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*"They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary."
-Isaiah 40:31*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From the desk of Matt Augustin

What is Tft and how is CICS implementing it?

These questions may have come up when you were discussing your student's work or learning at CICS. Tft stands for Teaching for Transformation and provides schools and teachers with a foundation to develop authentic learning experiences that are rooted in a Christian worldview.

In the past, CICS has participated in Tft workshops and conferences that provide the groundwork for teachers to implement Tft in subjects such as Bible, ELA, Science, and Social Studies. Tft is comprised of "Throughlines", which are described as "discipleship habits and practices that both form the learners and transform God's world around them."

Tft develops these discipleship habits and practices by applying eight Throughlines. They are:

God-Worshipper, Creation-Enjoyer, Earth-Keeper, Order-Discover, Community-Builder, Image-Reflector, Idolatry-Discerner, Servant-Worker, Justice-Seeker, and Beauty-Creator.

In the past two years, CICS students have modeled some of these Throughlines while creating care packages and writing thank-you notes to individuals who serve in our community and raising money through projects for individuals who have a current need. This year CICS is supporting a refugee family from Afghanistan and is collecting school supplies to send to students in Zambia!

Our teachers will be continuing their Tft learning and development this April, when we will be participating in a Tft site visit. We are teaming up with Newton Christian to host and collaborate with Tft leaders allowing us to reflect on our instruction and find areas where we can add to our school's implementation of Tft framework. We are excited about this opportunity!

For additional information on how Tft is incorporated into CICS instruction, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or visit www.teachingfortransformation.org



2ND QUARTER PROJECT PRESENTATIONS



MUSIC

7th and 8th Grade honor choir District V Fine Arts Festival



Our choir director with the 7th and 8th-grade girls honor choir in Newton. They all worked hard and sang beautifully!



Here are some of our group ensembles who sang and played in the Fine Arts Festival (solo and ensemble contest) in Pella. We are so proud of the time and effort that our music teachers and students put into this fun and challenging event!



FIELD TRIPS

Heritage Park
Iowa State Capitol
Des Moines Civic Center



ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

United Way: Did you know that CICS is a contribution recipient? If you donate to United Way, you can select CICS as your designated non-profit!

Amazon: Central Iowa Christian School is a registered charitable organization with the Amazon Smile program. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our school. Here's how it works

1. Go to smile.amazon.com
2. Enter "Central Iowa Christian School" as the charitable organization
3. Login with your personal amazon.com account info
4. Shop! Purchases will list as qualified or not qualified for Amazon Smile

Box Tops: All you need is your phone! No scissors necessary. Simply download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase.

Staples Ink: CICS recycles empty ink cartridges with Staples. The school earns cash for the items we recycle, and the payout amount varies by item.

Stuff Etc. Quality Consignment: 2818 Commerce Dr, Coralville, IA 52241. Bring your gently used, unwanted items to Maretta Grattan at CICS, and she will add them to our school account. As the items sell, CICS will receive the proceeds.

Casey's Cash for Classrooms: With Casey's Rewards, you can earn points on everyday Casey's purchases- in-store, online, or at the pump. Then you can turn those points into donations to your local school.

United Way Contributions: CICS is a contribution recipient, so if you donate to United Way through your workplace, you can select CICS as your designated non-profit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 25: Variety Show Fundraiser- We will be hosting a special event to raise money for an Afghan refugee family who will be coming here to Grinnell! Students will be using their God-given talents to create a fun evening filled with fellowship, food, and entertainment.

April 7: 5th and 6th Grade Honor Choir- Our advanced 5th and 6th-grade choir students will be traveling to Indianola on April 7 to rehearse and perform with other 5th and 6th graders in nearby Christian schools! The concert will be that evening.

May 5,6,&7: Tulip Time- Our 6-8th grade band will be marching in one of the parades, costumes and all! Stay tuned for more details, which will be posted on our website.

Friday, May 20: CICS Benefit Dinner- There will be music, great food, and guest speakers. Stay tuned for more details on our Facebook page and website in the coming weeks.

Library Story Time: Grades K-5 have storytime every other Wednesday, from 2:45-3:05 pm. Parents are welcome to come and read aloud their favorite storybooks to the students! Please contact the main office if you're willing to serve in this area.

SPECIAL THANKS



Before Christmas break, a new sign was installed in our entrance, graciously donated by the VanDonselaar family. They have been long-time friends of CICS and we are grateful for their continued support of our school. We were excited to have Roger stop by to see the finished product!