

CCS CONNECTION
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CLAIBORNE
CHRISTIAN
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Dear CCS Parents and Students,

Most of you are aware of the scare we experienced recently with our daughter, Lauryn, who is thirteen and in the 8th grade at CCS. On the evening of August 4, Lauryn began experiencing back pain and some numbness in her feet, which progressed quickly to radiating pain in her legs. Within fifteen minutes she was having trouble putting any weight on her legs. Phillip picked her up, and we quickly rushed her to the emergency room at Glenwood.

After spending the night in the ER, Lauryn was transferred to Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport and placed in the PICU. At this point, Lauryn basically had no control over her lower body from the waist down. All sorts of tests were being done on her; she even had to have her braces removed for an MRI. To say we were all a little scared would be an understatement!

After being evaluated by a pediatric neurologist, Lauryn was diagnosed with and treated for transverse myelitis, an inflammation of the spine that can have numerous causes. The doctor explained that she could not predict how much Lauryn would recover. In studies 1/3 of people experience full recovery, 1/3 experience moderate recovery, but are left with some lasting impairments, and 1/3 are left with severe disabilities. The doctor explained that she was very worried because Lauryn had several symptoms that might lead her to predict a poorer recovery for her.

After staying at Schumpert for nine days, Lauryn was transferred to Our Children's House at Baylor in Dallas for inpatient rehabilitation, where she received several hours of occupational and physical therapy on a daily basis for four weeks. We are proud to say that she is walking again on her own and is almost fully recovered! We know that God touched Lauryn's body, and we sincerely want to thank all of you who prayed for her healing! The doctors say it was a miracle that she improved so quickly. We know that Lauryn will look back on this experience and remember the faithfulness of our God. She will also remember the love that Family Church and CCS showed to her.

Thank you again for supporting me and my family during this time! It is good to be home!

Sincerely,
Amy Brooks
Principal
Claiborne Christian School



Center: Amy. From left to right: Anna Grace, Ashlyn, and Lauryn.



CHAPEL & MINISTRY

THE WORD & WORSHIP

ELEMENTARY
The CCS elementary music program is a combination of music education, movement through motor skills and teaching of biblical principles through song. Students learn the basics of music by playing recorder instruments and singing. They are introduced to music reading and ear training by learning solfege and other musical and cultural styles. The musical approach to teaching used at CCS is in accordance with the LA Education Benchmarks of Music Education. Our elementary music program participates in the LA American Choral Directors All-State Choir. This auditioned state honor choir is held in Baton Rouge in the early fall. The choirs participate in the Christmas Concert series at Pecanland Mall, in addition to singing in the District I Choir Festival Competition. In the spring, students audition for the annual District I Honor Choir held in Ouachita Parish. In May, the choirs will rehearse and present a biblically-based musical, teaching and sharing the core values of Kingdom Education principles.

HIGH SCHOOL
The high school program is comprised of students selected for their interest and talent in music. Our students will learn how to read and sing music. Music education is carried to the next level utilizing advanced techniques of ear training and sight-singing. The choir performs at CCS during the Christmas season, as well as area and community events. This year, the students will also audition and participate in the Louisiana All-State Choir, the District I Honor Choir, and take part in the District I Southern Choral Classic festival competition. The choir has made musical presentations for Graduation as well as chapel services during the school year. Finally, in late Spring, the choir will present a year-end Broadway style production.

PRESCHOOL
Abbey Antley is the new Preschool Chapel Minister. This year, she will be teaching the 4 and 5 year olds at CCS. She believes that her calling is teaching younger children about God and planting the seed that needs to be there at an early age! Abbey plans on teaching the preschoolers the truth about God and the Bible. She also wants to show them that the Bible has all the answers to every problem that they might face in life and that everything in it is true. Abbey wants the kid's experience in Chapel to be one that they look forward to every week. She hopes they come in and are just as excited as she is about praising and worshipping God. Abbey is looking forward to this new chapter in her ministry and her life!

K5-4TH
Flo Worster is the Children's Minister here at Family Church, and is teaching chapel this year for K5 - 4th grade. It is her goal throughout this school year to teach each of the students to spend time with God. To seek Him out in everything they do and, above all else, worship Him and to know that He is in control. Mrs. Flo wants chapel to be a time when they can all come together to worship and learn more about God. She is looking forward to this year, and can't wait to teach and show the love of God!

