



**Christian County
Public Schools
January/February
2020
Newsletter**



**Superintendent Gemmill
Looks Forward
to
Second Semester**

Happy New Year! Let me express my gratitude and appreciation to each of you for the professionalism and pride you display in your daily work. I know it's difficult to return to school after a break, but as we all know....second semester will fly by quickly. We have much work to do in order to make certain our children get a great education and will receive a chance in life.

The work we do is so important. Our schools provide a safe, loving, educational and supportive environment for nearly 9,000 students. Thank you for your commitment to our students and thank you for enabling our students to become productive adults.

I know you will continue to encourage, motivate, inspire and support our students. Have a productive and happy second semester.

Mary Ann Gemmill



**CCPS
Board Member
Jeff Moore
Looks Forward
To A Great
Second
Semester**

With the New Year comes new hopes and new tasks. The "Nickel Tax" referendum is behind us and the voters have spoken. As a board we represent the taxpayers and we accept their decision. The wonderful thing about public education is that even when things do not go the way we hope, we still have the honorable task of teaching and nurturing our county's children. We remain hopeful our legislators this session will understand state mandates should come with state funding. Keep your head up, be proud of who we are and our mission and have a great second semester!





Livi Ray

**Livi Ray
Elected 2020
Kentucky Youth Assembly
Governor**

Hopkinsville Middle School again led the Kentucky Youth Assembly at the 2019 KYA recently held in Louisville &

Frankfort. Presiding over this year's Assembly was Governor Allie Fort while Livi Ray was elected KYA Governor for the 2020 Assembly. Others from HMS elected to statewide office were Hannah Wolfe (Outstanding Delegate) and Kylie Batts (House Chamber Chairperson), with Will Adams serving as Governor Fort's Chief of Staff.

In addition to the individual honors, the Hopkinsville Middle School delegation received the Conference Life Award. This award is voted on by other delegations and staff and is given to the delegation who displayed outstanding behavior, created a positive environment, embodied the spirit of the conference, and displayed servant leadership throughout the conference!



HMS
KYA
Members



**Chief Administrative Officer
Laura Morris
Discusses
Spring Employee Recruitment**

As the New Year begins, the Administrative Services Personnel Department is gearing up to start the recruitment season for new employees.

As we look for new employees, Christian County Public Schools has established Standards of Excellence that helps to guide the hiring of new personnel. The Service Excellence work was done by members of all stakeholder groups. These groups include administrators, teachers, classified employees, and a school board member. Standards of Excellence list expectations that all school employees should strive to reach as we take on the important responsibility of educating our students. Our Certified and Classified Employee of the Year criteria are aligned to these Standards of Excellence. Recruitment takes on many forms from hosting student teachers from several local universities, recruitment fairs, teacher mentoring and advanced software that advertises job openings and opportunities nationwide.

Christian County Public Schools' Standards of Excellence

Professional—Be effective in your role and interact with others in an honest and transparent manner.
High Standards—Consistently perform at your personal best and strive for individual and professional growth.
Accountable—School staff, parents and students know the expectations and are responsible for their actions.
Equitable— Being consistent in the way we address all individual situations.
Dedicated—Committed to the ongoing pursuit of excellence.
Diversified—Placing value on all backgrounds and coming together as one.



Chaudoin and Lester Elected Kentucky Youth Assembly Officers

Congratulations to Hopkinsville High School students Karenna Chaudoin and Ella Lester. Chaudoin has been elected 2019-2020 Kentucky Youth Assembly Senate President while Lester is the Bluegrass Lt. Governor. Outgoing

Senate President Lauren Langhi was on hand to present the Senate gavel to Chaudoin.



Special Olympic Teams Honored at CCPS Board Meeting

We hosted our champion Special Olympics team at our November board meeting. These athletes inspire us to open our hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential! Great job!



Tigers & Colonels Return to Wrestling

Hopkinsville and Christian County High and Middle School wrestling programs are in the process of returning to greatness. Both teams recently wrestled in the CCHS Wrestling Tournament, with County taking first place. Beginning in the upper photo, Hoptown's Elliott Shull scores a reversal on a Tilghman Tornado, County's JaRi Campbell dominates an Anderson County Bear and CCMS's Kaleb Manoff works a Union County Brave!





Roslynn Bell is CCPS Student of the Month

Our Christian County Public Schools Student of the Month is Roslynn Bell. Roslynn is a fifth grade student at Sinking Fork Elementary School and her Principal Leslie Lancaster says “Roslynn Bell is an excellent role model for her peers not only academically but also in all other areas. Roslynn is wise beyond her years and a mature leader who is helpful, friendly, and involved. As we have observed her this year, we have become more and more impressed with her maturity, disposition, and all-around poise in all situations. Besides being a conscientious student, her social skills are above reproach. We have never heard her say an unkind word. She consistently goes above and beyond in her academics working a grade level above her same age peers. She truly sets a fantastic example for her peers always displaying PANTHER Pride with her work ethic and attitude. Above all, she is respected by her peers and is a great role model for them. Roslynn is the epitome of what we want all Sinking Fork Panthers to aspire to be.” Congratulations Roslynn!



