy have both earned American FFA Degrees from the National FFA Organization. The American FFA Degree is the highest degree achievable in FFA agricultural education. Degree requirements are 540 hours of instruction in an agricultural education program, the completion of a Kentucky State FFA degree, 50 hours of community service and completion of a Supervised Agricultural Experience Project.



Left: Gracey Hancock

Right: Lynzee Lacy



CCPS Board Honors Legendary Teacher Emma Bacon

We were honored to celebrate the life and career of Ms. Emma Bacon at our October board meeting. Ms. Bacon recently passed away at the age of 109. She was a legendary teacher in Christian County Public Schools for over 40 years. Board Vice-Chair Tom Bell presented Ms. Bacon's family with a plaque recognizing her life's work. In the picture with Tom are her nieces, Vicki Bailey and Francene Gilmer.



CCPS Board Honors #ALLIN Employees and Student for October

We also honored our #ALLIN employees and student of the month at the October board meeting! From left; Derrick Hickman, Bluegrass Learning Academy (Classified Employee), Ben Pace, CCHS (Student), Sara Sweeney, Millbrooke (Administrator), Kim Hayward, South Christian (Elementary Teacher), and Kaydee Sevilla, (Secondary Teacher). Congratulations! #ALLIN!



Join Us As We Honor Our Veterans November 7th!

2020 Veterans Honor Ceremony
Saturday, November 7th, 2020 at 10 am
Christian County Justice Center
100 Justice Way, Hopkinsville, KY

PLEASE WEAR MASKS & PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Welcome & Acknowledgements.....Bill Chaudoin
- Pledge of Allegiance.....John Brame
- National AnthemBrooke Jung
- Salute to our Veterans & Proclamations.....Mayor Wendell Lynch & Judge Executive Steve Tribble
- Veterans Day Ceremonies.....John Brame
- Invocation.....William Poquette VFW Chaplain
- Closing & Thank You.....Bill Chaudoin

It's Time To Help The Salvation Army Angel Tree!

CHRISTMAS SIGN-UPS

The Salvation Army will be taking applications for Christmas assistance at 304 E. 7th Street
By appointment only.

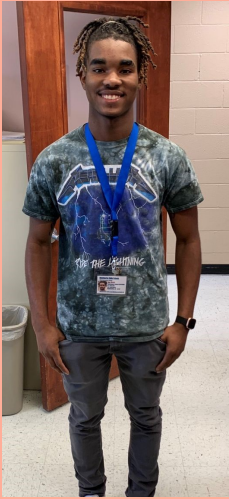
Please call 270-885-9633 to **SCHEDULE** your phone or in person appointment. You may also apply online at SAAngelTree.org
(you will receive an email with your appointment time once completed online application and documents are received)

The following items will be needed to process your application:

- Valid Photo Identification
- Original or Certified Copy of Birth Certificate for each child 12 and under (must be 12 or under on Christmas Day)—**NO PHOTO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 3 MONTHS A HOSPITAL OR "FOOT PRINT" COPY MAY BE USED.**
- Current verification of all income : THIS INCLUDES FOOD STAMPS, KTAP, CHILD SUPPORT, SSI, PAY STUBS, ETC.
- Current Utility bill **OR** rent receipt verifying your current address.
- Telephone number where you can be reached or a message can be left.
- Clothing and shoe sizes for all children in household.
- **Eligible Senior Citizens (62 and older) will receive a food basket and be placed on the Angel Tree.**
- **REMEMBER! YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE ABOVE INFORMATION**



ANGEL TREE



Jarquavious Ward Is A CCPS Facilities Intern

CCPS Facilities Coordinator Trevor Herndon welcomed Electrical Co-Op Student, Jarquavious Ward to the CCPS Maintenance Department. Jarquavious is a scholar at Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology! Welcome aboard young man!



DPP Is #ALLIN!

Melanie Barrett and her Department of Pupil Personnel show they are #ALLIN for CCPS this year! DPP strives daily to serve our students and their families!



It's Map Testing Time in CCPS!

Virtual Learning Academy students recently took their Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test at Hopkinsville Middle School! This test help teachers, parents, and administrators make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth! #ALLIN

CCPS Brings Fusion to the Community



Student Transition Coordinator Sandra Hancock leads the discussion with our partners in the CCPS Work Base Learning Program "Fusion"! Moving forward, this initiative by CCPS will provide our business and industry community with a future workforce!

CCPS Receives Masks Donation

Brenda Starbird with Liquidation Outlet of KY presented Superintendent Chris Bentzel with over 2500 face masks! Thank you Brenda and Paul Starbird for your support!



CCPS Local Planning Committee Begins Meetings

Pete Galloway recently led the Local Planning Committee through a discussion of future district facility needs. This important committee is made of community members from private industry, business, farming and education.



