

CAIR PARAVEL - LATIN SCHOOL

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**DOMINUS
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PUT A STETROS IN THE STOCKING (ADDRESSING HANDWRITING AT CP-LS)

Looking for stocking stuffers for this Christmas? How about putting a few stetros writing tools in your child's Christmas stocking? They're those little triangular things that students poke their pencils through to assist them with a proper grip. That is, when they're not chewing on them or using them as erasers. They're inexpensive, come in a variety of colors, and have been proven to improve the penmanship of students in their grammar school years.

Most faculty members have expressed concern about the penmanship practices among our students, and we are exploring strategies for creating true consistency in the training of our charges. Requiring the use of the stetros devices in grades 1-3 is a strategy we will implement when school resumes in January. Kindergartners are welcome to obtain the tools, but the current use of oversized pencils has its own advantages at that level. The devices could also be used in higher grade levels but will not be required. They would be a good investment, however, for anyone who is serious about proper grip and correction of poor habits.

Did you know that until the early 1900's assessments in penmanship had to be passed before a child could graduate from grammar school? Orthography (defined as "the art of writing words with the proper letters according to standard usage") included the disciplines of spelling, vocabulary and penmanship. Each area was considered just as important to the development of well-rounded scholars as math, history or science. Indeed, some educators thought that elements of orthography were far more important, as those made up the stuff of real world, daily communications.

The advent of typewriters, word processors, computers and spell checkers opened up debate about the importance and relevance of demanding proper penmanship. Indeed, an internet search on "penmanship" will find as many detractors of penmanship training as apologists. Detractors, of course, argue that all students need today are understanding of letter formation to scratch notes and good keyboarding skills.

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ALUMNI NIGHT

Everyone is invited to attend Alumni Night, Monday, December 22nd in the CPLS Gym. Come see old(?) friends and have a great time!

Cost \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and alumni.

6:00 pm Co-Ed Volleyball Match

7:00 pm Girls and Guys Basketball games

The concession stand will be open during all the games! Proceeds will go to fund graduation for the Senior Class of 2004.

*All Alumni invited after the games to the Congdon's house for munchies and chatting around the fire.

BYLAWS FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:30 PM CPLS LIBRARY ALL ARE WELCOME!

Questions? Contact Doug Simmons at:
dougssimmons777@yahoo.com

HEARTLAND HISTORICAL TOUR 5TH AND 6TH GRADES

While we're dreaming of a white Christmas, plans are already being made for the May 6-May 8 5th and 6th grade class tour.

This tour has been taken many times before by CPLS students dating back to our early days and promises to be a special time. We'll see the Dalton Brothers museum in Coffeyville, stay at the Western Hills Ranch in NE Oklahoma, tour the Pea Ridge Civil War battlefield at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, experience the Passion Play at Eureka Springs, tour the George Washington Carver birthplace park and more.

We'll leave early on Thursday the 6th and return Saturday evening the 8th of May. If you would like to be a sponsor or just want more information please e-mail me at slanghofer@juno.com.

Merry Christmas and a blessed 2004.

Stan Langhofer

KITCHEN CORNER

HOT LUNCH MENU

MON ... Pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, pineapple, oatmeal pie
 TUE Breakfast Stick, eggs, orange, brownie
 WED ... Chicken Fajitas, toss salad, pears, cookies
 THU Ravioli, green beans, peaches, rolls
 FRI Deli Ham, chips, apple, oatmeal pie

ALA CARTE

MON ... Baked Potato \$1.50
 TUE Walking Taco \$1.75
 WED ... Chicken Fajitas \$1.25
 THU Stuffed Crust Pizza \$1.25
 FRI Cheeseburger w/Fries \$2.00

LIONS' SCORES

Boys Varsity Basketball

Dec 12 - CPLS 63 Flinthills 30
 Dec 13 - CPLS Cancelled
 Dec 16 - CPLS 83 Hamilton 37

Girls Varsity Basketball

Dec 9 - CPLS 40 Royal Valley 60
 Dec 12 - CPLS 58 Flinthills 52
 Dec 13 - CPLS Cancelled
 Dec 16 - CPLS 39 Hamilton 30

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

No games scheduled.

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

No games scheduled.

LIONS' LORE

From the CPLS constitution: The purpose of this Christian school shall be to help young men and women realize their unique potential as children of God.

