

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Excellent, Affordable Christian Education

October, 2014

Why A Parent Chose CCA—By Anne Welty

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, October 15—Raising Cane's Fundraiser
- Tuesday, October 21—Cici's Pizza Fundraiser
- Monday, October 27—Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school.
- Wednesday, October 29—Report cards sent home.
- Wednesday, November 26-Friday, November 28—Thanksgiving Break, no school.

On a chilly March morning over 9 years ago, I looked into the eyes of my daughter for the first time. A million thoughts raced through my mind, mostly about how I would do anything for her and how I knew instantly that motherhood had changed me. But as she grew, my husband and I wrestled with our convictions about education, knowing the that the day would come (sooner than we imagined) when our daughter would be ready to start her academic journey. We knew that government schools were not an option for us and had long suspected that for the foreseeable future, private school would be financially impossible. And so, we set out to honor the Lord with our conviction to provide

her with a Christian education and started homeschooling.

As a homeschool graduate myself, it was a familiar process. But I had felt for a long time that I didn't necessarily feel "called" to a life of homeschooling my kids. I was prepared to do it if no other op-



tions were available, but I had prayed for some time that God would make it clear the path He'd like us to take. We made it through kindergarten and first grade, and I enjoyed the time spent teaching her how to read,

how to add, and how to learn. During that time, we also had a preschool-aged son and added a baby sister to the mix as well. It was challenging but rewarding.

Second grade started off with a bang, and we were having fun discovering ancient history and more complex mathematics. We relished trips to the library and the time spent as a family. But by the second semester, things were changing. We found out we were expecting baby number four, and I found myself increasingly discouraged and exhausted. I cried out to God that I was ready to hand over the educational reins because motherhood of little ones was stealing so much of my teaching

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Have you seen our new school's promotional video? If not, go to our website (cca-va.org) and click on the video that is displayed on our home page!

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Fundraising for Scholarships!

Already this year, Community Christian Academy has awarded nearly \$75,000 in scholarships to 75% of our student body. Our average scholarship award is almost \$3,500 (more than half of the \$6,000 tuition cost).

Believing that all families should have the opportunity to have their children in a Christian school, CCA awards scholarships whether or not we have already raised the funds for those

scholarships. Therefore, we are asking the community to help us raise the needed funds to allow children this opportunity. There are several ways that you can help meet the scholarship need for a child:

- Save Box Tops on specially-marked packages. Each Box Top (See logo in the margin of page 2.) is worth 10¢ to the school. Last year, we raised over \$500 just

from Box Tops! It is amazing how quickly these Box Tops add up. If you are willing to place a collection box in your local church or business, please contact the school, and we can get a box for you.

- Eat dinner at Raising Cane's on Wednesday, October 15 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tell them that you are there (Continued—Page 2)

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time. I felt my oldest daughter's school year was suffering. Something had to give.

At our church, I had noticed a "Box Tops for Education" box on a table in the sanctuary. I didn't give it much thought, assuming it was



for a local public school. A few weeks later, our pastor mentioned to me that he was on the board at a new local Christian school and that we might want to consider attending an open house to learn more. I dismissed it thinking it would be impossible to afford. He approached us again, and we finally decided it couldn't hurt to find out more about it. If nothing else, we would help spread the word and try to support

what this new school was doing - providing excellent and accessible Christian education to those who normally could not afford it. So one afternoon in March of 2013, almost exactly 8 years after our first child was born, I sat and talked with Kimberly Moore about what it would take to have our daughter attend Community Christian Academy. It felt surreal, but soon after, we decided it would be best to send our son (a rising first grader by this time) as well.



Even as we signed paperwork and started the process of getting ready, we weren't sure how the Lord would provide the finances. The school's tuition seemed impossibly low, and yet we were a one-income family with a fourth child on the way - our budget was already stretched to the edges. But our God is a God of the impossible, and He made it happen. The school provided us with a way to work

for part of our tuition, and the rest was a miracle.

As for our kids, they flourished in their first year at CCA. My daughter learned so much about working independently, and my son came out of his introvert-shell and shocked me with

his capacity for learning. They both made friends with their classmates and loved their teachers. My husband and I were so impressed with their growth and maturity and have enjoyed hearing about their educational exploits. It was a great year, and they're looking forward to another exciting school year at a wonderful school. I give thanks daily for Community Christian Academy.



Fundraising for Scholarships! - Continued

to support CCA, and 15% of your purchase price will be donated to the school.

- Link your Target Redcard to CCA's account number, and CCA will get 1% of your purchase price each time you use your Redcard.
- Every third Tuesday beginning October 21 from lunchtime until

8:00 p.m. is a fundraising night for CCA at Cici's Pizza. Mention that you are there to support CCA, and we will get a percentage of the sale.

- December 9 is a fundraising event at Chipotle's. Mention that you are there to support CCA, and the

school will get 50% of the purchase price!

- Make a cash donation to our scholarship fund. Twenty-one children need scholarships to bridge the gap between the cost of their education and the price they can afford. Each child deserves this chance, and we need your help!





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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“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”
- William James

Volunteer Opportunities at CCA

Community Christian Academy depends on volunteers to help provide important services to our students and school. We are seeking support through volunteers in the following areas:

- Classroom help in our kindergarten classroom from 8:30 to 10:00 one or more days per week.
- Cleaning help after school for an hour one or more days per week.

- Lunchroom cleaning (about 30 minutes) one or more days per week
- Chapel music leader to help lead worship in



- chapel one service per month.
- Event planning and fundraising support to help put together a couple of school events during the year.

If you would be able to help us with any of these areas, please contact:

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