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### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



*"It's the most wonderful time of the year".....Yes, tis' the season to be jolly, but sadly, we know for some of our families this is not the case. Some families won't be celebrating and as Lyndon B. Johnson once said.... "Many live on the outskirts of hope." Please remember to reach out to those in need this season. Many of our students would rather be in school with you every day rather than being at home during the holidays. They will miss your smile, the structure you provide and the warm meals that are provided at school.*

Let me take this opportunity once again to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of all CCPS employees and our school board members. You are the reason our students feel safe and loved at school. It is through your hard work, targeted efforts and kindness that we continue to improve at all levels. You give our students hope and the skills for a better future and that's a great gift!

I hope Santa brings you lots of gifts. I especially pray you will be blessed with the *continued gifts* of energy, wisdom and the love you display daily to serve the children in our district. I know your service goes beyond the call of duty and I thank you!

May the month of December be productive, safe and fun in every school and every department.

I hope you enjoy the holiday break. You're the best! - Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill

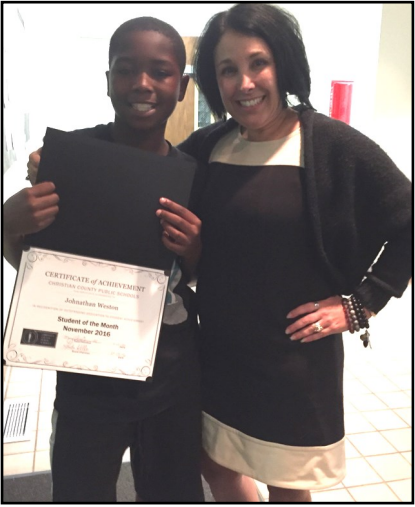
# Mark Your Calendars!

**Holiday Break for Students Begins Thursday, December 22nd and Ends Monday, January 2nd.**

**Students Will Return to School on Tuesday, January 3!**

\*The last day of the second 9 weeks is Wednesday, December 21

## December Student of the Month



Johnathan Weston is a student at South Christian Elementary School. He gives his 110% effort in everything academic, and works very hard to be a positive influence in the classroom. Last year Johnathan scored distinguished in all categories on the KPREP and placed in the Governor's Cup competition.

Johnathan led the Pledge of Allegiance at a recent School Board Meeting and was recognized by the Christian County Board of Education as the Student of the Month for November. He is pictured with South Christian Elementary School Principal Cherise Brummer.

Indian Hills Elementary School hosted an "Art Night" for students and their families as an opportunity for everyone to experience art together. The purpose of the event was to expose students at an early age of the various forms of art available throughout their school careers. High school choir, band and art students from Christian County High School participated and provided project-based learning for students. Families participated in an art gallery and were able to listen to choir and band performances. It was a fun night had by all and a great way to showcase the importance of art.



Indian Hills Elementary School Presents...

Family Art Night



Christian County Public Schools

## INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



**NEW!**  
snowSMART  
Learning

IN CHRISTIAN  
COUNTY

### **How is the decision made to cancel school due to inclement weather such as snow or ice?**

A: Before making the decision to delay or cancel school due to weather, we rely on critical input from various sources, both district and outside agencies. Throughout the day and night we consult with our Transportation Department about road conditions throughout our county.

### **When is the decision made to cancel school?**

A: In the event that we cancel or delay (including early dismissal) the CCPS Communications Department is contacted immediately and information is shared with the public.

### **How will the public be informed of the decision?**

A: It will be communicated through multiple communications sources. Find out about school closings, delays or early dismissal using these methods:

*Local radio & newspaper media, TV news channels 2, 4, 5, & Fox 17, Infinite Campus Messenger Calls (parents & staff only), district and school websites, Facebook and Twitter and the school closing hotline (270) 707-1900.*

### **What is snowSMART Learning?**

snowSMART Learning is a non-traditional instruction pro-gram allowing students to continue learning from the home via technology. snowSMART can be utilized on days when students are out of school due to snow/ice, other weather-related closings or widespread illness. When all other options have been exhausted, **the Superintendent will decide when days are designated as snowSMART.**

We kindly ask students and parents to please keep in mind that snowSMART Learning is a new program. CCPS will continue to look for innovative ways to improve student learning. Feel free to contact your child's principal for questions about the snowSMART Learning program.

### **Accessing School Assignments**

On snowSMART Days, assignments for students can be accessed through Google Classroom and/or by visiting a teacher's classroom website. Communication on student assignments can vary by a student's teacher and/or school. Student login information will be communicated to the student prior to the use of a snowSMART Day. Students will have the option of paper-based assignments. If you are without internet, the local library is a great technology resource.

### **Accountability and Teacher Availability**

Teachers will discuss expectations with students, prior to the use of snowSMART. Students will be required to meet expectations and fulfill assignment requirements on snowSMART Days. Some teachers may communicate via tools such as email or Remind 101. Communication may vary by teacher and/or school. School specific snowSMART plans will be communicated by your child's school. Hours of teacher availability are from 8-11 AM and 12-3 PM.

Congratulations to Hopkinsville Middle School and Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology on winning awards in the Festival of Trees event.

**Hopkinsville Middle School– Best Decorated**

**Gateway Academy to Innovation and Tech– Most Original**



Gateway Academy



Hopkinsville Middle School

You are invited to celebrate  
Freedom's Scholars at the 2nd  
Annual Leadership Event

**December 8, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

**Freedom Elementary Gymnasium**

How can you become a better  
leader for yourself, your family,  
your community and world?



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