

October 15, 2019

Dear Central Christian Community,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am overflowing with thankfulness to God for the way He has guided and provided for Central Christian School over the past year. The Board and Leadership Team reported to the CCS Corporation last month about the many changes that have happened over the past year that have resulted in a positive financial situation. Thank you for your part in the story of what God is doing at Central. Central's students grow and flourish because of the care and support of this community. In the words of Colossians 2:6-7, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Reflections on last week:

1. When Athletic Director, Zach Kooker, asked all the Central Fall athletes in Middle School and High School to stand in chapel last week, I was again struck by the high level of participation. Beyond athletic skills, students build relationships, leadership, and grow in faith as they work hard on cross-country, soccer, and volleyball teams. We give thanks.
2. The sounds of choirs and instruments wafted through the building as students prepared for last Friday's Prelude and Dessert Concert. Music powerfully connects us with each other and with God our Creator. Faith is formed as students sing confessions of faith, praise, invitation, and commitment.
3. Each morning, as elementary students arrive at their classroom doors with the crisp air still on their hair and clothes after their morning walking time, each child is greeted by name with a kind word. Setting that tone of care allows students the freedom to create, discover, and learn because they are in a safe space.

Central students are in their last few days of inviting pledges for Community Service Day (CSD) on October 18. On that day, all CCS employees and students in grades 7-12 will be serving others at over twenty non-profit organizations while grades K-6 serve on campus. Two weeks ago, as students prepared to start making phone calls and writing emails, I asked them to imagine all of us sitting in the Performing Arts Center with a huge group of people encircling all the students and staff and praying for us, caring about CCS, and wanting to make sure that all of us can be here at this school and be a part of this community because they know that Central Christian School is an experience that is worth it. That is how God is at work through this community. You may give to CSD by clicking on this link.

This is an exciting time at Central. God's faithfulness in the past gives the Board the courage to move *Forward in Faith* with a comprehensive capital campaign that focuses on supporting student learning and safety. The plan includes the renovation of the school building and parking lot and also a strategy for building up the Reserve Fund as we plan for long term sustainability. Everyone is invited to a public *Looking Forward in Faith* event on November 19 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center to pray together for the school and to learn more about this project.

Please pray:

1. For clear and strong commitment and vision for Central's Board, Leadership Team, faculty, and staff

2. For strong relationships among students and teachers that support a growing faith in God and daily following Jesus
3. With thanks for the ways God's kingdom can grow as people of diverse cultures and backgrounds to deepen their connections through Central

Sincerely,

Jeanne