



## CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

### Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill



I want to take a moment to acknowledge our newly (re)elected School Board Members, Tom Bell, Lindsey Clark and Jeff Moore. They along with Linda Keller and Sue Hayes are already hard at work.

Congratulations! I look forward to working collaboratively with all School Board Members.

I wish all a wonderful start to the New Year. I hope you are rested and recharged for a phenomenal 2019.

### Mark Your Calendars!

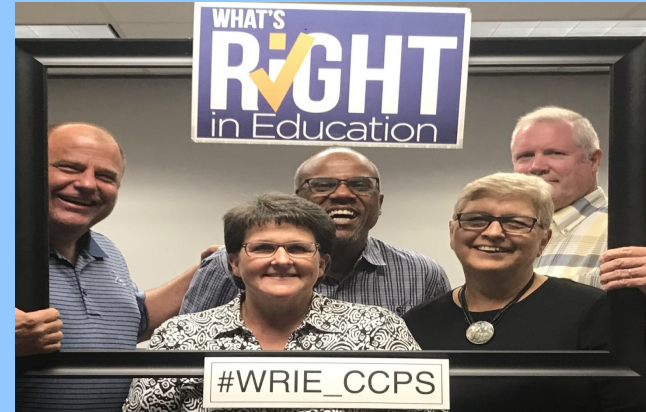
CCPS Long Range Planning Forum

Sponsor - League of Women Voters

Hopkinsville Community College

6:00pm

Tuesday February 12, 2019



### Board Member Jeff Moore Sees A Bright Future!

Being the newest member on our school board, I had no idea what to expect. Regardless of how long I serve, the decision to serve on this board will remain one of the best decisions of my life. Watching and learning from my fellow board members, our superintendent, attorney, and secretary has been a joy.

Having previously never attended a school board meeting, I am amazed at the amount of hard work that goes into running our school system! The dedication of our teachers is second to none. They are awesome!

The future of the CCPS system is bright and there remains many challenges, but I feel as a team, we will succeed.

I encourage anyone interested in Christian County and education to attend our meetings and give feedback. I have no doubt with the help of parents and community, we can have a school system of which we are all proud.



# JANUARY is SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

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## SBDM Councils Impact on Student Achievement

**Laura Morris**  
Chief Administrative Officer

School Based Decision Making Councils promote shared leadership among those who have opportunities to impact student success. Membership of each council includes parents, teachers, and an administrator from the school. The council has the responsibility to set school policy and make decisions as outlined in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. SBDM

Council decisions should provide an environment to enhance student achievement and school policy must be consistent with district board policy.

To be eligible to serve on a council, parents must have a student enrolled or pre-registered to attend the school for the year they will be serving on the school council. Elected parents must submit to having a background check and a CAN (child abuse and neglect) Check. The definition of parent is defined to include parent, step-parent and/or a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides.



## Vincent Jeronimo is January Student of the Month!

CCPS Student of the Month for January is Vincent Jeronimo. Vincent is a sixth grade student at Indian Hills and has scored Distinguished across the board on KPREP every year. He is a straight A student, a member of the Indian Hills Distinguished Club, the Student Council, the Academic Team, Beta, the Chief Choir, and plays flute in the 6th grade band. Vincent is an all-around excellent student and a true leader!



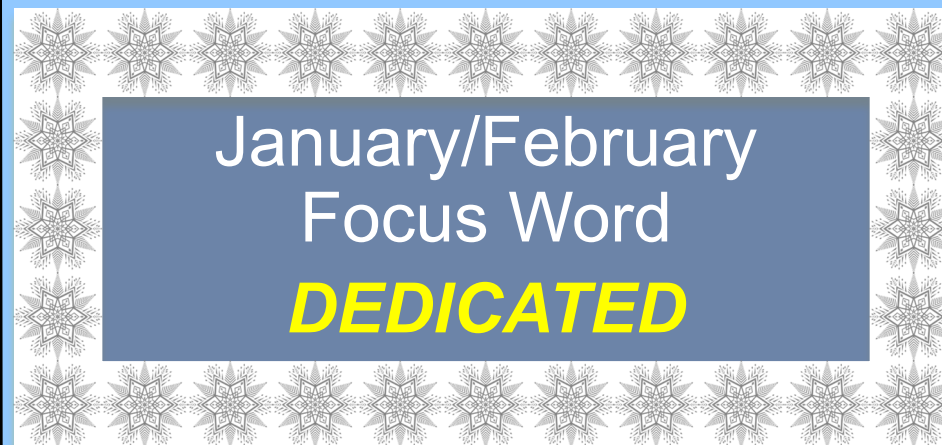
## Career & College Videos Bring the Future to CCPS Students

Career and College Guidance are two of the more important aspects of a complete high school

education. Working with Christian County High School principal Chris Bentzel and his staff, Wynn Radford and Angie Major are bringing successful community, business, and industry leaders to our high school students.

Working in a partnership with Higgins Insurance, CCPS, and the Chamber of Commerce, Radford and Major are producing video interviews spanning over 20 career and college plans for students. The videos will give students and their parents the opportunity to learn about a chosen career or college major while watching and listening to successful leaders in the line of work or study.

