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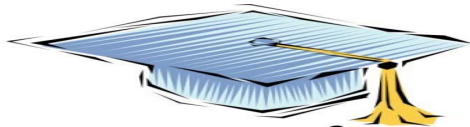
Testing and graduation are upon us! Through testing we are able to take a hard look at how we are succeeding in critical areas. The important lesson is bridging the **knowing** with the **doing**. Throughout the year teachers, staff, parents and community members have worked together for a common goal - a better future for all our students.

Thanks to all students, teachers, staff, parents, and community members for your individual efforts in supporting not only student achievement, but also supporting character development of all students.

Graduation is a very special event in the lives of every student and their family. **Make the graduation memory special.** Please be mindful and respectful of all Policies and the Code of Acceptable Behavior. The rules still apply even at the end of the year. Just as with testing.....acceptable behavior is bridging the **knowing** how to behave with **doing** the right thing.

Thanks for a wonderful year! Have a restful summer and be sure to have some fun.

-Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill



Congratulations!

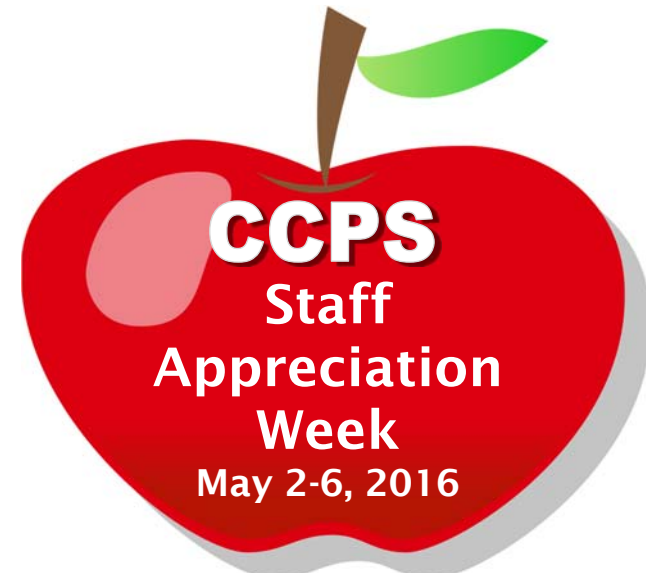
Class of 2016

Graduation ceremonies for CCHS and HHS will be held on Friday, May 27, 2016. HHS will hold their ceremony at 5:00 p.m. and CCHS will begin at 8:30 p.m. Both ceremonies will be held at the Stadium of Champions.

Ceremonies will be streamed live. Watch live ceremonies by visiting:
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Creating an educational culture of continuous growth through shared partnerships and responsibilities.



Christian County High School Concert Choir Finishes 1st Place

The Christian County High School Concert Choir participated in the Smoky Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg, TN on Friday, April 22. Following an outstanding performance of three pieces, which included singing one piece in Latin, another in French and a spiritual, the group was awarded first place in the 3A Choral Division. This is the fourth time in several years that the CCHS Choral Department has participated in this national choral/band competition.



PROJECT GRADUATION

Project Graduation preparations are in full swing! The committee is meeting in the library at

Christian County High School at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 and May 19. If you are unable to attend the meetings, but would still like to volunteer or make a donation please contact Mindy Hargrove at 270-881-8845 or Bridgette Victor at 502-681-7687.



CCHS JROTC Marksmanship Team



The KY-951 Marksmanship Team concluded their inaugural season this past March. Coach Major Marlow is proud to say they exceeded expectations for a first year team. The team placed in the "Top-6" in all four competitions this year, with two 3rd & two 6th place team finishes respectively. These competitions helped prepare them for the Air Force National Preliminaries. Starting with 458 Air Force teams, they finished 13th and earned a "National Invitation" to the North Regional in Port Clinton, Ohio. Before Air Force Nationals, the team traveled to Hendersonville for the

"All-Service" Championships, and brought home the "Runner-Up" trophy and the highest finish for an Air Force team in the state of Kentucky. This confidence carried over into the National Arena as they finished 3rd in the North Region, and 23rd in the Nation. This is the beginning, said Coach Marlow, next year we will build on this success and hopefully reach the next step, "All-Service Nationals."

Summer Feeding Program



The Christian County Board of Education is making plans for the annual Summer Food Service Program. Children ages 2 through 18 years old will be feed nutritious meals when school is not in session. CCPS needs Summer Feeding Site Sponsors. If you are

interested, please contact Sandra McIntosh at 270-887-7009 or 270-889-5456 by May 13, 2016.

(((BREAKING NEWS)))

New Apprenticeship Program Available for Christian County Students

On April 21 at the Christian County Board of Education meeting, Larry Dean, Global Director of HR for White Drive announced an exciting new partnership between White Drive, the Chamber of Commerce, Christian County Public Schools, Gateway Academy, and Hopkinsville Community College. The program, called TRACK (Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky), will offer high school students an opportunity to compete for high-skill, high-wage Apprenticeship Positions with White Drive in the areas of Machining and Industrial Maintenance. There are four positions available for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications will be available at Gateway Academy. The four students earning the Apprenticeship positions will attend classes for part of the day and go to their job for part of their day beginning in the junior year. After graduation, students will have a modified schedule that includes earning an Associate degree from HCC while remaining employed with White Drive. The goal is for the apprentice to earn a full-time, high-wage career with White Drive.



