

Lion's Roar 8-26-20

Musings from Mrs. Stout

I have a new grandson! Levi Matthew Lobeck arrived at 10:28 Saturday morning, August 22, 2020. He's the 13th grandchild in the line of God's marvelous blessings to our family. And such a blessing he is! There is absolutely nothing as precious as a newborn baby. His smell, his squawks, his snuggles, and his utter dependence all endear him to us. What a marvelous plan is God's design of the family!

Levi's mama waited for many years with deep longing for a child. Now, her deep satisfaction in finally becoming a mother positively radiates from her. It's been a long road of prayer and sacrifice to finally arrive at her destination: motherhood. Yet God, who is so very faithful, brought her through.

What about you? Do you have a few deep longings about which you've prayed for what seems like forever? I know I have.

There's one prayer I've been praying for over forty years! Still I have no answer. Things remain the same. Does that mean I'm not praying the right way? I don't think so. James says in his letter, "The prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results." James 5:16b.

I know I am a righteous person. Not because I do everything right. Rather I am righteous because Christ is my Savior. Because of His death on the cross to pay for my sins, I am now robed in His righteousness. Alleluia!

So now, according to James 1:16b, I ask myself, "Do I believe my prayers are powerful and bring wonderful results? God has certainly answered my prayers over the years. And He answers in such amazing and personal ways! I must believe He will answer this prayer of mine that remains incomplete.

In the book of Genesis Abraham and Sarah have no children. God has blessed them in many ways, but they remain childless. God tells Abraham that he will father a child of his own. No small task when you are 75 years old. Paul says in Romans 4 that, "Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness." God didn't answer this promise for 25 years! Abraham was 100 when his son Isaac was finally delivered.

I want to believe God. I choose to believe God even when I don't see answers to my heart felt prayers. He is at work. James says my prayers are powerful and effective, so I will keep on praying. How about you?

Parent Only Orientation (K – 10)

Monday, August 31 is our Parent Only Orientation. This is an important meeting for you to learn the heartbeat of your child's teacher and classroom. We need to stay socially

distanced this year, so please make sure your children are not with you and we are asking that only one parent attend per classroom visit. You will notice that grades 1 and 2 are split up into two different time slots by the students' last name, so please double check your assigned time. Please follow all safety and distancing protocols.

If you have had orientation with your students' teacher in years past, and you know how that class operates, you have the option to skip it this year to keep the numbers as low as possible. That teacher will be sure to get you your students orientation packet.

6:00 - 6:45 PM: Grades K+, 1 (A-M), 2 (A-H), 3, 9 & 10

6:50 - 7:35 PM: Grades K+, KPM, 1 (P-Z), 2 (K-W), 6 & 7

7:40 - 8:25 PM: Grades 4, 5 & 8

**K+ students will meet with Mrs. Johnson at 6:00 and then with Mrs. Davis at 6:50.*

Classroom Visitation Schedule, Tuesday September 1st, Grades 1-10

This day is set aside for students to meet their teachers, bring in supplies and to get a feel of the classroom. This year classroom visitations look a bit different from previous years. In order to follow the safest social distancing, we are dividing up the students alphabetically by last name and you will need to come at your appointed time. Your time slot will go as follows:

A–C 9:00

D–G 9:30

H–L 10:00

M–R 10:30

S–Z 11:00

Each session is 20 minutes long, which will allow time for students to exit the building and for teachers to disinfect their rooms before the next group of kids come in. Please don't arrive early. 6-10 graders will receive a locker assignment and have 20 minutes to decorate their lockers during the time slot. Please follow all safety and distancing protocols. Thank you for your flexibility in scheduling this day.

Individual Pictures

Lifetouch Photography will be here on Wednesday, September 23rd to take individual student photos. These will be used for the yearbook, student records, ASB cards, etc. Parents have the option to order packets of photos and ASB cards, and a variety of options are available as well. We will be sending home picture forms with each student in a few weeks. Each student will need to have their own packet with a separate check, made payable to Parsons or exact change cash enclosed.

If you would like to earn some SALT Hours, we do need three volunteers to help on that day. Please contact the office if you are available!

CCS Communication

Wednesdays are the days to catch up on what is happening at school by reading the **Lions Roar Newsletter** that will be emailed to you every Wednesday. You will also find them on our CCS Facebook.

When we have forms or other information that you need that are not easily reproduced electronically, the **Family Envelope** will be sent home with your oldest student. Please sign the front of the envelope at the appropriate space, enclose anything that needs to be returned and send it back with your student the next day. You can also send notes, used printer ink cartridges (in plastic baggies please) and box-tops to school in the envelope. If your most reliable student is in a younger grade, CIRCLE that grade at the top right corner of your envelope and it will be sent home with them. It has been our experience that younger students are often better at getting the envelope home than the busy middle school students!! (Sorry middle-schoolers!!)

Thanks for keeping up with what's happening here at school and with your students.

Medicine At School

If your child will be taking any prescription medicine at school (including inhalers), we will need a current **Authorization To Dispense Medication** form from your child's doctor to administer it. (This form needs to be renewed each year and can be faxed to us.) This form will also apply to over-the-counter medications that are prescribed by your child's doctor. **Please begin now to have this form ready for the start of the school year.**

We also ask that you NOT send any non-prescription medicines (Tylenol, cough drops, Tums etc.) to school with your child, even if they're capable of taking medicine by themselves. This will ensure that medicine won't accidentally get into the wrong hands.

By state law, school personnel can't administer over-the-counter medications (unless prescribed.) However, you or your authorized representative may come to school to dispense these medications. Thanks for keeping our kids safe and healthy. If you have questions about medication at school, please contact the school office.

Important!

All students will need the required immunizations to enter school this fall. Please BE SURE to have your child up to date BEFORE the start of school.

For returning families and families of incoming 6th grade students, please let the office know of any new immunizations your child has gotten recently and stop in the office at orientation to sign a new CIS.

For new families, immunization (CIS) forms must be completed, signed by a parent (we're sorry, copies of their shot record cannot be accepted in place of this form), and returned to

school **before or on** the first day of class. Your student needs to be fully immunized or have a signed exemption on file (this is now a separate form, available at the health department or the school office). Thank you for attending to this important paperwork!!

Parents of New CCS Students!

Don't forget that the school office will need a copy of your student's birth certificate on file by the first day of school!

Did you know that there are 3 ways to pay your tuition?

-CHECK - Write a check to the school each month and deliver it to the school office.

-CREDIT CARD – Go to

<http://www.centraliachristianschool.org/academics/payment.cfm> to pay by credit card.

-ACH AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL – Fill out a ACH authorization to have your monthly payment automatically made for you.

Contact the office if you have any questions about any of these payment options. Tuition is billed on the 1st of the month and payments need to be received by the 10th of each month.

SALT Hour Opportunities

- If you have a leaf blower, we are in need of having our back parking lot, play area and under the awning cleaned up.
- If you have a weed eater, we are also looking for someone to tidy up the kindergarten/preschool play area and a little bit on the north side of our property.

If either of these jobs are something you would like to do for SALT hours this week or weekend please give the office a call.

Thermometers Available

As school begins this year, parents will be responsible to take their children's temperature each morning before coming to school. Thanks to Centralia Pharmacy's generosity, you may purchase a digital quick read oral thermometer at Centralia Pharmacy for \$5.00.

Calendar

Aug

31 Parent Only Orientation Grades 1-10

Sept

1 Classroom visits K – 10

- 2 First Day of School
- 7 Labor Day – No School
- 23 Individual Picture Day
- 25 Staff Day – No School