Walmart Distribution Center 6066 has made a \$2,000.00 donation to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School

Walmart Distribution Center 6066 has made a \$2,000.00 donation to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School on behalf of its Miles of Smiles program. General Transportation Manager Stephen Taylor made the check presentation to Principal Carrie Caples and Assistant Principals Arnelle Lynch-Wesley and Neil Hight. The Miles of Smiles program allows Walmart Transportation drivers to contribute funds to local charities based on safe driving miles. Walmart Distribution Center 6066 drivers and staff completed over 500,000 accident free miles in the last two weeks of December to achieve the opportunity!

January/February Focus:

Dedicated

Committed to Ongoing Pursuit of Excellence



CCPS Students Receive WKCTC Scholarships

West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah closed out the year by recognizing students awarded scholarships in 2019. Christian County Public Schools students Joshua Ausenbaugh earned the Marvin Companion Scholarship; Layton Gibson, the George E. Beiderwell II Scholarship as well as the Paducah Engineering Diversity Scholarship; and Joshua Rozmarynowski, was selected for the George E. Beiderwell II Scholarship. This is why we do what we do!



Addison Leads CCPS “Deep Dive”

Jessica Addison and her Instructional Division conduct a “Deep Dive” at Christian County High School. Deep Dive ensures our standards and practices address the academic needs of our students. As usual, County is doing a great job. Go Colonels!



HHS Organizations Strengthen Student Participation

Fridays in January are busy days at Hopkinsville High School as Abby Moss leads a Student Council homecoming planning session while Eva Self discusses life's challenges with our Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Organizations such as these groups allow our students to contribute their ideas and talents!



HHS Basketball Coach Larry Miller Makes History



Congratulations to Hopkinsville High School basketball coach Larry Miller. He and his 1988 Cincinnati Woodard High School Bulldog basketball team have been inducted into the 2020 Larosa's Sports Hall of Fame. Coach Miller's Bulldogs are still the only Cincinnati Public Schools high school to win the Ohio state championship. Let's do the same at Hoptown!



**Sinking Fork
Elementary School
First Grade Student
Carrson Walker
Rang The Bell for
The Salvation Army
During The
Christmas Season!**



Three Christian County High School students have been accepted into the Kentucky All-State Guitar Orchestra! Seniors Jacob Littlepage and Cameron Poland, along with sophomore James Craft will perform for the Kentucky Music Educators Association at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts. Before that, they will rehearse classical guitar repertoire with other orchestra members from across the Commonwealth.

Representatives from many university music departments will there. We are proud of these Rhythmic Colonels!



**5th annual
Gateway
to
VEX
Tournament
saw the
alliance team of
Gateway 8349
E and K take
first place out
of 31 teams
representing 11
schools.
Great job!**

Gateway Academy to Innovation and Technology Honors Business Partner in Education Boyd Family Arena

Business Partner in Education "SHOUT OUT"

Boyd Family Arena

Christian County Public Schools would like to showcase a new business partner for the 19-20 year, Boyd Family Arena! Boyd Family Arena is owned and operated by David and Jessica Boyd, and is located just south of Crofton. The main purpose of the establishment is to board, groom and care for horses. Recently, the Boyds have expanded the business to include riding lessons for most any age, with the inclusion of specialized times for persons with disabilities.



Kylee Knight, work based learner with CCHS class of 2020, stands beside "Shorty", holding a feeding, grooming and medical charting system.

Boyd Family Arena is also the home to approximately 20 goats that are raised, cared for and sometimes later sold. The farm also has its usual friendly barn cats and dogs. Even while operating a new and extremely demanding business, the Boyds have created time to invest in CCPS scholars pursuing hands on, real world, work based learning experiences in the agricultural pathway of animal science.



Kylee explains that the colored markings on each goat represents different stages of veterinarian care.

Local business partners in education are HEROES that help Christian County Schools activate work based learning programs. Jessica and David Boyd understand full circle the value of work based learning as an educational strategy. These unique experiences provide scholars with everyday life employment where development of their technical training, professionalism and employability take place. This year, the Boyds have employed and are mentoring Kylee Knight, a senior at Christian County High School in the agriculture department. The Boyds have provided their time, expertise, mentorship, safety protocols and materialistic resources to influence Kylee in her transition to life after high school.

Thank you Boyd Family Arena! This partnership delivers an extension of learning, beyond the bounds of a book or web page. For further information regarding Boyd Family Arena, please look them up on Facebook.



Bernard Standard Retires from Hopkinsville - Christian County Human Relations Commission

One of our great community leaders has retired. Bernard Standard directed the Human Relations Commission for the past 30 years and we wish him Happy Retirement!



PBIS Continues to Be a District Asset

CCPS Director of Alternative Programs Kim Stevenson leads our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) committee meetings to support our students who are at risk for developing more serious problem behaviors before those behaviors begin. PBIS support helps students develop the skills they need to benefit from core programs at our schools.



Please join us for Open House on
February 11th, 2020
from 5:00-6:30

Visit both campuses to see current scholar
work and prospective scholars can apply for
2020-2021 programs

Engineering, IT, and Skilled Trades Campus
~ 705 North Elm Street

Breathitt Health Science Campus
~ 715 North Drive



**CCPS Schools
Honor
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Freedom Elementary
Wins
Tom Bell—State Farm
School Challenge!**



Christian County Public Schools

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



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