



Moline Christian School Connections

The mission of Moline Christian School is to provide a quality, Christ-centered education, equipping students for a life of service to their Lord.

September 7, 2010

From the Principal's Desk

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

It may seem strange to be talking about weariness during the first week of school. After all, everything is new and shiny and ship-shape! However, the change from the summer months back to the routine of investing every ounce of our being into our students does tend to drain the energy level a bit. Not to mention coming to school on the first day with 90 degree temperatures and our wonderful Michigan humidity.

That being said, I asked a student how his first day of school went, and he said, "Good, a little hot, but good." Our students are resilient to most anything and complain about very little. I have to say, I was a little surprised by the response. Later, I spoke with a staff member and asked the same question. The response was, "These kids are amazing! You would think they would be complaining about the heat, but they are excited to be here and they are ready to learn!"

Again, God spoke to me through this. Thank you, parents for your continued efforts to bring up your children in the ways of our Lord. We are proud to be able to partner with you in shaping our youth to live for Christ.

Memory Verse of the Month

SEPTEMBER

I Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

2010-2011 THEME

We are one body in Christ.

I Corinthians 12:12-13, 26

PARENT BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT will be held this Thursday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. Parents are invited to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn about our goals and expectations for your children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS: If you have a middle school student, please make note of the fact that the internet address to access Moodle has changed. The new URL is <http://molinechristian.alleganaesa.org>. All middle school students will eventually receive an account on the new Moodle site and will receive the necessary logon/password information at school. Please update your internet favorites immediately as your student will no longer have an account on the old Moodle site after September 3, 2010.

YEARBOOK PICTURES - All K-8 individual pictures and the M/W preschool group picture will be taken next Wednesday, September 15. The T/Th preschool class will have their group picture on Thursday, September 16. All students will have their picture taken for the yearbook, even if they do not plan on purchasing pictures.

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED - M/W/F afternoons. Please call Julia Miedema at 437-1177 if you can help with one or more of these afternoons.

PARENTS: Please remember that you should not park in the bus loading and unloading area at any time. Thank you!

MOMS IN TOUCH - Greetings from Moms In Touch! Please consider joining this small group of moms who meet weekly to pray for our children, school, and staff. Everything that is prayed is confidential. We meet every Monday from 9:15 - 10:15 in the art room. Feel free to attend as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Ryskamp at 616.891.8258. We hope to see you this school year!

REMINDER - All students that plan on playing in a middle school sport this year must have a sports physical BEFORE they are able to participate. Forms are in the rack by the office. Completed forms can be turned in to Mr. Boersma.

SPORTS PHYSICALS - Tuesday, September 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Legacy Christian. Cost is \$15.00.

VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER GAMES begin soon. Please come and support our teams! Check the calendar on the last page of the Home Bulletin.

T.R.I.P.

BONUS - Subway - 4% for our orders of September 13 and 20 only.

BONUS - Old Country Buffet/Ryans/Fire Mountain - 6% for our orders of September 13 and 20.

BONUS - Applebees - 9% for our orders of September 13 and 20.

BONUS - Burger King - 5% for our orders of September 13 and 20.

POPCORN DAYS - Moms will be making popcorn for all students approximately once per month, including preschoolers. This usually happens on the first Friday of each month, however, this is subject to change. If you do NOT want your child to have popcorn, please call the office this week. Thank you!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - Orders with money must be brought back to school no later than Tuesday, September 14. **If ordering a book online: MCS account number is 310898.**

OTHER INCENTIVES FROM ENTERTAINMENT BOOK:

Sell 5 books, get 1 free.

Sell 10 books, get 1 free book and 2 free Smucker's Stars on Ice tickets.

Sell 15+ books, get 1 free book, 2 free Smucker's Stars on Ice tickets, and a \$20 gift card to Meijer.

MAGAZINE SALE - This is a middle school student fundraiser. Each year our middle school students raise money for their class trip and graduation gift to the school by selling magazines. Please order or renew your magazines through them. This sale continues through next week Monday, September 13.

SUNNY D - Our library is collecting Sunny D labels again through November 30. For every 20 labels we collect, we will receive 20 free books. Please bring labels to the office. Thank you!

DICK'S MARKET - Save your receipts dated September 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011, and bring to the MCS office. We are able to redeem for great items for school.