**Keegan Pendleton Named
2021 National Merit Scholar**



Keegan Pendleton has been named a 2021 National Merit Scholarship semifinalist in the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Keegan is a product of Hopkinsville High School and is continuing his studies at the Gatton Academy on the campus of Western Kentucky University.

This honor is awarded to less than 1% of high school scholars and colleges base their highest scholarship awards on the National Merit Scholarship designation.

Keegan is the son of Scott and Terri Pendleton.



Paul Craft Retires

Our Jack-of-All Trades, Paul Craft, has retired! Paul made our facilities better each day he came to work! Happy Trails Paul! You deserve this!

**CCHS Music
Department
Continues Legacy
of
Excellence!**



Both the Christian County High School Percussion Ensemble and Concert Choir have been selected to perform at the Kentucky Music Editors Association Professional Development Conference! Outstanding groups from across the state vied for conference performance consideration! This is one of the highest recognitions a performing ensemble can receive at the state level!

Due to current circumstances, the February, 2021 KMEA conference will be held virtually. Each performance will be livestreamed! Times and dates will be announced at a later date!

**Casey Jones
Distillery Donates
Hand Sanitizer to
CCPS**



Casey Jones Distillery not only supplies the world, they supply hand sanitizer for schools across the nation! Incredible donation of hand sanitizers to stock each and every CCPS building! Thank you Peg and AJ for this amazing opportunity!

Thank You

To our Partners...

A huge piece of our puzzle

- Trophy House
- Casey Jones
- First Care
- Chick-fil-a
- Boys & Girls Club
- Hopkinsville Electric System
- Chamber of Commerce
- Steve Tribble and Fiscal Court
- Hopkinsville Electric System
- New Work Fellowship Church
- Hopkinsville Lions Club
- Martinrea
- Kona Ice
- Huhtamaki
- First Baptist Church
- Sisk Auto Mall
- PACS



ALL IN Back to School DRIVE THRU



CHRISTIAN COUNTY Public Schools

Our ALL IN Back to School event would not have been possible without the generous support from the following:

- Bluegrass Learning Academy
- CCPS Food Service
- Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Hopkinsville YMCA
- Christian County Health Dept.
- State Rep. Walker Thomas
- Navy Federal Credit Union
- Higgins Insurance
- Amfine Chemical Corporation
- City of Hopkinsville
- Mountain Comprehensive Care
- Angie Major (Chamber of Commerce)
- Ft Campbell Military Liason Office
- University of Kentucky 4-H Extension Office
- Ft. Campbell Support Services-Army Community Services
- Kona Ice
- Hampton Meats
- Pennyroyal Center
- Pennyrile Electric
- Hopkinsville Lions Club
- First Baptist Church
- HHS/CCHS Band
- CCPS Social Workers
- Hopkinsville Police Dept
- New Work Fellowship
- Huhtamaki Packaging
- Riken Elastomers
- Oak Grove Community Center
- Liquidation Outlet of KY
- Pennyroyal Prevention Center





**Donovan Pinner Named
All-American
Youth Leadership Award
Winner**

Hopkinsville Middle School teacher Donovan Pinner has been named the All-American City Awards Youth Leadership winner! Donovan received the honor as Hopkinsville is a finalist for the All-American City designation. Pinner was chosen out of 22 finalist nationally! Great job Donovan!



**Hunt Finishes Second in
PGA Kentucky Junior Tour**

Christian County Middle School seventh-grader Landon Hunt finished second recently at the PGA Kentucky Junior Tour Lou Perry Championship. Held at the University Club of Kentucky, Hunt tied Louisville's Luc Kelty for first place and then lost in a playoff as Kelty birdied the second hole to win the title. Hunt, who plays for the varsity CCHS Colonel golf team, also recorded his first hole-in-one earlier in the week at the Hopkinsville Golf and Country Club.

**Huff Named to Prestigious
National STEM Scholarship Program**



Christian County Middle School teacher Amanda Huff is among nine middle school teachers who have been selected to participate in the prestigious National STEM Scholar Program. Huff, a science teacher, is one of two teachers from Kentucky selected for the program. The program will provide a unique professional development program through advanced STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) training, national network building, and project support for teachers nationwide. The National STEM Scholar Program was created in a partnership between the National Stem Cell Foundation and the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science at Western Kentucky University.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Christian County Public Schools are in need of Bus Drivers. Experience not necessary. Apply online at christian.kyschools.us and click on the Employment tab. Questions? Call the Christian County Public Schools Transportation Department at 270-887-7099.



Christian County Public Schools

Our Mission: Creating an educational culture of continuous growth through shared partnerships and responsibilities.



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