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ONE TEAM WITH ONE DREAM

Elementary (K-4th)

We are...one team with one dream...impacting the Kingdom of God through Christian school ministry. We believe that God has called each faculty member to Claiborne Christian School this year "for such a time as this." Our '08-'09 faculty is a mixture of fresh new teachers and seasoned veterans; of those new to CCS and those who are returning; of men and women from various backgrounds. There is, however, a common thread that is knitting them all together.

Across the board, they are undeniably sold-out to God's purposes for our school and ready to be used by Him this year! We are proud to introduce our 2008-09 faculty to you.

Returning for her ninth year at CCS, Debbie Betts will be our Kindergarten teacher. She has 12 years of teaching experience and is also currently working on her Master's in Early Childhood Education at Louisiana Tech.

Angie Osbon, another familiar CCS face, will be teaching first grade. She has taught for 18 years, 12 of which were at CCS. Angie is a lead teacher and mentor in our elementary division.

Also returning this year is Laura Womack, our second grade teacher. This will be Laura's sixth year at CCS and her 11th year to teach.

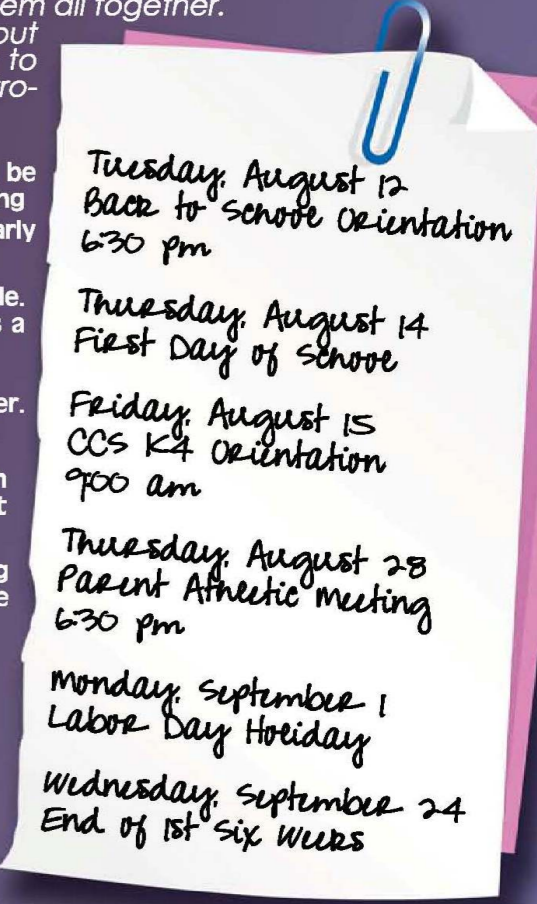
After a two year break, Vicki O'Neal is "coming out of retirement," to teach our third grade class. In her 25 years of experience, Mrs. O'Neal has taught third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades.

Kristie Mitchell came to CCS mid-year last school year, and she is returning to teach fourth grade. We welcome Kristie to our school family as she begins her first full year here.

Rounding out our faculty are three teachers who will serve across multiple divisions – elementary, middle, and/or high school. Mr. Russ Givens is our Choir and general Music Instructor. This will be his fifth school year at CCS. He holds a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music +30 from ULM. Mr. Givens has served as the primary tenor soloist for the Monroe Symphony Chorus/ Masterworks Chorus of Monroe for the past 24 years. Mr. Givens is also a licensed and ordained minister and serves as Music Minister at First United Methodist Church in West Monroe.

Tammy Avery is our elementary and middle school art teacher. Tammy has a Bachelor's Degree in home economics with an emphasis on interior design. She has designed for clients and has been teaching K-12th art/publications for two years.

Our librarian, Joy Gardner, is entering her third year with us. She is currently working toward her Bachelor's Degree and plans to get her teaching certification.



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Middle School (5th-8th)

In contrast to our elementary division, which is dominated by long-time CCS vet teachers, our middle school division is full of fresh faces this year. Our returning teacher in this division is Beth Kennedy. Beth will be teaching all language arts, grades 5-7, for the third year at CCS. After working in systems engineering, Beth made a career change to teaching and received her certification in 2006.

