



Pathways

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. Ps. 25:4

A Newsletter for Holden Christian Academy

September 22, 2015

Principal's Corner

Dear Friends,

Tonight is Parents' Night and we look forward to connecting with you! We take our partnership very seriously and appreciate you for making the effort to attend. You are a fun group and I anticipate a great evening. Once again we will be asking you to write some heart-felt comments for this year's Annual Appeal letter. Your comments have been the hit of the last two letters, so we plan to use some new ones in this year's Annual Appeal letter as well. Please be on time, we begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend this evening and would like to be represented in the letter, please jot down your favorite things about HCA or why you chose HCA and send it to info@holdenchristianacademy.org. We would love to hear from all of you.

Spiritual Emphasis Week is next week and we can hardly wait! Every year we have the privilege of hosting our friends from Coastlands Consultants to lead us in a spiritual booster shot. It's painless and a lot of fun. We are blessed to welcome back our precious friends Pam Brady, Matt Huffman and two new interns. I have it on good authority that one of the interns attended HCA! Come and find out who it is! The team always connects with the kids and they do a fabulous job of challenging them to examine their walks with God. Please pray for the team and the students all week. Pray that HCA will encourage the team in every way and that God would continue to send new workers into this wonderful ministry.

How does S.E.W. work? We begin each day, Monday-Friday, with a special chapel at 8:30 a.m. Parents are welcome as always. Last year we had a large crowd! Our student worship teams lead us and then the S.E.W. team works together to do some fun activities to introduce and review ideas and topics. They perform skits, perform the Jesus cheer, play "What's Wrong with this Picture", and review lessons with the Bible Ball. After worship, the group is split in two for the message. K-4th is led by Pam and 5th-8th is led by Matt. Both groups focus on a theme for the week that will bring us all closer to God. Matt's theme this year is LEAD Useful Lives

and his theme verse is from Psalm 39:4, "Show me, LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is." He will teach from Matthew 25. Pam's messages come from Isaiah 52:7a, "how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news." She will be using the word SHOES to reinforce her lessons. (The girls will love that!).

The week is about relationships. The team visits classrooms, plays at recess, and eats with the kids. They have built lasting relationships with our students in the past and will do so again this year. We choose to have our Spiritual Emphasis Week at the beginning of the year because it makes a tremendous impact that lasts for the entire year.

Who are they? Here's some background information on these extraordinary servants whose unique faith-based ministry is primarily to Christian Schools. It's a ministry of encouragement and help. Pam Brady is the director and founder of Coastlands Consultants. After teaching in a Christian school, she completed her Masters Degree in Theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in 1985 and earned her Doctorate of Ministry from GCTS in 2007. Pam spent seven years as a full-time Christian school administrator and answered the call to missionary itinerancy full-time in 1995. Pam served for seven years on the Granite State Christian School Board. She served as ACSI District Two Representative covering Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Eastern Mass. Pam and I have been friends since the early '80s. She was instrumental in helping HCA get off the ground and has been a tremendous source of encouragement (faith and fun) ever since!

Matt Huffman is starting his 13th year with Coastlands and is a favorite at HCA as well. He graduated from Grove City College, taught at Nashua Christian Academy for five years and leads the Jr. and Sr. high portion of the ministry. He is a solid man of God and so dedicated that he keeps in touch with our past students and attends HCA events during the year when he's in the area. (continued on page 2)

~ Our Mission ~

Honoring God through Creative learning and strong Academics,
in a caring, fun-filled school!

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A worker is worthy of his wages. Because the ministry is faith-based, **a collection will be taken on their behalf.** You have been so generous in the past that we have been able to bless them with over \$2,000 each year for the past three years. Last year you gave \$2,730! Please send in a check **made out to HCA** for their support by next **Friday, Oct. 2nd.** We pray that the students will want to give generously of their own money in response to the blessing they have received from the entire team. Let's encourage the socks off them and give them a tremendous boost again with a large donation.

Please pray with us that God richly blesses our students, staff and guests during the week. Let's pray the same for the team and expect great things from God! Who knows, maybe one day another HCA student will join their team.

Joyfully in His service,

Susan Hayward, Principal

HCA 5K

Our 5K run/walk/stroll is Saturday, October 3rd! If you have been thinking about registering, now is the time! Registrations can be completed online at www.holdenchristianacademy/5k or registration forms can sent home with your child! Contact the office if you would like us to get some to you!

A GREAT, BIG THANK YOU to:

- Jeff Vardis**
- Matt Brouillet**
- Tom Sims**
- Mike and Garrett Osborne**
- Patti, Abigail, Benjamin & Aaron Goodell**
- Adam Sullivan, relative of the Goodell's**
- Kevin Crizer**
- Sue Connell**
- Dave Bottcher, Holden Chapel member**
- John Colby, Holden Chapel member**
- Bob Kasperson, Holden Chapel member**

These wonderful people all worked hard in the heat of the summer, helping to lay and install the new gymnasium flooring and completed it in a day!

If you have not seen it, make sure you stop by and check it out on Parent's Night this Thursday!



Principal's Book of Excellence celebrates...

Kindergarten

Tayo, for compassion and kindness; volunteering to come in from recess with an injured friend.

First Grade

Nathan, for turning in summer math pages to Mrs. Hughes.

Arden, for turning in summer math pages to Mrs. Hughes.

Second Grade

Maeve, for working diligently on her math packet this summer.

Jocelyn, for working diligently on her math packet this summer.

Emma, for working diligently on her math packet this summer.

Ryleigh, for working diligently on her math packet this summer.

