

CAIR PARAVEL - LATIN SCHOOL

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ASLAN LECTURE MARCH 9TH, 7:00PM

David Wright is our featured speaker for the Aslan Lecture scheduled for March 9, 2004. He will speak in the Stone Table Theatre at 7:00 p.m. on the topic of "Christianity and the Creative Process". The Aslan lecture is open to the public.

Mr. Wright will be elaborating on what the church and artists need from each other. He thinks the church can benefit from the creativity of writers and artists. Artists can benefit from learning to live in community with the church.

Mr. Wright has an undergraduate minor in music and has been collaborating with classical composer James Clemens, including choral pieces on the parable of the mustard seed and the Samaritan woman at the well. Wright will send a choral piece of music to our music department and our Madrigals will perform the piece on March 9 at the lecture.

On March 10, Mr. Wright will work with a master class of writers on writing poetry.

Mr. Wright is interested in how writers and artists relate to the Christian community. He is a member of the Mennonite church and teaches writing and literature at Wheaton College.

BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED!

Due to the Aslan Lecture, the March Board Meeting and Open Forum will be Thursday, March 11. The Board meeting will begin at 5:30 PM, with the Open Forum beginning at 6:15pm. The meeting will be in the CPLS Library.

CPLS KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP MARCH 12 • 9:00AM

Do you know someone who has expressed interest in CPLS? Does your next door neighbor have a child entering kindergarten this fall? Invite them the Kindergarten Round-up!

Kindergarten Round-up is open to families with a child planning to enter kindergarten in the fall. Parents and children are both invited. There will be refreshments and fun activities for the children while the parents attend an informational presentation about CPLS, our Classical Christian curriculum, student activities, tuition and enrollment information. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers, board members and students. Interested families may sign up for a Kindergarten Readiness evaluation.

Call the school office for more information (785-232-3878).

MAACS CONCERT MARCH 2, 2004 7:00 P.M.

The MAACS Concert for students in grades 5-12 will be Tuesday March 2nd at 7:00pm at Topeka Bible Church. The concert will feature some of the songs that will be sung at the Mid-America Association of Christian Schools Music Competition.

Students are asked to be in the basement by 6:30 for warm-ups. *Students are strongly advised to remain until the end of the concert.* Full concert dress, please!

CPLS SHOWCASE & OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH • 3-6PM

Fun! Fun! Fun! Be there or be square! This is the event of the year! Hot dogs! Popcorn! Games for all ages. You won't want to be the one who just hears about the fun we had that weekend. **Mark your calendars NOW for Saturday March 13th from 3:00-6:00.**

The CPLS Showcase and Open House will be held Saturday, March 13th from 3:00-6:00pm. This event replaces Discovery Night (our annual open house for families interested in CPLS) and is being combined with Fine Arts Night (our annual showcase of individual fine arts entries for MAACS.)

Would you like to see what activities and events your students can look forward to in future years at school? Would you like to see musical and dramatic performances by CPLS students? How often have friends or neighbors asked you "What is Cair Paravel like?" and you've grappled with the right answer? **Then the CPLS Showcase & Open House is just for you!** (continued on page 3)

CAL THOMAS TO SPEAK

Cal Thomas, a nationally syndicated conservative commentator, TV and radio show host, will address CPLS high school students on Thursday, March 4th at 10:30am in the Stone Table Theater.

Visitors are welcome to attend, but seating is extremely limited.

RE-ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL AID PACKETS DEADLINE MARCH 15

Please watch for re-enrollment forms that will be coming in the mail this week. Re-enrollment forms need to be back in the office by March 15, 2004. There is a \$50.00 charge for re-enrolling your family. That fee will be refunded if you recommend a new family to CPLS who ends up being enrolled. After March 15, the enrollment fee is \$75.00 for a family.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid may also be available to your family. Financial aid awards are processed by an independent agency, FFNA, who confidentially evaluates the financial status of a family that may need help in paying tuition. Applications for financial aid need to be received by FFNA by March 15. If you mail your financial aid packets by March 10, it should be received by FFNA by March 15th. FFNA charges for mailed applications are \$20.00. If you apply online, FFNA charges are \$30.00.

As stated at the family meeting last Saturday, the Board has increased the total financial aid available to families from \$38,000 to \$50,000. Pick up a financial aid application from Jane Unruh in the business office and submit the application to FFNA. Make sure you have your taxes prepared by that date as 2003 income tax information will be used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES:

You are the person who funds the tuition for your students.

Your 2003 AGI is less than 42k or if your tuition bill is approximately 10% (or more) of your AGI.

Meeting these guidelines does not automatically qualify you for aid. They are only guidelines, and several other factors are considered.

