

CCPS E-Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



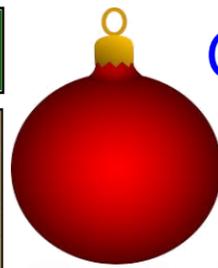
With the holidays upon us, so too comes the reminder to say thank you for the great work going on in this district! In this holiday of loving and caring, you prove daily that you care greatly for all our CCPS students and provide the gift of knowledge and support to approximately 9,000 students every day.

As you take time off to share the holidays with your own family and friends, may your home be filled with love and joy and hopefully, some rest and relaxation. Happy Holidays and a joyful New Year!

- Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill



Creating an educational culture of continuous growth through shared partnerships and responsibilities.



CCPS WINTER BREAK

DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 2

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON JANUARY 3, 2018.

DISTRICT TARGETS CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

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Student of the Month

Will Hartman, Hopkinsville Middle School



William Hartman is an 8th grade student at Hopkinsville Middle School. Will is involved in the HHS band, where he competed two years in a row at the state competition. Last year, the HHS Band of Tigers were named State Champions and this year the band received runner-up. He is the trumpet section leader in the HMS band and has proven vital to the success of the program. He plans to one day attend college and possibly work towards a degree in music education.

Will was recognized as the district's Student Spotlight of the Month. He was recognized at a recent school board meeting by board members and Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill.

Student Wins State-Wide Essay Contest

5th grade student McKenna Fisher of Pembroke Elementary School was recently named and recognized as the winner of a state-wide essay. The contest was sponsored by the Family Resource and Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky. The theme of the essay was "The Time FRYSC Helped Me Succeed."

McKenna's essay will be poster-sized and on exhibit in Frankfort for all legislators to read. Congratulations McKenna, CCPS is proud of you!



McKenna and Ms. Meriwether stand during the recognitions ceremony at the November School Board Meeting. Photo by KNE

meet the lead Lunch LADY

Penny Holt, new Foods Services Director for CCPS, shares her passion for clean eating, delicious food and keeping the customers happy.



Penny Holt, CCPS Food Service Director

Since beginning her new job in November, Ms. Holt has made it top priority to visit schools and meet as many staff members as she can across the district.

Ms. Holt replaces long-time director Sandra McIntosh who retired at the end of October. Ms. Holt has a degree in food service management and dietetics and holds more than 29 years of experience in her role as a Foods Services Director. Previously, she worked for Paducah Independent and Graves County schools. (continued at top)

"It's my goal to continue improving upon the nutritional quality of meals served to our students each day," says Ms. Holt. She adds that it's important to keep the customers happy, and by customers she refers to students who choose to eat breakfast and lunch provided by the school.

Ms. Holt's idea of "clean" eating comes from using limited to zero preservatives and additives in foods. "A big misconception of eating clean often means that foods won't be as delicious," she says. Meals appearing on the upcoming school menus will reflect that healthy foods can be every bit delicious.

You can try out one of Ms. Holt's recipes at home for a healthy way to enjoy Taco Soup. Ms. Holt can be contacted by phone at (270) 887-7009.

Healthy & Easy-to-Make - Taco Soup -

- 15 oz. jar salsa (fresh prepared is best for lower sodium option)
- 8 oz. jar taco sauce
- 15 oz. can whole kernel corn-drained (frozen or fresh is best for lower sodium option)
- 15 oz. can black beans-drained
- 4 cups water

Add all ingredients together and simmer for 20 minutes

Add in toppings (optional)

- ½ cup tortilla Chips crumbled
- 1 ounce grated cheddar
- 1 tbsp. sour cream
- 1 tbsp. chopped green onions

Enjoy!

Yield: 8 (8 ounce) bowls of soup.



Join us for Holiday Performances
AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



December 'Round the World

Monday, December 11

Showtime begins at 6:00 p.m.

Pembroke Elementary 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Choir

Admission: FREE

A Festive Christmas

Thursday, December 14

Showtime begins at 6:00 p.m.

CCHS Choir

Admission: FREE

CCMS & CCHS Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 12

Showtime begins at 6:00 p.m.

CCMS & CCHS Band Programs

Admission: FREE

HMS Choir Christmas Concert

Monday, December 18

Showtime begins at 8:00 p.m.

HMS Choir

Admission: FREE

The Night Devine

Friday, December 8

Showtime begins at 7:00 p.m.

HHS Choir

Admission: FREE

LOCAL STUDENT ATHLETE SELECTED FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Hopkinsville High School Senior Ethan Noel has been named one of the best soccer players in the nation this year by the United Soccer Coaches Association. By letter, Ethan received news that he had been selected for the 2017 Fall High School Boys All-America Team.

Ethan and his family plan to attend the awards luncheon held in Philadelphia next month. Other accolades of Ethan include his academic accomplishments as a Governor Scholar (2017), KHSAA Academic All-State Award and regular appearance on the school's honor roll and principal lists. Congratulations Ethan!

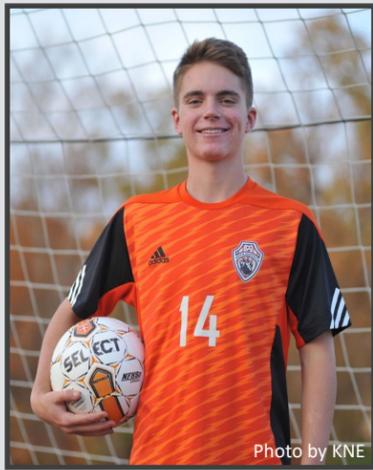


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017
6:00 PM • CCMS CAFETERIA

Holiday COUNCIL CAROUSEL

SCHOOL BOARD MTG. NOTICE
PUBLIC MEETING

Join us for our annual School Board Workshop where Site Base Decision Making Council (SBDM) will present their annual report to members of the Christian County Board of Education

CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



JUST IN TIME FOR COOLER WEATHER!

HERE IS A HELPFUL OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN WEATHER IS SEVERE ENOUGH TO POSSIBLY CANCEL OR DISMISS SCHOOL.

HOW IS THE DECISION MADE TO CANCEL SCHOOL DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER SUCH AS SNOW OR ICE?

Before making the decision to delay or cancel school due to weather, we rely on critical input from various sources, to include in-district, as well as outside agencies. We consult with our Transportation Department about road conditions throughout the day and into the night.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE TO CANCEL SCHOOL?

In the event that CCPS cancels or delays school (this can include early dismissal), the district's communications department is contacted immediately and information is shared with the public in a timely manner.

HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION TO CANCEL OR DELAY SCHOOL?

Any updates or changes to the regular school schedule will be communicated through multiple communication channels. For ways you can stay connected with CCPS and stay informed of inclement weather-related decisions, be sure to read the back page of this newsletter. Other ways to stay informed include the local radio, newspaper and TV media.

For more information, please visit www.christian.kyschools.us