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Spotlight on Service...

Hi Commission Families! Our Spotlight on Service this month is on the Bennett Family. Please watch the link below to see how their family shows gratitude…

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BEsBlEDRFiCCrBDd9C24s-ti5w-5wvJgg/view?usp=sharing

What a great time to show, thanks!! Consider partnering with the Bennett family by showing thanks to our first responders at a local fire station, police station or EMT department. Bake something, make a care package with pre-packaged snacks, or ask a couple families to join with you and provide a meal to deliver. If you plan to take a meal, we recommend you call ahead to schedule a time that would be a blessing.

This month is also Veteran's Day so you could consider thanking someone for their service to our country. Maybe you have a neighbor, family member or someone in your church family you could write a letter to or call to say thank you. We are excited to see how your family gives thanks this month!! Please share your pictures or videos with us by sending them to jlarison@commissionleadershipacademy.com.

LRS Fridays Resuming

The LRS school will be resuming Friday campus classes on November 6th. Drop off and pick up procedures will be the same as Mondays and Wendesdays. Fridays will be the dress down day for LRS students.

Approved CLA Spirit Wear and jeans may be worn in lieu of the CLA school uniform.

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CLA COVID Travel Policy

According to the CDC, "travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Airports, bus stations, train stations, and rest stops are all places travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces. These are also places where it can be hard to social distance. In general, the longer you are around a person with COVID-19, the more likely you are to get infected."

We do, however, understand that travel may be unavoidable, and ask that before traveling, that you please consider visiting the CDC website for recommendations and guidance to protect yourself and others around you. In order to continue the safe operation of school on campus, we have devised a COVID Travel Policy, as an addendum to our earlier CLA COVID Policy. These policies can be found on Classreach under documents for your reference.

As stated on the CDC website "you and your travel companions (including children) pose a risk to your family, friends, and community for 14 days after you have been exposed to the virus." Therefore Commission Leadership Academy will ask that families communicate with the school any travel that has included public transportation (ie. trains, buses, airplanes). Upon return from travel including public transportation, we ask that students either...

a) Self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to campus, or
b) Wait two days after returning home, and then take a COVID-19 test.

Students may return upon receiving a negative COVID-19 test or after 14 days have passed after any travel utilizing public transit.

We understand that these policies may pose an inconvenience to families, but it is our main priority to keep our doors open and to ensure the safety of all students, teachers, and families within our community. We thank you for your cooperation.

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The Online Book Fair will be open to shop for the whole month of November!! The CLA Book Fair is a fun and important event for our school. It provides our families the opportunity to build their own libraries with excellent books, while helping raise funds to benefit our school. This year it is also before Christmas so it's a great gift option too.

To begin shopping, click the link below to view and purchase your books. There is a wide variety of books on the company's website, from children's books to Bibles, classics to biographies.

Orders will ship to the school for free with the Coupon Code: FREESHIP2CLA and will be available for pick up prior to Christmas Break.

If you have any questions please contact Kelli Dancy at kdancy@commissionleadershipacademy.com.

We will send out an email with the shopping link when it goes live on November 1st. Thank you for supporting our school in this way!

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A LOOK AHEAD!

November Dates to Note for Grammar Families:

NOV 1st - NOV 28th - CLA Online Book Fair
NOV 11th - Veteran's Day Assembly
NOV 23rd -NOV 27th - ***Thanksgiving Break*** *(No campus or home classes. Please enjoy this break with your family!)*

November Dates to Note for LRS Families:

NOV 1st - NOV 28th - CLA Online Book Fair
NOV 6th - LRS Friday Campus Classes Resume
NOV 11th - Veteran's Day Assembly
NOV 23rd -NOV 27th - ***Thanksgiving Break*** *(No campus or home classes. Please enjoy this break with your family!)*

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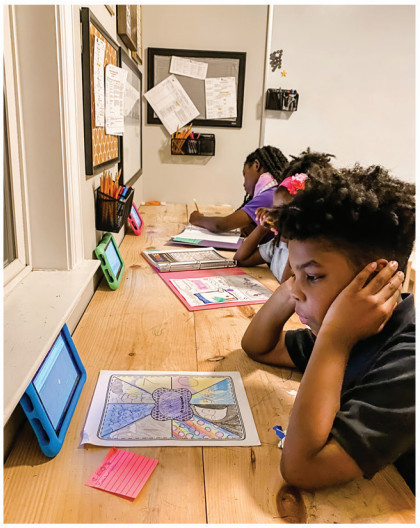
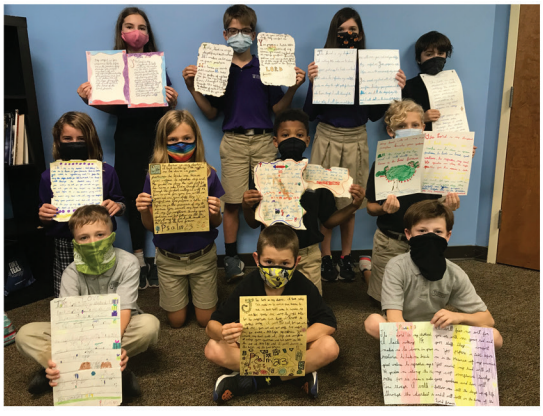
November Classroom Spotlights

Mrs. Armstrong's Homebound Classes...



Mrs. Peter's Fourth Level Class...



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October 28, 2020

Dear CLA Families, Students, and Staff:

As the recently hired College Counseling and Career Planning Specialist I wanted to take the time to introduce myself.

It was two years ago where I first attended an information session with Natascha Trapp and saw firsthand the coordinated efforts of the CLA staff and parents. It was a beautiful thing to witness and I could not stop talking about what I had observed.

I had seen such passion before, but unfortunately had not always appreciated it like I do today. You see, I grew up in a household with two educator parents. Their combined teaching experience totals fifty-eight years, a combination of public school teaching and homeschooling.

The majority of my primary and secondary education was provided through a local private Christian school, the exception being when I was homeschooled in the 6th grade.

My senior year, my Mother arranged for me to meet with a local public school counselor to receive career, college, and scholarship advice (Looking back, I believe this meeting only took place as a favor to my Father, a district colleague). The meeting that single day was rather boring and left me more perplexed than informed. It was a let-down for both of my parents and myself.

After much soul-searching, I pursued a bachelor's degree in psychology and my master's degree in counseling. Shortly thereafter, I entered the public school system as an energetic and enthusiastic high school counselor.

It is incredibly hard for me to believe that this year I am in my seventeenth year of education. I am not sure which statement summarizes my experience best: "Time flies when you are having fun," or "If you don't challenge yourself, you will never realize what you can become." Both statements provide the balance between the good and the opportunity that I have witnessed.

As a child of God, a wife and mother, and a licensed professional school counselor, I have a heart for discipleship, educating, and helping others. My approach to career counseling provides students with academic support, career exploration, and education to encourage their overall growth. My overarching career goal is for students to become better versions of themselves and be informed about the options before them.

In addition to my counseling training, I have had the unique opportunity of developing of a high school *College and Career Planning* curriculum for The Potter's School. I am currently revising my sixteen-week course to expand it into specific grade-level offerings for this year's CLA junior and sophomore classes. Parents, if you have a junior, you will receive an email from me with a Sign-Up Genius link later on today.

On a personal note, I have been married to my husband, Brad, for fifteen years and we have two daughters, Maddie (6) and Kalei (3). In our "spare" time, we love to be outdoors: hiking, gardening, playing soccer, or socializing with our neighbors.

Thank you for taking the time to read my introductory letter. I look forward to meeting and serving alongside of each of you.

Sincerely,

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