At a special budget session in January, the Board did rescind a policy in place for about 7 years. New families to our school will now be eligible for aid the first year. Previously they had to pay undiscounted tuition for their child the first year. These awards to new families will be in addition to the budget, so this policy change should not harm current families, but will bring new students who could then be at our school for several years. We hope that the availability of aid will remove a barrier to some families for whom the first year aid will enable them to choose to send their child to CPLS.

Call Jane Unruh, Business Manager with questions regarding financial aid applications.

HEARTLAND HISTORICAL TOUR 5TH AND 6TH GRADES

We will be having our sponsors meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd in the school theatre from 7:00 until approximately 8:30 pm. (*Please note date change to avoid conflict with Spring Break.*) This is a very important mandatory meeting for sponsors. We'll be covering items like the school tour guidelines, signing sponsor agreements, handing out pre-trip sponsor readings, covering our itinerary and getting your questions answered. I am so excited

about your involvement and look forward to helping our children get the most out of this incredible educational opportunity. Be in prayer already for our trip as we ask for God's protection and direction for this adventure.

Blessings, Stan Langhofer
slanghofer@juno.com



SHOWCASE AND OPEN HOUSE (CONTINUED)

The Showcase & Open House is for all current CPLS families and families interested in learning more about the school. Numerous activities, performances and exhibits that will entertain the entire family will be featured. Free refreshments will be served.

This will be a fun event for the entire family. CPLS families are encouraged to visit activities in the grades above their children's current level to see what activities and opportunities will be coming up. Numerous performances/exhibits in music, science and fine arts will be featured.

Families interested in learning more about the school can attend the activities relevant to their children's ages, visit with teachers and see what the school and students are like. Parent(s) can also attend an on-going enrollment information session.

Personal experiences are one of the biggest factors in a family's decision to join our school. The Showcase & Open House will be a great way to let parents and children experience CPLS and have a better understanding of what makes our school special.

Think of the families that have asked you about CPLS. Invite them to join in the fun and learn more about the school!

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities for the Showcase & Open House contact Melody Congdon.

LION'S LORE

Why Latin? Latin students do better than students who opted for more "sensible" courses. The reasons for this should be not surprising. About 80% of the English vocabulary comes from Latin and Greek, with over 50% coming from the Latin.

BAGELS WITH BOB

The March Bagels with Bob meeting is being combined with the CPLS Showcase. Board President Bob Stoller will be available to visit with families or visitors from 3-6 pm Saturday, March 13, in the CPLS Library.



FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION EVALUATIONS

Your input is valuable to us. Please take the time to fill out the Faculty, Staff and Administration evaluations attached to this newsletter,

Additional copies are available in the school office.

TOM SAWYER PHOTOS ARE IN!

Photos from the Lower School performance of Tom Sawyer are available for viewing and purchase on the counter in the school office. Reprints are 50 cents per copy. Deadline for ordering is March 12th. Call Cori Power with questions.

LIONS' ROAR

• Gus (9th), Carol (8th) and Carlos (6th) Buchele- Roepke and their mother Leila were sworn in as naturalized American citizens at a ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Kansas City, KS on Friday, February 20th. Mr. Haberkorn's 8th grade class went along to witness the event. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

• This week's Royal Readers are Harleigh Bengel, Alexa Feyh, Zack Gatewood, Alicia Jordan, and Matthew Payne. Royal Readers and their parents have read at least twelve Bible stories together and spent time discussing them afterward. May God bless the reading of His Word!

• The Junior High Girls Basketball team won the KCAA State Championship on February 21st. Claire Albrecht, Emily Carlson, and Nicki Power were named to the all tournament team. Congratulations!

• The Junior High Boys "A" Basketball Team won the KCAA State Championship on February 21st. Taylor Petrik, Jeremy Wynne and Keaton Vander Hart were named to the all tournament team. Congratulations!

• The High Q team of Rebekah Meek, Thomas Carr, Craig Congdon, Shane Marcus, and Ben Mooneyham competed in the first elimination round of High Q. The competition against Shawnee Heights was taped and will air on March 26th at 4:30 pm on WIBW TV.

2004 CPLS 9TH-10TH GRADE TOUR TO WASHINGTON, DC!

(SUNDAY, APRIL 25 - FRIDAY, APRIL 30)

TRIVIAL PURSUIT:

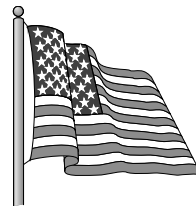
Over the next few weeks, we will be testing your knowledge about some of the people, places and events in US history that deal with Washington, DC and/or Gettysburg. (answers are below)

- (1) Which 2 future US Presidents signed the US Constitution?
- (2) Who is the only US President buried in the National Cathedral?
- (3) Who was the first US President to have a beard while in office?

