



**MIGHTY THROUGH GOD**

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*  
2 Corinthians 10:4,5

**This summer letter is lengthy. I would appreciate your patience in reading all of it!**

Dear CCA Parents!

This has been a long, hot dry summer, but I hope that you have had joy in spending time with your children. With the swift passing of time, and as we anticipate the fall, I have looked forward to writing to you again.

The administrative staff and I are both wrapping up last school year and busily preparing for the return of students. The major projects this summer have been the refurbishing of the two bathrooms in the main, front hall of the Academy Street building. We also plan to replace the last bank of old lockers on the second floor. The facilities staff is sprucing up inside and outside, and everywhere is beginning to look clean and cheerful.

**Board:** **Mr. Steve Woodard** has rolled off the CCA Board after eight years of outstanding service, for several years as Treasurer. Our deep thanks to Mr. Woodard who will continue to serve on the finance committee. The new Treasurer is **Mr. Larry Stolzenberg**, a long time, faithful Board member. **Mrs. Rebekah Crofford**, has resigned for family reasons. We will miss her very much. **Dr. Greg Reeds**, President and the remainder of the Board, continue to serve.

**New faculty positions:** We are always grateful for our stable and dedicated faculty who work hard and enjoy their job. We are adding some new faculty and staff as follows:

Middle School:

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| Mrs. Jessica Manns<br><i>(returning faculty)</i> | Spanish 1-7 (Bible 8 will be added to Mrs. Manns schedule this year)<br>MA Early Childhood Education and Bilingual Education<br>State University College at Buffalo |
| Mr. Daniel Peltier                               | English 7-8<br>MS Ed. Buffalo State College   |
| Miss Elizabeth Spoth                             | Bible 8, Math 7-8, Algebra I (for accelerated 8th graders)<br>BA Houghton College   |

High School:

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| Ms. Angela D'Angelo | Spanish<br>MS Spanish Ed., Buffalo State College<br>CCA parent   |
| Mrs. Sara Galda     | Bible 9, English 9, 11, and AP English Language and Composition<br>BA Daemen College<br>MS Ed. Buffalo State College |

Academic Support:

Miss Shannon Firth                      BS Niagara University  
CCA alum 2007

Part-time Academic Support:

Mrs. Brandy Marshall                      Math  
MS State University at Buffalo  
CCA parent and alum

Music:

Miss Amber Hord                      Master in Music Ed.  
State University at Buffalo

Staff Positions (part time):

Mrs. Michelle Capitano                      School Counselor Office Assistant  
CCA parent

Mrs. Denise Jentz                      Public Relations Assistant  
CCA parent

Mrs. Susan Whited                      Admissions Office Assistant  
CCA parent

Volunteer Position

Mr. Jeff Wittlinger                      Praise Ensemble

I am pleased to announce that CCA parent **Mr. Jeff Wittlinger** will be the coach of the Praise Ensemble this year! He will be teaching the students how to lead others in praise and worship, how to write Christian music, how to improvise, and how to play basic piano and guitar by ear. The first practice for the CCA Praise Ensemble will be on Friday, September 9, from 3:15 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This practice will include an informal meeting to discuss goals and the agenda for the first half of the school year. Anyone at any talent level is welcome, including students who just want to sing and be part of a praise and worship group. The focus of this year's Praise Ensemble will be to **lead** the CCA students in the praise, worship, and glorification of God, with the ultimate goal of expanding the Praise Ensemble until **everyone** at the school wants to be part of it. So get in on the ground floor and join now! Mr. Wittlinger can be contacted at 983-2381, if you have any questions or concerns.

We welcome all the new additions and encourage you to pray for them.

**Graduates:** We graduated another twenty-six seniors, all of them accepted to college. The **Valedictorian**, Emelie Gidley, and **Salutatorian**, Lauren Stuitje, both performed well at Commencement as they proudly spoke on behalf of their class. This was a special class. Do not forget to pray for them as they face the enormous challenges of their complex environments to which they have gone. We will miss them. We are, however, confident that the time at CCA has equipped them to lead lives of service.

**Enrollment:** Mrs. Cheryl Smyth will be the only second grade teacher this fall. Due to low kindergarten enrollment two years ago, **there is only one section of grade 2 this September.** Therefore, **Mrs. Sue Koch**, will have a new position as teacher aid for one year. We are very pleased that we will not lose this excellent teacher and look forward to returning her to her partnership with Mrs. Smyth next fall.

