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FALL 2023

# CCS COUGAR TRACKS



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# FROM THE DESK OF DR. JOHN WALKER

## CCS SUPERINTENDENT

Occasionally I hear from alumni, students, supporters, and friends of CCS about the many ways the Lord has provided for them, personally, over the years. Stories of God's faithfulness always amaze me, yet, I don't know why I find myself so inspired each time I hear one of these incredible stories. God is

ALWAYS faithful, and He will always BE faithful. He does not change—and this brings me great comfort. Does this truth bring you great comfort? It should.

This year, our school's theme verse comes from Psalm 126:3, which states, "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." When we think back on our lives, we can recount the areas in which the Lord has shown His goodness and faithfulness to us over and over again. I would argue there are likely times we do not even recognize His mercy and grace in the day-to-day. There are so many ways in which He is faithful, and yet we likely only gather a small glimpse of the true majestic nature of God's work in our lives. In what ways has the Lord shown His faithfulness to you lately? Are you versed in looking for God's handiwork in your life? Are you constantly examining the ways in which He has done great things for you, and in turn you are filled with joy?

Obviously, we, as a school, have so much to be thankful for. How about the 75-year history of CCS? How about the 1,000+ alumni who have blessed the classrooms over the years? How about the elimination of debt? How about the completion of Phase 1 of our parking lot? How about the completion of Phase 1 of our classroom completion project? How about the upcoming building for a new weightlifting and fitness center? How about the \$1.1 million committed toward a new child care facility?

We have so much to be thankful for—and we are filled with JOY! As I write this, I am reminded of the lyrics from a song that was sung at my wedding, "He's Always Been Faithful". The three verses state the following:

- Morning by morning I wake up to find, the power and comfort of God's hand in mine. Season by season I watch Him, amazed in awe of the mystery of His perfect ways. All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.
- I can't remember a trial or a pain, He did not recycle to bring me gain. I can't remember one single regret in serving God only, and trusting His hand. All I have need of, His hand will provide, He's always been faithful to me.
- This is my anthem, this is my song, the theme of the stories I've heard for so long. God has been faithful, He will be again. His loving compassion, it knows no end. All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful, He's always been faithful to me.

We serve a great, loving, and gracious God who cares for you. There will be no regrets in a life where we are serving God only and trusting His hand. He has provided—and He will again.

Will you join us in thanking the Lord for His great kindness, faithfulness, and care for CCS as we celebrate 75 years? Many students and families have been impacted by a Christ-centered education at CCS. Will you join us in this work? Will you consider partnering with us as we do this kingdom work?

We pray that the Lord would continue to provide for CCS in many ways—and that we would be faithful to steward HIS school in a way that glorifies Him.

Forward by Faith,  
Centered on Christ, Building the Future

# FORWARD

2 Corinthians 5:7



## FROM THE DESK OF BART KOOIMAN, CCS BOARD CHAIRMAN

### The FORWARD Campaign

In March 2020, days before in-person classes were suspended because of the pandemic, the CCS Board of Trustees hosted a two-day workshop led by a biblical-based consulting group about the direction of the school. What came out of that workshop and the Together We Dream pre-campaign study later that year was a clear message that the CCS community would support a fundraising campaign. The first donation to the FORWARD Campaign was received in late 2020.

The FORWARD Campaign will conclude on December 31, 2023. As of September 30, we have received \$2,009,854, which is 63% of the campaign's \$3.2 million goal. Additional gifts to the campaign will increase the Central Fund which includes funding toward tuition assistance and will go toward completion of the school's parking lot and classroom projects. Check out the FORWARD Campaign progress by visiting <https://www.cougarsccs.com/news-events/forward-campaign.cfm>.

We are thankful for the Lord's provisions over the school's 75 years, and we continue to seek His direction. Would you consider making a generous investment in CCS and help further its mission to educate, equip, and edify every student to exalt the name of Jesus Christ?

### With Sincere Appreciation

I'd like to say thanks to all the CCS faculty, staff, donors, board members, and the campaign committee. CCS is not just a special place. CCS is special people. People who believe a biblical worldview education matters. People who believe in training children in the way they should go matters. I'd like to give a special thank you to Jim Doerksen and to Dr. John Walker. Jim served four years as the school's alumni director, and now he is our emeritus alumni director. Jim's constant encouragement, while always reminding of our Creator's strength, has been invaluable. Also thank you to Dr. Walker for his vision and his unique ability to have a few balls juggling in the air at one time. FORWARD!

If you are interested in financially partnering with CCS, visit [www.cougarsccs.com/support-ccs/](http://www.cougarsccs.com/support-ccs/), call the school at 620-663-2174, or scan the QR code to the right.