Dividing the middle school math and science duties are two new, enthusiastic teacher/coaches. Jessica Cox will be teaching in the classroom after serving as the assistant softball coach for the past two years. Jessica recently earned her Bachelor's Degree from ULM. Jessica will continue to assist in softball and also basketball this year.

Also splitting time between the ball field and classroom is Dustin Mathews. Dustin is a CCS alum, and he graduated from ULM in 2001.

Mark Ganey is a Captain in the United States Army Reserves, where he has served for the last 15 years. He has traveled across the world on two recent deployments to Kuwait and Afghanistan. He looks forward to sharing these experiences in the context of world history and geography in our middle school division. He will also be teaching elementary computer. Mark holds a Bachelor's of Science degree and is currently working toward his Master's degree.

Although not a "returning teacher" from last year, Nicki Olinde previously taught here from 1996-1999. She will serve as lead teacher in the middle school division, teaching Bible and language arts. Nicki has five years of classroom teaching experience in grades 7-12.

In addition to our full-time faculty, the middle school division is blessed to have three "one-class teachers" in the areas of Home Economics, Spanish and eighth grade Bible. Marianna Bell will be stepping up to teach Bible this year. She is currently the Director of Claiborne Christian Preschool and has served in various capacities at CCS through the years.

LaTonya Lewis, a CCS alum, will be teaching our middle school Spanish. LaTonya and her family, have recently moved back to West Monroe after serving for over 20 years on the mission field in Guatemala.

Providing a great opportunity for a new elective for our middle school students is Jennifer Jordan, teaching Home Ec this year. Jennifer has spent the last 15 years as a homemaker and owns her own cleaning business.

This year's high school faculty and course offerings are top-notch. Anchored by a foursome of full-time core-subject teachers, the faculty includes a diverse mix of part-time professionals bringing their unique skill sets and experience into the classroom. Leading this team is Wanda Murphy who has been at CCS since 1987! Mrs. Murphy wears many hats here, including high school lead teacher and guidance counselor. She teaches all high school social studies and history.

Coming to us with seven years of experience in the Monroe City School System is high school sciences teacher, Lura Collins. Before teaching, Lura worked as an accountant for over 20 years. We are excited that God has called Lura to a new season with us at CCS.

Philip Azad has come a long way to teach at CCS...literally. Born in Pakistan, Philip was raised in a Christian family. Mr. Azad has taught math at the college and high school levels and is working on a post-graduate degree in theology.

Completing the high school "core four" is Dreamer Jowers. She will teach all English classes and Latin. With an undergraduate degree in Social Work, Dreamer is presently working on her Master's in Education and certification in Secondary English.

Josh Brown will be returning for a fifth year as the Head Coach for basketball and high school PE. He will also serve as our Director of Eligibility. Josh holds a B.B.A. in Business Administration.

Our part-time professionals teaching in the high school division are:

Spanish: Bruce Busbice holds a B.S., plus 54 hours of Spanish. He taught for nine years at River Oaks and, previously, at CCS.

Business: Todd Davis is the Small Group Pastor and Director of Adult Ministries at Family Church. He holds a B.S. degree in Business and is completing a Master of Ministry. Prior to being in full-time ministry, Todd worked in management for various corporate businesses.

Psychology: Dr. David Williams obtained his B.S. in Psychology, M.A. in General/Experimental Psychology, and a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Williams operates a local counseling and psychology clinic and enjoys speaking about the integration of Christian belief into the practice of psychology.

Publications: Brad Bower. Another CCS alum, Brad serves as the Business Administrator for Family Church. He holds a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Accounting and Bible.

Financial Math: Brian Vaughn spent 20 years in public accounting, personal finance, and business development. He was the National Director of Wealth Management for an international accounting firm and has earned both his CPA and CFP (certified financial planner) licenses. He currently serves as President of a fund-raising company.

High School Bible: Our high school Bible classes will be taught by a team of professionals. Brenda Worley (Director of Family Ministries at Family Church) will be teaching 9th and 10 grade. Our 11th grade class will be taught by: Richard Richardson (V.P./Treasurer for The R-Croup), Michael Stravato (Family Church Counseling Center), and Phillip Brooks (Family Church Media Ministries and 88.7FM The Cross). These three individuals will provide a unique blend for this class. Katy Ganey (Preschool Director for Family Church) will be teaching 12th grade Bible.

High School (9th-12th)