FUN FACTS ABOUT FACULTY:

Mrs. Deb Jorgensen (2nd) was a lifeguard after college.
 Mr. Raub Miller (Science) has seen Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of Great Britain.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2003

19 05:30 PM Girls JV Bball @ Maranatha
 19 06:30 PM Boys JV Bball v St. Marys
 19 07:00 PM Girls Var Bball @ Maranatha
 19 08:00 PM Boys Var Bball v St. Marys
19 **Semester Finals**
20 **Silver Bells**
22 **06:00 PM** **Alumni Night - CPLS Gym**
22-31 **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**

JANUARY 2004

1-2 **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**
5 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
 5 04:30 PM 7th Girls Bball v Heritage
 5 05:45 PM JH Boys "B" v Heritage
 6 04:00 PM Girls JV Bball v Jeff. Co. No.
 6 05:15 PM Boys JV Bball v Jeff. Co. No.
6 **06:30 PM . Bylaws Family Advisory Committee**
CPLS Library
 6 06:30 PM Girls Var Bball v Jeff. Co. No.
 6 08:00 PM Boys Var Bball v Jeff. Co. No.
6 **Merit Lunch (6-12)**
 9 04:30 PM JH Boys "B" @ St. Marys
 9 05:30 PM JH Boys "A" @ St. Marys
 9 06:30 PM Boys JV Bball @ St. Marys
 9 08:00 PM Boys Var Bball @ St. Marys
 12 04:00 PM 8th Girls Bball @ Emmett
 12 05:00 PM 7th Girls Bball v Cornerstone
 12 05:15 PM JH Boys "A" @ Emmett
 12 06:15 PM JH Boys "B" v Cornerstone
13 **05:30 PM** **CPLS Board Meeting - Library**
13 **06:15 PM** **CPLS Board - Parent Open Forum**
 13 TBA Girls JV Bball @ Oskaloosa
 13 TBA Boys JV Bball @ Oskaloosa
 13 TBA Boys Var Bball @ Oskaloosa
 13 TBA Girls Var Bball @ Oskaloosa

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEAN-UP

Help is needed on January 10th from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon. We will be cleaning out all of the trash from the former Get Away building which is located on the corner of Sixth and Clay.

We will need several pickups and drivers to help haul the trash to the dump. Please wear gloves and grubby clothes.

For more information contact Brad Cox 357-5232.

LIONS' ROAR

• Thanks to James and Tami Waldy and Mike Haberkorn for hosting the Eighth Grade Victorian Ball, Friday, December 12th at the Governor's Row House. It was a beautiful evening of song, dance, instrumental performances, oral recitation, fellowship and good food.

The Victorian Ball reminded us that some of the best lessons learned don't come from a textbook. They are taught by example and experience. In addition to academics, our eighth grade students are learning kindness, graciousness, respect for others, manners, chivalry and humility. Our students are blessed to have Mr. Waldy and Mr. Haberkorn as their teachers.

• Our second grade students, with the help of teachers Deb Jorgensen and Jennifer Black, recently sent care packages to our soldiers in Iraq. The packages included personal items, a letters written by the students and Christian tracks. Thanks for supporting our troops!

• Congratulations to all K-5 students on a great performance in the Christmas Music Program!

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

Spiritual Emphasis Week for the high school (9-12) will be January 26th - 30th. We are very excited that our speaker will be Dr. Dave Park who is the president and founder of One Passion Ministries. He has ministered for over 20 years to pastors, youth leaders, parents and students as well as co-authored 12 best-selling books with Dr. Neil Anderson, such as "Stomping Out the Darkness," and "The Bondage Breaker."

This year's theme is "Purity Under Pressure." Parents of CPLS high school students should be aware that we plan on offering \$5.00 t-shirts again to the students.

Please pray for Dave as he prepares to come and for the work the Lord will do in our students' hearts that week.

Dave will also be presenting a 3-night "Stomping Out the Darkness" seminar, January 27-29, at Topeka Bible Church. The cost is \$25.00. Contact Hank Nelson at 235-5545 for more information.

For more information on our speaker or the seminar, visit DavePark.com or OnepassionMinistries.com.

CONVOCATION SPEAKERS NEEDED!

Anyone who is interested in speaking at a Grammar School or High School convocation or has a suggestion for potential speakers, please call Melody Congdon, Guidance Counselor at 232-3878.

DAEGEN FEYH UPDATE

The Feyh family would like to thank the CPLS school family for their continued support and prayers.

Daegen is currently awaiting a bone marrow transplant. A spinal tap and conditioning chemotherapy in preparation for the transplant were scheduled for mid-December but were recently postponed due to a staff infection.

The Vinewood Roadhouse is having a fund raiser for Daegen on Saturday, December 20th. Visit www.vinewoodroadhouse.homestead.com/upcomingevents.html for more information.

