

# COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

*Excellent, Affordable Christian Education*

March 1, 2013

## Don't Be Fooled; Schools Are Not Neutral

### Upcoming Dates

- Monday, March 18, noon dismissal—teacher workday
- Wednesday, March 20, 10:30-noon—Open House
- Wednesday, March 20—Report cards sent home
- Monday, April 1—Friday, April 5—Easter Break, no school
- Wednesday, April 10, 10:30-noon—Open House
- Monday, April 15—Summer Camp Registration Deadline

I fault my generation for believing and propagating the idea that public schools are neutral about religion because they strive not to address faith. The problem is that all schools must and do address fundamental issues of life including man's origins, his purpose, his values, and his destiny. Ultimately, all schools strive to define truth, and unfortunately, public schools most frequently suggest that there is no ultimate truth.

Make no mistake—the agenda of the public schools is as intentional as the ones in private schools, and a school's influence is great. No one understood this concept better than Charles Potter, founder of First Humanist Society of

New York. Understanding the power of school to influence thoughts and values, Potter stated in 1930, "Education is thus the most powerful ally of humanism and every American school is a school of humanism. What can a theistic Sunday school's meeting for an hour once a week and teaching only a fraction of the children do to stem the tide of the five-day program of humanistic teaching?"

Sadly, current data seems to support Potter's supposition. The Barna Group reports that less than one half of one percent of American adults aged 18-23 have a biblical worldview. They also report that a child's worldview is formed by the time he/she is 13 years old. The Cardus Report states that some studies suggest that as high as 85% of children who attend public school denounce their faith by the time

they graduate high school as compared to 4% of homeschooled children.

Adults who spend 35 hours or more each week with children are leaving an impression. It is critical that those values and beliefs that are being imprinted on our children match the values and truths being taught at home.

All who work at Community Christian Academy understand that they get paid if there is money for payroll. Why would we serve under those conditions unless we knew that we were making a huge investment into the next generation? Let me be clear—we are not neutral. We love Jesus, we teach based on biblical principles, and we love people.

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*- The Barna Group*

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## Pastors' Appreciation Day—A Fun Day of Service

Pastors' Appreciation Day was one of the most fun acts of service our school has done this year. We were delighted to worship with more than 30 pastors from over 20 churches. One pastor stated that he nearly cried when we separated

the pastors into four groups, and the children prayed for them individually.

After worship, the pastors enjoyed a time of fellowship with each other while our students served them a Chick-fil-a lunch. Our chil-

dren were so excited to have jobs of service and to see their pastors. Many wanted pictures with their pastors, including silly ones. What a wonderful day of praising God, serving others, and fellowshiping together!





## Mission Statement:

Community Christian Academy exists to glorify God by preparing students, well-grounded in knowledge and faith, for successful lives. Seeking to reflect the diversity of the body of Christ, Community Christian Academy partners with families and other Christian organizations to promote transformation within our community. The school's goal is to develop critically-thinking students who will engage the culture by living lives that demonstrate scholarship, servant-leadership, and devotion to Christ and to mankind.

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United yet Diverse**

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## Thank You to Our Ministry Partners

We are grateful to the Lord for the partners that He is raising up to help Community Christian Academy serve children from all economic backgrounds.

In addition to businesses and individuals, God has put our ministry on the hearts of some other local ministries who see the importance of providing a Christian education to every child whose family wants it.

Community Christian Academy wants to thank the following ministries that have committed funds for 2013:

First Christian Church

Maple Grove Christian Church

Word of Faith Church

Unlike all other Christian schools in our area, Community Christian Academy believes that no family should be turned away because of

cost. With a sliding scale for tuition and a "Work for Tuition" program, many families pay as little as 25% of the actual cost for educating their child.

This year, 91% of our students get scholarships, and about half of our students pay only one third of full tuition. Because tuition pays only about 25% of our budget, we rely on many people, ministries, and businesses to donate the difference.

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."*

*- 1 Peter 2:9*

## An Interview with Laura Ehman

Laura Ehman is one of our school volunteers who is at the school four days each week helping in the classrooms, cleaning the facilities during the day when needed, keeping our supplies organized, supervising in after-care, and serving in more ways that I can name right now.

As we were talking about why Community Christian Academy is special, she had a great deal to share.

The first comment that Laura made regarded the camaraderie and friendships that the students have formed here at the school. Children interact between grades, and third-grade students enjoy interacting and playing with kin-

dergarten students. In fact, Laura has never witnessed bullying at the school, and negative comments and actions are quickly addressed and resolved by staff.

Laura is also impressed with the culture of involvement at the school. Parents seem to feel comfortable sitting down and chatting with the administrator and interacting with the teachers. "You just don't see that at public schools," she said.

Laura pointed out that she thoroughly enjoys seeing how a Christian worldview is implemented throughout the school. In addition to having a structured Bible class each day, she is amazed at the "deep truths" that speakers

from many local churches share in chapel that the students seem to grasp. Additionally, the staff model Christ-likeness.

Speaking of chapel presenters, Laura pointed out that Community Christian Academy does not desire to withdraw from the world but rather chooses to interact with the community whenever possible. In addition to having speakers each week who come in to interact with the students, the school has a value of community service where the school community seeks to serve other local organizations and individuals. Community Christian Academy is a unique place in Charlottesville.