

# COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

*Honoring God through Academic Excellence*

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## Thank You to Our Volunteers!

### Upcoming Dates

- Monday, October 8—Parent-teacher conferences from 1:00 to 7:30 p.m., no school for students.
- Friday, October 26—Teacher workday, noon dismissal.
- Tuesday, October 30—Report cards sent home.
- Friday, November 2—Picture Day
- Wednesday, November 21—Friday, November 23—Thanksgiving Break

"I can't believe all the things you offer the children—music, Spanish, art, p.e." It is no surprise that this parent was impressed at all we do because she knows that we have few financial resources. If all our seats were filled, it would cost \$6,000 per child to meet our budget, but half our families pay only \$2,000 in tuition, and the average tuition that our families pay is only \$3,150. Are we able to offer all these services because we have grants or donors who give large donations? No, but we do have a number of committed volunteers, and financial supporters who understand that if many give a little, great and impossible things can



be done. This newsletter is devoted to those individuals who are making the quality of Community Christian Academy possible through their time and efforts.

First, we have a number of teachers and routine volunteers who help us with our daily activities, and it is my pleasure to introduce some of them in this newsletter. Second, we have a number of people who give of their time and efforts as we have various projects around the school. Over the last two weekends, we have been very thankful to the members of Maple Grove Christian Church who have provided time and effort to

clean and move playground equipment and to paint rooms that needed a facelift. Pictured here are the small groups from Maple Grove Christian Church led by Don and Margaret Dolinger and Michael and Lisa Schock.

If it were not for the generous contributions of our volunteers at every level, Community Christian Academy could not provide the services it does at an affordable price. To all of our supporters who have given prayer, time, funds, and expertise, we say, "Thank you!"



*"If you have men who will only come if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all." - David Livingstone*

## Introducing Our Instructional Assistant—Laura Ehman

It is hard to say what Laura Ehman does because she does everything from helping in kindergarten and first grade to cleaning the lunch tables and working in after-care. She truly has a servant's heart and wants to help wherever she is needed. She volunteers

because she loves children and feels fulfilled serving in a Christian environment.



In the past, she homeschooled her now adult and married son, worked as a school substitute, and owned her own plant nursery. She loves to crochet and draw and enjoys driving to Charlottesville with her husband to serve at CCA—what a blessing!

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## Introducing our Music Teacher— Renee Cothran

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.”*

*- Romans 12:10*

When the Executive Director was praying about needing a music teacher, she felt convinced that God already had the person chosen for the job. Unbeknownst to her, Renee Cothran was already in prayer about whether or not God was leading her to volunteer her time to teach music at Community Christian Academy. It was with great joy that the Director heard from Renee that she was ready to work with our students.

Our music teacher comes all the way from Colorado.

As the wife of the recently-installed Pastor of Alliance Bible Church, Renee is a new resident in Charlottesville. Renee grew up in a home full of music. After years of piano lessons



and singing in school and church, she received a music scholarship to travel

with a musical group representing her small Christian college in Arkansas.

In recent years, she has taught private piano lessons, participated on the church worship team, and led a children's choir. One of her greatest joys is worshipping with music.

In addition to teaching music at the school and fulfilling all the responsibilities of being a pastor's wife, Renee homeschools her four children, passing on her love for music.

## Introducing our Art Teacher—Suzanne Nelson

Yes, Suzanne Nelson is pictured lying under a table.



In one of her art lessons, she wanted the students to mimic the experience of drawing on cave walls. By candlelight in a darkened room and with the sounds of dripping water in a cave coming through her iPod, the students enjoyed lying under their tables to make their “cave” drawings.

This was just one of Suzanne's creative art lessons that constantly thrill the kids. A graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University, Suzanne loves teaching a variety of art techniques and drawing animals with colored pencils. Her art is on display at BozArt Gallery.

## Introducing our P.E. Teacher—Tricia Van Ryn

Tricia Van Ryn has been a certified fitness instructor for 20 years and has enjoyed leading “Body and Soul” exercise classes over the years. Her extensive background in dance—including tap, jazz, and ballet—serves as a foundation for her dance-style exercise classes that the students love each week. In the past, Tricia has been

a member of a dance team at Immanuel Bible Church, and she worked as a librarian for 30 years at the Library of Congress.

