June 29, 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Central Christian School and the upcoming 2026-2027 school year! We are anticipating a wonderful school year with the theme, "…act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly…" taken from Micah 6:8. The previous verses go into all sorts of ways we might come before God and please Him; but this verse puts into simple words what is good and important. This year we wish to focus on this mindset and these actions for our students and staff. We would all do well to act justly, while also being merciful, and finally, something in short supply today, to walk humbly with God and our fellow man. These principles apply to every part of life.

Please be attentive to the following announcements and updates:

- School-wide Parent/Student Orientation will be held on **Monday, August 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the gymnasium. It is imperative that all parents of 1st – 12th grade students be in attendance. Preschool Orientation (K3-K5) will take place on the same day at **1:00 p.m.** and is designed for **parents only**. If desired, preschool children (K3-K5) may meet their teachers at 6:30 p.m. that evening as well. This will provide you and your child(ren) the opportunity to see the classrooms, meet the teacher(s), and receive vital information regarding the new school year.
- The first day of school is August 12. The regular school day begins at 7:55 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m. for K5-12th grade. Many parents make use of extended care, available until 5:30 p.m. (for K3-6th grade). Early morning care is available beginning at 7:00 a.m.
- School will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. the first three days of school (Wednesday-Friday) to facilitate acclimation to school. There will be no P.E. classes on these days. Extended care for K5-6th grades will be available these days until 3:00 p.m. at no additional charge. As always, extended care will be available until 5:30 at the regular rate during the first week of school and throughout the school year.
- Uniforms:
    - The uniform dress code and appearance standards will be <u>strictly enforced</u> at ALL grade levels. This is not for the purpose of being rigid or legalistic but rather to hold a consistent standard. Details of the uniform dress code are attached.
    - After a few years of logo transition and to encourage a sharp appearance and uniformity in our dress, **we will only be accepting the newer, circular CCS logo (as pictured in the heading of this letter)** on uniform clothing next year. We will no longer accept the older, double-cross logo on clothing.

- New school uniforms are available at Zoghby's in Daphne. To ensure your child's uniforms are available in time, please order/purchase with Zoghby's right away. The CCS bookstore also has a wide selection of gently used uniforms for sale.
- As we have communicated and sought to give plenty of notice over the last year or two, next year students will be required to wear **uniform outerwear provided and sold by our uniform supplier, Zoghby's**. These are already in stock at Zoghby's, and there are samples in the school office.
- The Central Christian PTO will also be hosting a uniform resale event on July 11th from 9 am until 12 pm in the school gymnasium. For information about participating as a seller, please email centralchristianpto@outlook.com.

- P.E. Uniforms:
  - All students in 5th through 8th grades, along with high school P.E. students, must have school-issued P.E. uniforms. It is optional for students in 2nd through 4th grade to dress out.
  - The P.E. uniform online order form will be sent to parents on July 6. Please note that sample P.E. uniforms are now available to view and try on in the school office. The PTO urges parents to view the samples to confirm the sizes they want to order. This will prevent the need for exchanges, which will be available on a limited basis only.
- Spirit Day (Fridays) and Field Trip Shirts
  - CCS Spirit Shirts and blue jeans may be worn every Friday. On warm Fridays, elementary boys may wear uniform shorts instead of jeans, and elementary girls may wear this school-approved skort, which is available for purchase on Amazon: https://a.co/d/0T8Bs05.
  - Preschool and elementary students are also required to have a field trip shirt, which may also be used as a spirit shirt on Fridays.
  - Spirit and field trip shirt ordering will be available through the online order form that will be sent to parents by the PTO on July 6.

- Tax-free weekend is July 17-19 this year, which will benefit parents buying supplies, uniforms, etc.
- School supply lists are attached.
- Please label all personal items with your child's name (lunchboxes, jackets, etc.)
- A current Alabama Immunization record (or exemption form) and state-issued Birth Certificate are required for your student to attend the first day of school. If these items have not been submitted, please do so by August 5th.
- Please find attached the updated **2026-2027 CCS school calendar** for your reference. Please be especially attentive to the school start date in August (Wednesday, August 12), schoolwide Parent Orientation (August 10), and the new full week of Winter Break (February 8-12).

For Middle and High School families, please also take note of the attached Middle/High School Memo, which contains important information applicable to that level, including important class registration dates on July 21-23.

If you are not receiving the school-wide communication notices through text message and email, or if you feel that you are missing the "Constant Contact" Tuesday Memo or Parent Alert texts, please let us know. Please also consider joining our related Facebook pages: Central Christian School, Central Christian Parent Page, and Central Christian School PTO. We are also in the process of developing a new Central Christian School app! More information will be forthcoming this summer.

God bless you all! We look forward to a great school year. Thank you again for entrusting us with the privilege of loving and instructing your child.

For Christian Education,

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School Administrator