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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Yet again, our fears became reality when information was recently shared on the tragic events claiming young innocent lives of students from the Marshall County community. With an aching heart, I am offering my sincerest condolences to those impacted by this horrific incident and asking you to keep the community in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. While we share in their heartache, most of us cannot begin to fathom what this town faces and the steps they will take in order to find healing and comfort.

Today's event hit close to home and there is no doubt that the effects of this event are going to continue to unfold in the days ahead. There

are lots of questions, fear, worry, speculation and confusion. This is all very normal. At CCPS, we want to do our very best to keep our schools a welcoming and safe environment for everyone.

Communication is critical. Students and staff, we encourage you to utilize resources made available by the school and/or district. We have a great team of guidance counselors, social workers, school based therapists and others who are readily available. Parents if safety is a concern for you, we invite you to speak to leadership teams within the schools. Safety is a regular conversation here at CCPS. Each day brings about new information and ways to improve upon ways to keep our schools safe.

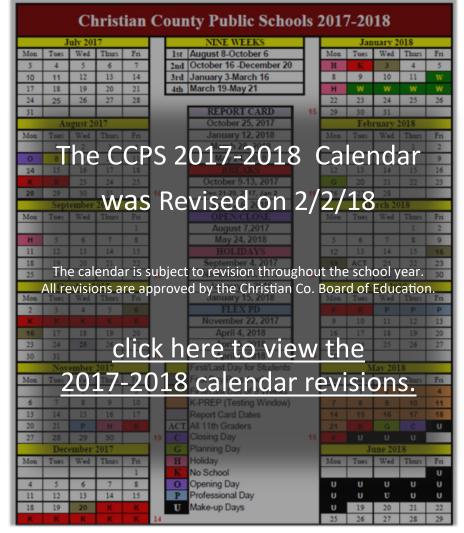
As a community, let's rally together and support one another, but especially Marshall County. Let's hug our loved ones tight and pray over the town of Benton, KY.

Parents, guardians and staff members, please find additional resources provided by Kentucky's Center for Safe Schools. KCSS is an excellent resource to consider.

KENTUCKY CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY



visit https://kycss.org/





CCHS STUDENT WINS KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CALENDAR ART CONTEST

The Kentucky Association of Counties awarded McKenzie Pepper, a senior at Christian County High School, for her winning artwork in the KACo's 2018 calendar. McKenzie was the only student to win two spots in the calendar contest. One of her drawings is on the front cover and her other drawing is displayed on the month of March page.

McKenzie received \$300 from KACo. The calendar is distributed every year to the governor, state legislators, elected county officials and KY congressmen.



Christian County Public Schools STLP DISTRICT SHOWCASE Student Technology Leadership Program

Thursday, February 22, 2018 CCMS Gym 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Join us as our STLP students demonstrate the exciting things they are doing with technology.



Battle of the Robots



Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology hosted a VEX Robotics Tournament on Saturday, January 27. The competition determined which teams would qualify to compete at the state tournament in the spring.

ROBOTICS COMPETITION

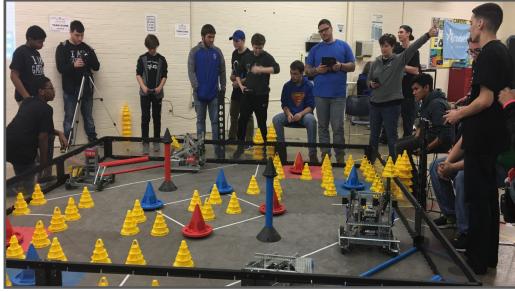
The local tournament featured approximately 25 teams from the state, including a total of eight from CCPS.

Three teams from CCPS will advance to the state tournament in March. One team from Hopkinsville Middle School is currently ranked number one in the state and number 50 world-wide!

Congratulations robotics teams! We are #CCPS_PROUD









HELP PROVIDE CAREER ADVISING TO 8TH & 10TH GRADE STUDENTS.
VISIT CHRISTIAN.KYSCHOOLS.US FOR MORE DETAILS.

OPERATION PREPARATION PROVIDES A POWER-FUL OPPORTUNITY FOR SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES TO COLLABORATE IN THE COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING PROCESS. IN MANY EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS READY FOR A COLLEGE AND/OR A FUTURE CAREER, CCPS IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ADVISE 8TH AND 10TH GRADE STUDENTS. CCPS VALUES YOUR BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS AND ARE EXCITED FOR YOU AND YOUR EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE AS A ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR STUDENTS ON THE PATH TO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS.

SIGN-UP TODAY!

Keeping Our Schools



Chief Operations Officer Brad Hawkins talks school safety in Christian County



At CCPS, we do our best to keep schools a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. The tragedy in Marshall County, along with several recent threats in in our very own com-

munity heighted alert and fear among many. To address recent concerns for school safety, I am sharing proactive ways we can keep our schools safe.

As a state and district requirement, safety drills are conducted once a semester in our schools to keep everyone knowledgeable of procedures during a safety event. In situations where threats have occurred, matters were investigated by school/ and law officials. These situations are taken very seriously.

Punishment for students who make threats can result in admittance into alternative school or expulsion depending on the viability of the threat. In addition, students may be charged with terroristic threatening, disorderly conduct, which can range from misdemeanor charges to felonies in some cases.

Everyone shares in the responsibility of reporting information that could put individuals in harm's way. Information should always be reported to authorities in order to prevent tragedy from happening.



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CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS





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

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