Even though Tricia is retired, she is always busy. In addition to teaching P.E., Tricia also helps with after-care at Community Christian Academy, performs tap with the Silver Step-

pers, and teaches other exercise classes. She is married to Bill Van Ryn and they have an adult son.



# Meet our Board Treasurer—Dr. Maurice Carter

Desiring to leave a legacy in Central Virginia for the next generation, Dr. Carter has been with CCA since its inception. “Community Christian Academy will leave an indelible mark on the next generation of doctors, lawyers, and community leaders. I enjoy helping to set policy and vision that will foundationally guide this institution.”

When asked why he thought Community Christian Academy was special, Dr. Carter stated, “When you look in the classrooms, you see that CCA reflects

the diversity of the kingdom of God. We also have committed educators who tailor instruction to each child and teach even though they don’t know from month to month if they will get paid; that’s commit-



ment, and that is special.”

*Dr. Carter has spent 26 years in education. He has served as a teacher, principal, superintendent, and college professor. Last year, Dr. Carter retired as Assistant Superintendent of Fluvanna County Schools to give his attention to full-time ministry. Currently, he is the Senior Pastor of Crystal Cathedral Ministries (which has four locations), an adjunct professor at Longwood University, a published author, and national speaker. He and his wife Deborah have two children.*

## Introducing our Spanish Teacher—Sherri Allen



If you think you’ve read about Sherri Allen in another newsletter, you are correct. Sherri is our Board Secretary in addition to all the other ways she supports the school. When we considered how we could limit our expenses, Sherri volunteered to be our Spanish teacher—what a

blessing! Before leaving the education field to raise her children, Sherri was a certified elementary teacher who taught Spanish in another local school. After seeing her in the classroom working with our students, it was clear that she still has what it takes to be an outstanding teacher!

## Introducing our Facilities Volunteer—Bill Van Ryn

I’m sure that Bill Van Ryn never expected to spend part of his retirement cleaning and helping with other facilities projects at Community Christian Academy. A Vietnam veteran who retired after 42 years in the communications industry, Bill remains busy co-teaching a Sunday School class and ushering at Maple Grove Christian

Church, maintaining two classic cars and participating in two different car clubs, and keeping up-to-date with politics.

In addition to providing much needed help with the facilities, Bill and his wife Tricia are members of the school’s prayer team and are monthly scholarship supporters for one of our

students. Before the school opened, Bill was already helping by passing out hundreds of school flyers to families living nearby.



*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”*

*- John 13:34*



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**Thank You to our New Monthly Sponsors  
for September: Justin and Amy Webber**

While our volunteers help us reduce expenses and provide quality experiences for our students, we still have monetary expenses each month. Without monthly sponsors who commit to provide a financial gift each month, we could not provide substantial student scholarships and meet our budget. If a lot of us give just a little each month, God can do the impossible through us. Would you consider becoming a monthly supporter?

**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.

*“And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.”*

*- Luke 2:52*

**Introducing our Chapel Music Director—Robin Coe—and a Few of our Chapel Speakers**

Chapel is a fun time each week where the entire school community comes together to worship and learn about the Lord. One of the highlights each week is having Robin Coe lead worship music. Robin has enjoyed singing and playing guitar her entire life, but she has primarily enjoyed singing worship music for the last 18 years. What she loves particularly is the excitement that children bring to praising God, and our kids definitely sing with excitement! Because her husband of 27 years is in the JAC Corp of the army, Robin has lived in multiple countries and towns and has lived in Char-

lottesville four different times. She and her husband have four adult children.

We rely on many volunteer speakers to make chapel

special and different each week. So far, we have been blessed to have Pastor Lindsey Ellis of All Points Christian Church, Pastor Jeff Villio of First Christian Church, Pastor Todd Cothran of Alliance Bible Church, and Children's Minister, Joanna Jennings from Trinity Presbyterian Church as speakers. Our students have enjoyed a skit, a toothpaste race, a story time, and other object lessons to reinforce biblical teachings. We look forward to having over 20 more representatives from our area churches to interact and encourage our students' faith.

