

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



September 29, 2023



Hello CCS family!

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year at CCS and I am excited to be your new principal. I have had so much fun meeting and greeting all of the new and returning CCS families and hanging out in all the different classrooms. The kids have made me laugh countless times with their questions for the principal and I walk out of the classrooms with a huge smile on my face. I have never had so many hugs, high fives, and fist bumps in my life as in the first few weeks as principal.

We had an incredible first day of school welcoming 56 new students into the Cornerstone family. All of the students' smiling faces could be seen and screams of excitement could be heard as friends connected with friends after a two month summer break. It was also nice for me to meet new people and see old faces as the parking lot was full of parents dropping off their kids and trusting them in our care.

The first few weeks of school have been very busy. We started the school year with welcome week activities including a gym blast, Open House, Commencement awards, a hot breakfast, pajama day, and a movie with a pizza lunch just to name a few. We hope that you as parents will get all sorts of fun stories coming home with your kids from all their adventures at school.



This year's Open House and Commencement was the largest attended in most of our staff's recent memory. We cooked every hamburger and hot dog that we had on site!!! The donations from this event were given to our Student Leadership Council (SLC) to use towards events and activities for our students. **A BIG THANK YOU to our CCS families for coming out and providing your support!**



We had our first All School Chapel on the first Friday of school and the Chapel room was bursting with worship as all 264 students and staff were together in one room praising our Lord and Savior. Adam Driscoll, our Director of Spiritual Development, and his high school worship team led us in worship through 4 songs and followed that by highlighting some big events and the theme of the new school year "Fruit".

As we are all excited for the new school year, we are a little sad that our Grade 12's are in their final year of high school with us. They came to school on the first day in their new "Senior" hoodies and looked really sharp as a group of young adults ready to take on the world. It is hard to believe that this crew is in Grade 12 as it seems like a few weeks ago they were walking by my room looking scared to death and lost as they made their way to the gym during their first week of Kindergarten.



As our sports teams are getting started, we are seeing the gym becoming the most used space in the school. CCS has 7 volleyball teams competing in Moose Jaw leagues this year. We also have athletes representing CCS on the golf course, football field, soccer pitch and the cross-country course. The senior girls volleyball team have already won gold in 3 straight tournaments and are looking for more!

Our Chapel, gym stage and shop are also buzzing with activity each night as our musical cast and crew rehearse, get costumed, and build the set for our musical production of High School Musical! I sat down one night last week and watched the actual movie with my family and I am excited to see our amazing directors bring this to life at the Mae Wilson Theatre! A sports musical....the best of both worlds!



A couple of other big events to round out September are the annual Grade 9 retreat to Cypress Hills. This trip is always talked about for years and is one of the formative highlights of their high school careers. Speaking of careers, we are welcoming a guest speaker from the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship for our Grade 10-12 students. This speaker will highlight the opportunities for kids in the trades and how they can get working towards them now.

That brings this month's highlights to a close and what a busy month it was. One thing I know for certain, life at CCS is God-centered, exciting, engaging and life changing, and every day brings new and exciting adventures for all! May the Lord of the Universe be with you each day!

Faithfully serving our students and families,

Mr. Lee Behrns
Principal