School Circle News

We still have a few openings for Room Moms for this year, including preschool.

The sign-up sheet for next year's Room Moms is on the bulletin board by the office or you can call the office to sign up. Our needs are as follows:

M/W PS – Need 2
T/Th PS – Need 2
Grade 8K - Need 1

We also need 1 or 2 each for the following:

1. Sall, Machiele, Mr. Goedegebuure
2. Reimink, Witte, DeFouw, Schepers
3. ESS Parapros/Timmer

NEW MOMS COFFEE: An informal get-together will be held for all moms new to our school tonight, September 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the school library or music room. We invite all moms new (**and not new**) to Moline Christian that evening. We will share refreshments while we let you know what School Circle does and answer any questions you might have. Questions: Call Michele Potter at 877-2005. This is a time to get to know some other moms in our school as well, so all moms new to the school or not new are welcome and encouraged to join us.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST School Circle Meeting on Monday evening, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The next 3 meetings will be during the day at 9:15 a.m.: November 8, January 10, and March 14. The final meeting will be an evening meeting on Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.

Requested Announcements:

Financial Peace University - Matt Bol will be leading this *life changing* class in the fall. Learn the biblical principals for handling money God's way. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll get to eat some snacks! We all know that Christian education tuition is a major financial struggle - FPU can significantly ease that struggle! Don't miss the chance to take it this year! The class begins on September 15. For more information, contact Matt Bol – 877-0182, or e-mail freestylegeek@gmail.com

NEW LIFE THRIFT STORE NEWS - BACK TO SCHOOL— It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close. Kids are back to the grind and the minivans are gassed and ready to roll. We have had a wonderful summer at the store and thank each of you who came in to volunteer. We had an unusually high amount of donations this summer. I think more individuals were trying the garage sale thing to raise additional spending money for the family. So guess who was blessed with all of the leftovers? One of the fun things that took place this summer was that we were featured on the "Take Five" morning show on WZZM13. We talked about our mission and who it benefits. We discussed the recycling of items that we have in our homes. This was a great opportunity to invite new shoppers to our store. As the seasons change and you think of purchasing clothing for the family, don't forget the New Life Thrift Store is a great way to be a good steward of your finances. If you come in and work a four-hour shift, you receive your 25% discount (furniture excluded). Speaking of furniture: Did you know that we have "new" items for you to buy? Check us out for many items you might need for your home and family! Our "School Donation Pick-up" program will resume soon. Watch for dates in your school home news bulletins. The new program was a huge success and received well last school year. We hope it helps some of our families that find it a challenge getting their donations to our store, but are able to get them to their own school. We need to talk about VOLUNTEERING your time. Each family from a South Suburban Christian School is strongly encouraged to serve four hours of volunteer time at the store per child attending one of our five schools. We have very accurate tracking of participation for each school. Please prayerfully consider serving your shift(s). You can pre-schedule or call a day or two before you want to come in at 534-7134. To each of you who are a volunteer, you are one of the reasons for the store's success. Remember our mission verse – Proverbs 16:3...Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed. *Our mission remains to raise funds supporting a Christ-centered education within our five South Suburban Christian Schools for generations to come.* Be a part of the mission; call soon or someone may be calling you! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 5	September 6 Labor Day week-end - No school	September 7 New Moms Coffee - 7:00 pm	September 8	September 9 Parent Back to School Night - 7:00 pm	September 10	September 11
September 12	September 13 8th grade retreat School Circle Meeting - 7:00 pm	September 14 8th volleyball - home vs. Legacy; Soccer - home vs. Legacy; 7th volleyball - BYE Entertainment Book Sale ends	September 15 PS group pictures and K-8 student pictures taken.	September 16 8th volleyball - at Dutton; Soccer at Dutton; 7th volleyball home vs. Heritage	September 17	September 18 Soccer tournament at SCHS athletic fields
September 19	September 20	September 21 8th volleyball - at Hope; Soccer at Hope; 7th volleyball home vs. Hope	September 22 7th grade Outdoor Education Camp	September 23 7th grade Outdoor Education Camp 8th volleyball-BYE Soccer Moline at Zeeland (5:00-7th gr. team)	September 24 7th grade Outdoor Education Camp	September 25