The videos will be released in January and will be available on the Christian County Public Schools website ([christian.kyschools.us](http://christian.kyschools.us)) and at both Christian County and Hopkinsville High Schools.



## Colonel Commitment Day

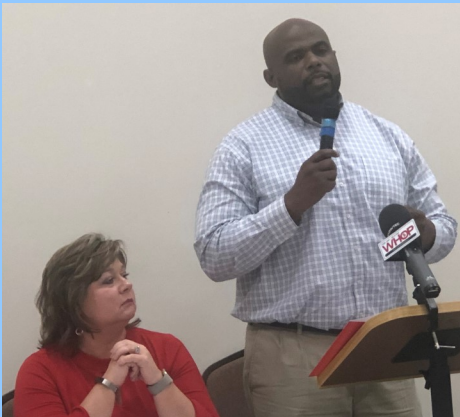


Christian County High School held *Colonel Commitment Day* in November. CCHS seniors were grouped into their chosen college or career path and met with representatives from various colleges and local industry.

This is the first year for the program and principal Chris Bentzel is using the forum to keep students on track and in focus as they make class scheduling decisions during their time in high school.

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## Student Discipline Forum



Christian County Public Schools recently participated in a Student Discipline Forum at Virginia Street Baptist Church. The forum, hosted by Focus 21st Century Minority Leadership, featured CCPS professionals explaining the district's Code of Acceptable Behavior along with the levels of discipline.

Representing CCPS were Kim Stevenson, District Discipline Administrator, Kenneth Anderson, Hopkinsville Middle School Assistant Principal, and Blake Ladson, CCHS Family Resource and Youth Services Center Coordinator.

## YMCA - Martin Luther King, Jr. Pryme Tyme



The Hopkinsville/Christian County YMCA, in partnership with Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, provides opportunities for at-risk children through its Pryme Tyme Afterschool Program. Funded in part through a grant from the Teletech Foundation, Pryme Tyme focuses on safety, health, academic enhancement and social growth through mentoring, tutoring, and homework assistance to students. The program serves grades K-6 with a variety of program and activity options to explore and develop students' interests and talents.

This afterschool program continues a long standing tradition of the YMCA providing services to those who cannot afford them.

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## CCMS Football Players Dominate All-American Game

Christian County Middle School football players Joshua Keith and JT Adams recently starred in the Bret Cooper Football Junior



Academic All-American Bowl in Dallas, TX. Keith, a 7th grade student, started quarterback for the East 13U team, while also logging significant minutes for the 15U team. 8th grade student Adams was the recipient of the Ron Cohen Award for his leadership, commitment and courage while also being named MVP of the 15U East team defense. Bret Cooper Football focuses on three core values; safety, excellence, and fun. In addition, players are selected for both their athletic and academic talent.



### Superintendent Advisory Council Discusses Economics and Education

Superintendent Gemmill's Advisory Council met recently to discuss education's connection to the economic health of Christian County. Hopkinsville Mayor Carter Hendricks led a discussion of the

book, *Building A Vibrant Community*, which focuses on how citizen powered change is reshaping America through education and community planning. The council meets bi-monthly during the school year.



### Administrators Academy Allows CCPS Leaders to Remain Up to Date

Christian County Public Schools' Administrators Academy held its monthly meeting January 8th. The meetings provide Superintendent Gemmill the opportunity to instill expectations, exchange ideas, and review district policy with CCPS leadership. Professional learning experiences are provided in the areas of academics, school safety, and state/federal mandates. In addition, opportunities for collaboration between district and school leaders are provided.



### HMS Rules Kentucky Youth Assembly

Seventy-nine Hopkinsville Middle School students, along with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from Millbrooke, Pembroke, and South Christian Elementary Schools attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) in Louisville and

Frankfort recently. KYA gives students the opportunity to serve as part of a model state government. Through KYA, over 1500 students from across Kentucky tackle a wide variety of issues, developing critical thinking skills, and articulating their beliefs through constructive engagement.

HMS students serving in leadership roles include:

- Allie Fort – Elected to serve as 2019 KYA Governor
- Silas Jackson – HHS Freshman, Speaker of the House
- Outstanding Delegate – Chaney Guffey
- Outstanding Speaker – Allie Fort & Livi Ray
- Brooke Arvin and Bailey Kington – Committee Chairperson
- Parliamentarians – Riley Robinson & Lauren Montgomery
- Bluegrass Bill Sponsors – Julius Grace, Kaylee Wright, Callie White, Peyton Hilton, Chancey Smart, Hannah Wolfe, Allison Delahunt, Kylie Radford, and Rebecca Wood
- Commonwealth Bill Sponsors – Ava Colburn, Zoe Stalker, Kendall Mayes, Livi Ray, Andrew Riggs, Joey Falco, Mason Spain, Zach Moss, Kylie Batts, Anna Fort, Caroline Payne, Angela Rutherford

The Commonwealth Bill written by Ava Colburn, Zoe Stalker, Kendall Mayes, and Livi Ray passed both the House and the Senate and signed by the KYA Governor, while HMS was recognized as a Delegation of Excellence.

HMS KYA Advisors are Kim Batts & Shelley Long.



# Christian County Public Schools

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



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