WE STILL NEED ONE MALE SPONSOR.

Could it be you? Contact Anne Sawyer @ 272-1620 or asawyer@afo.net

Parents, mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 6, at 7 PM in the cafeteria, for our Parent Meeting to review tour details.



- (1) George Washington and John Adams
- (2) Woodrow Wilson
- (3) Abraham Lincoln

TRIVIA ANSWERS

OFFICE DEPOT 5% BACK TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Office Depot is proud to support our schools and communities through the "5% Back to Schools" Program*. This program gives you an opportunity to help our school receive credits for FREE supplies when you shop at Office Depot for student school supplies.

It's easy! Buy qualifying student school supplies at Office Depot and designate CPLS to receive 5% of your qualifying purchase. Office Depot will tally the qualifying purchases made during the program period and award CPLS 5% of the qualifying purchases in credits the school can use for FREE SUPPLIES!

The CPLS school ID number is: 70039186.

Next time you visit the Office Depot store make sure you ask them to credit CPLS.

PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2004

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

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

There was nothing to report from the Secretary.

Leanna gave the Treasurer's report. Leanna reported on current disbursements. Garage Sale money being held in the PTF account had a check clear for \$29.91 bringing its total of Garage Sale money remaining to \$619.50. Unspent budgeted items totaled \$2,682.51. The unbudgeted funds available balance as of January 7, 2004 is \$4,769.36.

Fundraising Report: It was decided to donate the remaining gold discount cards to surrounding pastors and businesses. Sandra will write a letter to accompany these cards. The question was raised as to having another CiCi's Pizza night. Tami will check on available dates with CiCi's and report back to the Committee. Discussion was held on presentations for next year's annual fundraiser. Innisbrook will present at the February meeting. Other potential fundraisers Committee members may wish to put forward should also be ready to present at this time.

Cindy Cox gave the President Elect's report. There were no outstanding Wish List items.

New Business: Sandra reminded the Committee it was time to have a member reconcile the checking account. She asked if Jaye would be willing to do this and Jaye agreed. Jaye will report back at the February 12th meeting. Karol motioned, as a special request, to give each class K-5 \$25.00 to help with classroom incentives. Sandra seconded and motion passed.

Announcements: Members were asked to be in prayer over the Innisbrook fundraising presentation in February. Members should also be in prayer over the right individuals for next year's PTF officers and positions. If you know you will not be returning, please inform Tami or Cindy as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, meeting was adjourned. The next PTF meeting will be February 12, 2004 in the CP-LS library at 1:30.

Respectfully Submitted, Jaye Conner, Secretary

PTF NEWS

Cici's Pizza Night is scheduled for April 22, 2004. Tickets will go on sale one week before the event.

Be watching for PTF Garage Sale information. We will be looking for garage sale workers and items to sell. More information to come later!

GIRLS SOCCER PRACTICE BEGINS MARCH 4

Girls soccer practice will begin Thursday, March 4 at the KNI fields at 21st & Randolph. Practice will be from 4:00pm - 5:45pm.

Contact Coach Mark Nelson with questions.



TEACHER OPENINGS

Cair Paravel-Latin School has the following job openings for the 2004-2005 school year:

*High School English, Literature & Philosophy teacher;
High School Biology, Chemistry & AP Chemistry teacher;
Middle School classroom teacher;
Grammar School classroom teacher.*

Please send resumes to:

Cindy Patton
Cair Paravel-Latin School
635 SW Clay Ave.
Topeka KS 66606

or email: cpatton@cpls.k12.ks.us

Call 785-232-3878 with any questions or for an application to be mailed to you.



**CAIR PARAVEL LATIN SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY FORM
TEACHER EVALUATION ___ SEMESTER**

Please make photocopies before completing or pick up some in the CPLS office to evaluate all your child's teachers.

As a Christian Classical school, our mission is to develop each student's spiritual, mental, and artistic gifts to their fullest potential. We are constantly looking to improve in any area we are deficient. Please assist us by taking the time to complete an evaluation for each of your child's teachers (including all special classes and/or electives). The categories are ranked on a Lickert scale of 1 - 5 with 5 = I strongly agree and 1 = I strongly disagree. Please return this form to the office by March 1st. This input will be considered in teachers' year-end evaluations. Thank you for your input. CPLS ADMINISTRATION.