The planning team is featured L to R: Amy Wilcox, Chief Instructional Officer with CCPS; Larry Dean with White Drive; Penny Knight, Principal of Gateway Academy; Lanita Wilson, Chamber of Commerce; and Dr. Jay Allen, President, HCC.



On April 27 high school seniors were able to participate in the Street Smart program. The program is designed to take students into the real-life drama experienced by firefighter/paramedics as they work to save the lives of those who have made poor choices when it comes to underage drink-

ing, drunk driving, using illegal drugs or not wearing a seat belt. Street Smart engages students by using factual information, actual medical equipment and demonstrations involving viewers. Over 600 area seniors participated in the event.



South Christian Receives a Special Visit



On March 24 First District Congressman Ed Whitfield visited South Christian Elementary for a question and answer session with 5th and 6th grade students. Congressman Whitfield stated he was impressed with how well-mannered and engaged the students were and that they asked great and important questions. Congressman Whitfield's visit was much appreciated by the administration and students of South Christian Elementary School.

Student Spotlight



Lo'Rationa Knight is a 5th grade student at Pembroke Elementary School. She is the epitome of a Pembroke Owl. She demonstrates every Guideline for Success, "Obey, Work, Listen, Show Respect." She consistently follows all classroom and school expectations and is a role model for her fellow peers. Lo'Rationa gives her best effort in all that she does. She is always willing to work with other students and encourages them to be the best they can be. Lo'Rationa is respectful, honest, responsible, and caring.

Pictured above is Lo'Rationa receiving her Student of the Month certificate from school board chair Linda Keller at the April 21 CCPS Board Meeting.



Kindergarten online registration for all Christian County Public Elementary Schools will occur on May 17, 2016 in the Christian County High School library from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians of a student entering kindergarten in CCPS for the 2016-2017 school year must comply with the required documentation and requirements of Kentucky State Regulations. These requirements are strictly enforced. Please [click here](#) for more information.

A student must be 5 years of age by Oct. 1 of the 2016-2017 school year before entering Kindergarten.

CCPS Elementary School Open House dates will be provided on May 17 at the Kindergarten Online Registration.



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Use your infinite Campus Parent Portal Account to check grades, attendance records, school calendars, teacher comments and much more!

In order to use the new Online Registration feature (coming spring/summer), you will need to have a Parent Portal login.



On April 22 Christian County Public Schools held it's annual Military Gala. It was truly a special night for everyone in attendance. We would like to extend a heart felt thank you to the following sponsors for making this event possible:

Amvets; Association of the United States Army; CCPS; City of Hopkinsville; First United Methodist Church; Heritage Bank; Herb Hays Furniture; Higgins Insurance; Hopkinsville Electric System; Jennie Stuart Medical Center; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Malloy; Military Affairs Committee; Pembroke Elementary PTO; Pennyriale Rural Electric; Quincy's of Hopkinsville; Rotary of Hopkinsville; Solutions Counseling Center; South Christian Elementary PTO & Childcare; Ms. Susie Hartline; Taco Johns; TeleTech; Tom Bell State Farm; and Indian Hills Elementary.

Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Leigh Ann Merrick of Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School for being honored as CCPS's 2016 Teacher of the Year!

Staff Member of the Year

Congratulations to Joe Siemon of the Maintenance Department for being honored as CCPS's 2016 Staff Member of the Year!



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Staff Members and Teachers Honored at Annual Recep-



Congratulations to the 2016 Staff Member of the Year Nominees! L to R: Megan Kidd of Crofton Elementary School; Denise Steele of Christian Co. Middle School; Kari Nenoff of Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary; Ardell Owens of Christian County High School; Barbara Childress of Hopkinsville Middle School; Kenneth Allen of Hopkinsville High School; Laurie Wharton of Freedom Elementary; James Hopson of Indian Hills Elementary School; Melissa Johnson of Millbrooke Elementary School; Carolyn Glass of Pembroke Elementary School; Tera Babb of Gateway Academy; Julie Gilliland of Sinking Fork Elementary; Jane Mills of South Christian Elementary; Joe Siemon of Maintenance; and Cindy Baker of Transportation. Not pictured: Angela Brown of 21st Century and Gloria Crick of Alternative School.



Congratulations to the 2016 Teacher of the Year Nominees! L to R: Cindy Nahlik, Christian Co. Middle School; April Harris, Christian County High School; David Griffith, Alternative School; Meagan Finley, Crofton Elementary, Lakeysha Tolliver, Freedom Elementary; SheRon Taylor, Indian Hills Elementary School; Stacey Cornette, Gateway Academy; Lisa Pinson, Millbrooke Elementary; Troy Goode, Hopkinsville High School; Lisa Mangels, 21st Century; Melissa Kersey, Hopkinsville Middle School; Jetti Payne, Pembroke Elementary; Leigh Ann Merrick, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary; Larvetta Anderson, Sinking Fork Elementary. Not Pictured: Elizabeth Perry of South Christian Elementary