# ALUMNI & REUNION WEEKEND



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

- 10 No School – Teacher In-Service & Stewardship Dinner Set Up
- 11 75th Anniversary Celebration and Stewardship Dinner
- 20– 24 Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 2 KMEA District HS Honor Choir & Band Concerts in Wichita
- 5–7 Book Fair
- 8 K-12 Christmas Concert & Art Show
- 15 K-12 Early Dismissal
- 16 Winter Formal
- 18– 29 Christmas Break – No School

### December continued

- 25– 29 Christmas Break – No Preschool or Child Care

### January

- 2 Preschool and Child Care Resumes
- 4 School Resumes
- 15 Martin Luther King Day – No School

# CLASS REUNIONS

## Class of 1973

The Class of 1973 celebrated their 50-year class reunion during Alumni & Reunion Weekend. They enjoyed the football game on Friday night and spent time at the school on Saturday. They shared memories over lunch in the library while they enjoyed a slideshow of their high school years. Class of 1973, we appreciate your coming back to Central Christian and hope you enjoyed your time reminiscing.

Back row: Norman Mast, Mark Pauls, Irving Jennings, Clay Dirks, Richard Schroeder  
Front row: Bev (Epp) Sullivan, Sherry (Fry) Troyer, Angela (Hoyer) Frankenfeld, Sheri (Rowland) Gray

## Class of 1983

The Class of 1983 enjoyed their 40-year class reunion. They met on September 23 at CCS to tour the school and see the changes since they were students. Class of 1983, thanks for remembering CCS and choosing to spend Alumni & Reunion Weekend with us.

Back row: Robyn Markhart, Barb (Drotts) Ross, Patricia (McPherson) Cross  
Front row: Keith Nisly, Kerry Goertzen, Karla (Yutzy) Headings



## Class of 2013

The Class of 2013 met at CCS on Saturday to celebrate their 10-year class reunion. They started the morning with a school tour before heading to a class BBQ. Thank you, Class of 2013, for returning to Central Christian.

Back row: Jared Starkey, Timothy Prescott, Matthew Jackson, Benjamin Wingert (Tim Willis not pictured)  
Front row: Sarah (Hagen) Brown, Cynthia (Morris) Cornett, Elise (Taylor) Krebaum, Laura (Thompson) Goering, Brittani Green



We encourage you to begin reaching out to former classmates now for next year's CCS Alumni & Reunion Weekend. For lists of class members and their contact information, please email Alumni Association Director Cassi Johnston at [alumni@cougarsccs.com](mailto:alumni@cougarsccs.com).

You are invited to celebrate Central Christian School's

# *75th Anniversary Celebration and Stewardship Dinner*



SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 11



DOORS OPEN  
AT 5:30 P.M.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
1910 E. 30th Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67502



## **Complimentary Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

A German supper will be served and includes verenika with ham gravy, German sausage, green beans, zwiebach, cherry moos, and New Year's cookies.

## **Guest Speaker**

Jeff Keaton, founder, president, and CEO of Renewanation

FEATURING OUR

## **Alumni Mass Choir**

We hope to exceed our financial goal for the evening of **\$100,000**. An offering and faith promise pledges will be taken to help cover the school's operating expenses.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 1**

by phone, email, or QR code

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# FALL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



## VOLLEYBALL

From back row, left to right: Head Coach Mary Ver Steeg, Ashlyn Franz, Candace Bailey, Ava Swanson, Natalie Jensen, Belle Barnett, Caroline West, Assistant Coach Camille Barnett, Madison Bontrager, Whitney Miller, Ava Newcome, Reese Swanson, Jessa Losew, Assistant Coach Leia Shank, Alexis Miller, Camille Huerta, Avery Kauffman, Avery Duft

## FOOTBALL

From back row, left to right: Head Coach Matt Barnett, Luke Eigsti, Trey Miller, Cal Barnett, Karson Sullivan, Assistant Coach Shane Hines, Assistant Coach Mark Barnett, Caleb Glover, Kaleb Sullivan, Hunter Franz, Justus Huff, Keaton Miller, Nathan Reed, Brody Miller, Cael Kooiman, Konnor Sullivan, Ryland Kooiman, Jayden Linscheid, Piercen Huff, (Tucker Clark not pictured)



## CROSS COUNTRY

From left to right: Hallie Warner, Coach Kaylee Moore, Blake Yoder



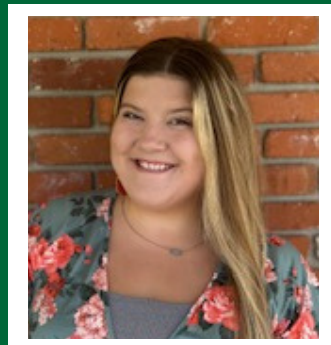
## WELCOME TO CCS



Tammy Gilley  
8th Grade English Instructor



Elise Krebaum  
Preschool Teacher



Emily Lee  
Head Cheer Coach



Ava Walton  
Preschool Teacher



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