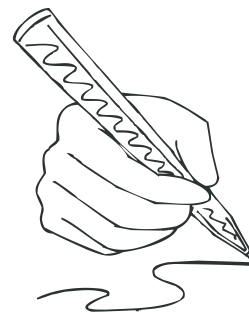
We're praying for you Daegen!

ADDRESSING HANDWRITING AT CPLS

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At CPLS, we do not deny the importance of keyboarding skills and continue to discuss whether or not we should reintroduce a keyboarding class into the curriculum. However, we do know this: Whether we address eating or drinking or whatsoever we do, we need to train our children to do all to the glory of God in a spirit of decency and order. This includes our communications to one another via handwritten word.

We acknowledge that the writing of words falls under different categories. We are not, in this context, addressing post-it notes to be thrown away or thought webs and outlines used as frameworks for later drafts. We are addressing those handwritten communications that are to be read by others. They include everything from worksheet blanks to be filled in to multi-page essays which do not end up at the word processor. Students should be taught to take a degree of proper pride in the neatness of their work.



Stetors devices can be purchased at School Specialty Supply across from the Westridge Mall. It could very well prove to be true that a few fifty-cent gifts might have a longer lasting impact on your child's development than a tree full of toys that may be forgotten in a month.

Here's to a Merry Christmas to all, and to Christmas cards that are signed neatly and legibly!

James Waldy
Dean of Faculty

CP-LS PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER 9, 2003

In attendance were: Tami Foster, Cindy Cox, Leanna Clark, Cathy Henley, Melody Congdon, Karol Luttjohann, Cori Power, Jaye Conner, Anne Sawyer, Melissa French, and Sandra Fienhage.

Tami called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

The September 11, 2003 and September 29, 2003 minutes were read and approved by general consent.

Jaye read thank you notes from Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Jernigan, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Letch.

Cindy Cox reported on Wish List requests. Discussion was held on a dehumidifier for Mrs. Conroy's room. Leanna motioned and Jaye seconded to advertise for a used or donated one in the school Newsletter; motion carried. Cindy Cox will arrange for this in the Newsletter. Discussion was held on several items requested for Mrs. Jorgensen's classroom. Leanna motioned and Cathy Henley seconded to purchase the most expensive item, a Max Lucado book series. Motion failed. It was decided to ask Mrs. Jorgensen to prioritize her requests so that PTF would clearly understand her preferences.

Leanna gave the Treasurer's report. In the Budget for 2003/2004 Leanna noted the changes approved to Welcome Baskets (reduction to \$25.00) still needed to be shown. Also noted: the Total Expenditures figure should read \$16,665.50 (not \$15,797.50) due to the Classroom Parties expense of \$868.00 not getting picked up by the computer program. Leanna reported that the 8th grade class will be shorted \$87.00 from the Classroom Party fund. Leanna motioned; Sandra seconded to fund the difference of what the 8th grade class should have received for this year and what was available. Motion passed.

Melody reported for Cindy Patton on Ident-a-Kid program. This program helps with identification of lost or stolen children. Discussion was held on whether PTF should be involved in this program. Issue died from lack of a motion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next PTF meeting will be Thursday, November 6, 2003, at 1:30 in the CP-LS Library.

Respectfully submitted, Jaye Conner - secretary

PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2003

In attendance were: Cindy Cox, Tami Foster, Cathy Henley, Anne Sawyer, Melissa French, Karol Luttjohann, Sandra Fienhage, Laurie Packer, Cindy Patton, Jane Unruh, and Jaye Conner.

Tami called the meeting to order and opened in prayer. The minutes were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was presented. A correction was made to change the date to 11-6-03. Special Line Items YTD are: front office phone set \$384.95; theater fog machine \$112.48.

Cindy Cox presented the President Elect's report. Discussion was held on a Christmas tree for lower schoolteachers to decorate with ideas for class presents, rather than parents purchasing individual gifts for each teacher. Discussion ended with no motion.

Fundraising: Tami reported on the time for the upcoming CiCi's fundraiser. She also presented selling ESPN magazines as a fundraiser. Discussion followed. General consensus: Tami will investigate further and report back. Tami brought up the idea of selling CP-LS coasters as a fundraiser. Discussion of costs, possible sale locations and functions etc., followed. Cathy motioned and Jaye seconded to accept the coasters as a fundraiser.

Tami announced any flyers from PTF should be passed by Cindy Patton first, as a "head's up" for her. It would also be helpful for the front office to be informed as they, many times, get questions concerning PTF items. The office can then answer questions or direct individuals to the correct person.

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next PTF meeting will be Thursday, December 11, 2003 in the CP-LS Library at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jaye Conner - secretary