Kaylee, for working diligently on her math packet this summer.

Matthew, for working diligently on his math packet this summer.

Third Grade

Will, for encouraging a fellow classmate.



Mark Your Calendar!

- September 24 Parents Night, PK-grade 8, 7 P.M.
- September 28 Spiritual Emphasis Week begins
Chapel will be held each morning as part of the week.
- October 3 HCA 5K Run/Walk/Stroll
Registration begins at 8 A.M., 5K starts at 9 A.M.
- October 6 School Picture Day, PK-grade 8
- October 12 Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- October 23 Term 2 Development Day—NO SCHOOL
- November 6 Term 1 Ends

PRAYER (Psalm 68:19)

Prayer requests may also be submitted in writing and our Parent Prayer group will cover these requests in prayer.

There is a prayer request box in the office; confidentiality will be maintained as requested.

- For Costello, the son of Tom Banyai, School Committee Chair, as he recovers from a motorcycle accident.
- Continued prayer for KK and her mom, Tanya, as KK receives cancer treatment.
- For new families being called to HCA, that they will hear God's call and trust in Him.



Classroom Happenings



Preschool

We are off to a terrific start in the preschool classroom. Your children are a blessing and they are getting into a routine quite easily. We are so honored to be their teachers! Throughout these first few weeks of preschool, your child will be learning about colors, shapes, counting, numbers and letter recognition through our thematic Circus unit.

We are really getting to know each student. They are following directions, have taken turns and played together very well over

these first couple weeks. You should all feel proud! We are looking forward to a great year together!

Parents' Night is **TONIGHT** at 7 P.M. Please make every effort to have at least one parent attend. *Please note, this is a night for parents, no children please.*

~Mrs. Younger, Mrs. Stewart & Miss Chawnee

Team A ~ Grades K, 1 and 2

Dear Team A Parents,

We are enjoying your wonderful children! We had a wonderful time on our first field trip of the year! Thank you for taking one apple out of your child's bag as a donation to our cooking fun on Friday afternoon. Watch for an upcoming field trip to Mystic Aquarium in October to enhance our study of the ocean. We are looking forward to this evening and to show you all the wonderful and exciting things your children are learning about. As a reminder, if you are sending in slippers for your child they must have a rubber soled bottom. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help during the week in the classrooms. You are a blessing!

~Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Caron & Mrs. Torres



Team B~ Grades 3 & 4

Grade three is off to an amazing start this school year. We are having a lot of fun learning about ocean science! Students have made ocean pie, demonstrating 70% of the ocean covering our earth. They learned about density, comparing salt water (ocean) and fresh water (lakes). A field trip is planned for October to Mystic Aquarium. More information to come soon!

In history, the reconstruction after the Civil War has just finished and we will begin to understand what life was like for African Americans after the black codes were established.

Today we reenacted chapters 2 and 3 in the book of Joshua. Ask your child to tell you the story and which part he/she had!

Looking forward to seeing parents tonight!
Mrs. Jorritsma

Fourth grade is off to a wonderful start!! We are learning about God's amazing creations in the ocean and His perfect design! We are learning how to research various history topics so that we can decorate our "working" bulletin board. We are learning about Joshua -his faithfulness & leadership, and we are reviewing place values in Math. I am extremely proud at how quickly the students are into the groove of school.

I am SOO excited about this year and looking forward to seeing you parents tonight! ~Ms. Reed





Classroom Happenings



Team C ~ Grades 5 & 6



Team C recording observations in nature. Students noted that with time and detail in observation they were able to see things they had not noticed at first!

~Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Cleveland



Team D~ Grades 7 & 8



A story can be captivating when we take the time to really listen to what the story is all about. As we continue to learn the story of our nation and come forward into the present, we are learning how each one of us fits into this story. The students in the 7th and 8th grades have already captured my attention and my heart with their stories. Through their summer work presentations, the genealogy pages, and our every-day interactions, I am fascinated once again by how God has uniquely designed each one of us and has chosen to bring us together for His purposes.

I look forward to see you, parents, at Parent Night this evening. You will have an opportunity to see your child's classroom from his/her perspective. Hope to see you here.

Blessings, Mrs. Campbell

It is so good to be back with our students!

In both 7th & 8th grade science classes we are diving into learning about how the Theory of Evolution originated. As we study the components of this theory we are comparing it to the Word of God and Creation. We are building our ability to read science text with a discerning eye as well as learning to compare and contrast. We will finish this unit in early October.

The 8th grade class is working on a report to summarize the results of the grafted plants vs. augmented soil in our garden. The results will be shared with Busy Bee Nursery in Holden as they supplied us with our grafted tomato plants.

8th grade Algebra had their first Chapter test this week! We have hit the ground running in all three math classes.

I look forward to seeing you tonight at Parent's night. Thank you for your partnership! ~Mrs. Holgate



Dear Grades Pre-K-8 Parents,

Square 1 art is being prepared by your children right now! For those who are unfamiliar-Your child(ren) are creating their very best artwork and are excited about the amazing results they will be turning out. We will send their art out to "Square 1 Art" and we will get back free stickers to keep or share with friends. All families will have the opportunity to order products that are imprinted with your child's art.

Come see some sample of the cool products available in the downstairs hallway.

Orders will come home in early November and your products will be ready in time for Christmas.

HCA fine arts department will receive 33% of the money from orders.

In case you didn't know, all art is online from prior years for re-ordering. Just send a message to the office and Mrs. M. will contact you with your access code if you don't remember your login information from last year. Office phone is 508-829-4418.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child and share God's creativity with them.

Blessings,
Mrs. Mikolajczyk