Name of TEACHER being evaluated _____ Subject/Grade _____

Parent Signature (optional) _____

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1. Teacher demonstrates professionalism and is approachable. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 2. Teacher knows and loves the subject content and how to engage his/her students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 3. Teacher provides a positive, organized, learning environment with established routines. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 4. Teacher has effective classroom management and my child responds well to it. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 5. Teacher uses a variety of instructional strategies to meet student's needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 6. Teacher has effective communication with students and parents (i.e. syllabus, newsletter, and a calendar). | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 7. Teacher provides timely feedback regarding student learning and informs parent of any problem areas. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 8. Teacher has high expectations and objectives are clearly stated. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 9. Teacher integrates subjects and application of Biblical principles. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 10. Disregarding my child's interest in the subject, he/she relates well to the teacher. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 11. I am confident that my child is being positively influenced by this teacher's Christian example. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |

Comments: _____

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| 3. Teacher provides a positive, organized, learning environment with established routines. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 4. Teacher has effective classroom management and my child responds well to it. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 5. Teacher uses a variety of instructional strategies to meet student's needs. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 6. Teacher has effective communication with students and parents (i.e. syllabus, newsletter, and a calendar). | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 7. Teacher provides timely feedback regarding student learning and informs parent of any problem areas. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 8. Teacher has high expectations and objectives are clearly stated. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION ___ SEMESTER**

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Name of Administrator being evaluated : __Cindy Patton

Parent Signature (optional) _____

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| 1. | Communicates with parents well through parent conferences, CPLS events and contributing articles to the newsletter. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 2. | Communicates well with parents to resolve problems and issues regarding students, teachers, staff, and school plant. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 3. | Encourages participation of parents in school program. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 4. | Meets with students to resolve problems. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 5. | Effective as liaison between board and parents when discipline problems become severe. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 6. | Works well with dean, staff and teachers to oversee discipline of students. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 7. | Effective in establishing and maintaining a spiritual Christian atmosphere in the school. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 8. | Effective in leading overall school operations. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 9. | Effective in providing leadership. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |

Comments: _____

**CAIR PARAVEL LATIN SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY FORM
DEAN OF FACULTY EVALUATION ___ SEMESTER**

As a Christian Classical school, our mission is to develop each student's spiritual, mental, and artistic gifts to their fullest potential. We are constantly looking to improve in any area we are deficient. Please assist us by taking the time to complete an evaluation for James Waldy. The categories are ranked on a Lickert scale of 1 - 5 with 5 = I strongly agree and 1 = I strongly disagree. Please return this form to the office by March 1st. This input will be considered in year-end evaluations. Thank you for your input. CPLS ADMINISTRATION.

Name of Staff person being evaluated: James Waldy

Parent Signature (optional) _____

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| 1. | Communicates with parents well (through CPLS events and contributing articles to the newsletter.) | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 2. | Communicates well with parents to resolve problems and issues regarding teachers. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 3. | Works well with chief administrator and teachers to oversee discipline of students. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 4. | Effective in establishing and maintaining a spiritual Christian atmosphere in the school. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 5. | Effective in leading, managing and developing school curriculum in accordance with the classical model of education. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 6. | Effective in training, evaluating and facilitating the work of the faculty. | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |

Comments: _____

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STAFF EVALUATION ___ SEMESTER

Please make photocopies before completing or pick up some in the CPLS office to evaluate all administrators and staff.

As a Christian Classical school, our mission is to develop each student's spiritual, mental, and artistic gifts to their fullest potential. We are constantly looking to improve in any area we are deficient. Please assist us by taking the time to complete an evaluation for the CPLS staff people. The categories are ranked on a Lickert scale of 1 - 5 with 5 = I strongly agree and 1 = I strongly disagree. Please return this form to the office by March 1st. This input will be considered in year-end evaluations.

Thank you for your input. CPLS ADMINISTRATION.

Name of Staff person being evaluated _____

Parent Signature (optional) _____

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| 1. | Is creative; is good at finding new and better ways of doing things | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 2. | Is friendly, sociable and warm with individuals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 3. | His/her individual behavior characteristics/personality is suitable for the job. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 5. | Has the ability to do required jobs well with a minimum of supervision. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 6. | Has the ability to withstand pressure and to remain calm in crisis situations. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 7. | Is courteous and polite. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 8. | Overall Evaluation of individuals work performance. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |

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Thank you for your input. CPLS ADMINISTRATION.

Name of Staff person being evaluated _____

Parent Signature (optional) _____

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| 2. | Is friendly, sociable and warm with individuals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 3. | His/her individual behavior characteristics/personality is suitable for the job. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 5. | Has the ability to do required jobs well with a minimum of supervision. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 6. | Has the ability to withstand pressure and to remain calm in crisis situations. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 7. | Is courteous and polite. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |
| 8. | Overall Evaluation of individuals work performance. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | N/A |

Comments: _____