**Other Matters:**

- A. **Parent & Student Handbook** basically remains the same. The handbook is on the CCA website - [www.christianca.com](http://www.christianca.com). If you have any problem retrieving it, please call the office. One thing to note is that chapels will take place on Mondays this year; consequently, seniors may have their jeans day on Tuesdays.
- B. **Dedication Service** (dedicating the school year to God) will take place on Tuesday, September 6, at 11:00 am. (see the flyer posted on the website). The speaker will be **Mr. Mike Masters** of Cross Training Ministries.
- C. **Orientation** of new students and returning seventh and eighth graders will also take place on Tuesday, September 6, at 1:00 pm following the dedication service.
- D. **First day of classes** is Wednesday, September 7. The faculty will return one week earlier to prepare.
- E. **Cost of lunch:** both the increased cost of food and Federal guidelines have forced a slight increase of the cost of lunches in the cafeteria. We beg for your understanding. However, for every batch of ten lunches you purchase, you get one lunch free.
- F. The **P.T.O.** has been a great support and blessing. Don't forget; every parent is a P.T.O. member and there are no dues. Do what you can to help the school and keep costs down. - Clothes Connection, the fall fundraiser at the Pumpkin Farm, Book Fair, Snowflake Shop, Moms in Touch prayer and Bible study groups and much more. Praying for CCA is your best contribution. Thank you, **Mrs. Beth Walsh** and your team!!
- G. **Auction:** We welcome a new Auction Coordinator, **Mrs. Shawn DiVita**. Please help her.
- H. **The Academy Advantage** (summer issue) will soon be in your hands, thanks to **Mrs. Toni Lenuzza**. Mrs. Deb White works hard to keep up the website. Thank you, **Mrs. White**. I could not manage without the excellent support of my Executive Assistant, **Mrs. Lori Williams**.
- I. **Family vacations** are important and often necessary, but we want to work together so students do not miss school. That is why we work so hard to provide the most detailed calendar that we can. If a student is legally absent - illness, bereavement, the like - we will do everything possible to assist students in making up missed work. In addition, teachers post assignments on the website for your information and convenience. CCA will not provide work for children who are illegally absent. Check the website in such cases or call a friend. Please note also that early dismissals (noted on the calendar) are at 11:00 am so that proper arrangements for pick-up can be made. We charge \$15.00 for every ten minutes you are late picking up your child. I do not want to do this.

- J. **Advanced Placement Classes:** CCA desires that any student capable should be allowed to take at least one AP course. This class is for the capable student who demonstrates a willingness to do the extra work. Any student who seems to be over their head in these courses will be advised to return to regular classes. A more complete letter about this will be sent to the parents of all AP students in early September. Please see the handbook also.
- K. **Encourage your student to read.** We are becoming a nation who knows how to read but does not desire to do so. Technology is good but encourages short attention span and thoughtfulness. We know God's principles through His word. Here is a quote from "Breakpoint" by Chuck Colson. *This is the God we worship—a God known principally through his Word. It's why missionaries spent decades learning and translating native languages, equipping people of all nations to read God's Word. But here in the West, we're in danger of coming full circle: The new visual media created by modern technology may actually undermine literacy, leading us back to an image-based culture. And then we risk losing our cultural heritage—including the ability to understand the Scriptures. We can fight this trend by making sure we make time to read ourselves and by insisting that our children turn off the TV and read good books. Visit Break-Point Online for a list of books we recommend for summer reading at <http://BeakPoint.org>.*
- L. **Bullying:** This is my final point. We cannot tolerate any form of bullying at CCA. We need the help of every parent to remind your children how important it is to value each other. Help us have a safe and healthy school. (See handbook pages 37 and 39.)

**Thank you** to CCA's Board, faculty, staff, parents, students, fund-raisers, benefactors, well wishers and praying folk for your continued support of CCA. This school is continuing the tradition of Christian education - now sixty two years old.

**Thank you** for continuing to believe in the value of a Christ-centered education and for entrusting your precious children to our care.

The theme for the 2011-12 school year is "Mighty through God" based on 2 Corinthians 10: 4,5 (see top of page 1).

I continue to be excited about my work here for a fourteenth year, facing challenges with hope and expectations of God's mercy and grace. You too, enjoy the remainder of the summer. Remind your children to do their summer reading.

Blessings to all of you. Welcome to another school year.

Yours sincerely,

Nurline A. Lawrence  
*Head of School*

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