5TH-12TH
Beck Payne is teaching 5th through 12th grade chapel. Beck believes that God has called him to do this job, and is looking forward to this year. Beck wants his students to grow in their knowledge of God and the Bible. There will be different speakers every week, so the students will always have something new to look forward to. Beck plans on getting the students involved this year by giving them a the opportunity to share their testimony, and allowing them to lead portions of the chapel. This year, he wants chapel to be fun and something new. Students, get ready because Beck is going to challenge us, through God's Word, and apply it to our daily lives. Beck is looking forward to chapel, and can't wait to have some fun!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school music program is a continuation of the music education in the elementary program. Our middle school choir is comprised of students selected for their musical abilities and talents. These students will participate in the selection process for the Louisiana All-State Choir in Baton Rouge. They will prepare music for concerts at both CCS and community events during the Christmas season. In the winter, the middle school prepares for the District I Southern Choral Classic Choir Festival Competition. In the Spring, choir members audition for the annual District I Honor Choir. At the end of the school year, the choir will present a well-staged musical presentation.

- OCTOBER**
21 Spearsville (H)
24 Downsville - Homecoming
28 Forest (H)
30 Harrisonburg (H)

- NOVEMBER**
3 Georgetown (H)
7 Spearville (A)
12-15 Choudrant Tournament (A)
18 OCS (H)
20-22 CCS Tournament (H)

- DECEMBER**
2 Dodson (H)
3-6 St. Frederick Tournament in Monroe
9 St. Frederick (A)
11-13 Downsville Tournament in Downsville
16 Georgetown (A)
18 Delhi Charter (A)

- JANUARY**
6 Forest (A)
7-10 OCS Tournament in Monroe
13 Kilbourne (A)
16 Northside Christian (H)
20 Weston (H)
23 Sicily Island (H)
30 Harrisonburg (A)

- FEBRUARY**
3 Monticello (H)
6 Weston (A)
10 Monticello (A)

JV BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

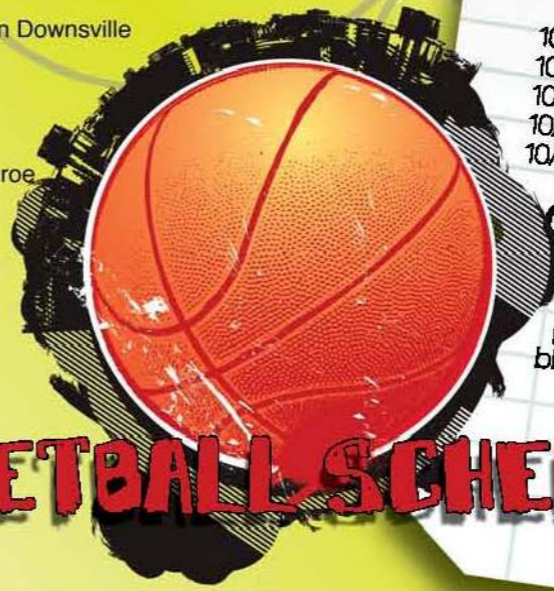
- SEPTEMBER**
23 Downsville (A) 5pm

- OCTOBER**
2 Downsville (H) 6pm
13 Pine Crest (A) 5pm
20 Pine Crest (H) 5pm
23 Cedar Creek (A) 6pm
27 OCS (H) 6pm
30 River Oaks (H)* 4pm

- NOVEMBER**
3 West Ridge (H)* 4pm
4 North Baptist (A) 5pm
6 Good Hope (H) 6pm
10 Carroll (H) 5pm
18 OCS (H)* 4pm

- DECEMBER**
2 Grace Episcopal (H)* 5pm
4 OCS (A) 6pm
8 West Ridge (A) 4pm
11 Cedar Creek (H) 4pm
18 Lee Junior High (H) 5pm

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



SAVE THE DATE!

- 09/1/08... Labor Day
- 09/02/08... Creative Fundraiser (CCS K-4)
- 09/08/08... Arbor House and Library (CCPS)
- 09/09/08... College Fair (11th and 12th Grades)
- 09/09/08... Cookie Dough Factory Field Trip
- 09/12/08... Creative Fundraiser (CCS K-4)
- 09/12/08... Grandparents breakfast (CCS K-4)
- 09/22/08... Arbor House and Library (CCPS)
- 09/24/08... End of 1st Six Weeks
- 09/27/08... Truth Project
- 10/6/08... Johnny's Pizza Pig Out
- 10/13/08... Arbor House and Library (CCPS)
- 10/20-24... Homecoming Week
- 10/24/08... Homecoming Game
- 10/31/08... Fall Festival

08-09 PUBLICATIONS

If you are interested in purchasing a business or personal ad in this year's yearbook, please email Brad Bower at bbower@familychurch.org. Your support in this effort is greatly appreciated.

- Ad prices include:
Full page - \$125
Half page - \$85
Quarter page - \$50
Business card - \$25

All Varsity games begin at 6 pm.
*-JV games that precede Varsity games.
ALL GAMES: girls games are first, boys games follow.

Season passes are available and can be used for all regular season Varsity and Junior Varsity games played at CCS. Season passes cannot be used for tournament or playoff games. A season pass for an individual is \$50, and one for a family up to six is \$125.