



I am looking forward to starting my second year as principal at CICS! The challenges of 2020 that required us to change the way we educate our students and forced us into a new building were met head-on by our wonderful staff. These challenges also provided us with wonderful opportunities for our school and families. Many doors have opened up with Grinnell Christian Church throughout the last year and space has been provided that allows our school to grow. For 2021-22, CICS will be providing a Christ-centered education to many new families and close to 50 students!

For those new to the CICS family, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My work in education began after a career change from the financial world. I enrolled in courses at Buena Vista University to obtain the certifications needed to teach in Iowa. Since then, I spent nine years at North Mahaska, serving as a business teacher and instructional coach. In 2015, I obtained an MS from Drake University in Educational Leadership. My family has called Grinnell home after moving here in 2008. My wife, Lauren, and I have two boys, Will and Luke. Our summer has been spent together camping, biking, and recently making daily runs to our backyard garden to harvest vegetables.

Principal Matt Augustin



Office Administrators

We are the jacks...or jills... of all trades! Whether supplying bandages and ice packs, ordering and serving hot lunches, assisting teachers with copies, curriculum, and supply orders, or communicating between our board and families, we are here to serve and support.



Ms. Angie

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

I am excited to serve my second year in the CICS office. I enjoy getting to know each student that comes through those doors.

My husband, Josh and I have been married for 16 years. We have two sons enrolled at CICS and a 2 ½ year old daughter. Our family loves to watch movies, play games and play music together.

Micah 6:8. What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.



Mrs. Osera

Office Hours: Tuesday, Friday

I am also returning for my second year at CICS. I love serving in a school where both the staff and students care for each other like members of a family, and I'm excited to continue!

My husband, Mike, and I have been married for 16 years and our 4 daughters attend CICS. We like to run, bike, hike, and make music together. I also enjoy gardening and photography. One of my favorite Bible verses is Esther 4:14- "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

We are excited to get another year started!! We are going to learn so much and have so much fun together!

Bible

Our theme is Rooted. We will be hearing some amazing stories, memorizing verses, journaling, praying, hearing devotions, singing songs, serving, and growing closer to God.

Math

In Math we will take you another year farther in a hands-on approach to problem solving.

Literacy

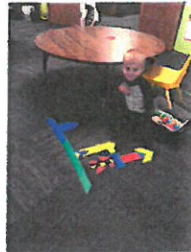
In literacy (reading, writing) you will learn how to read by learning phonics with our hands, mouths, and movement.

We will be listening to books, reading books, setting book goals, enjoying center time, and of course having book parties. You will write stories with pictures, letters, words, and sentences. We will celebrate your writings by being able to share them with each other.

Projects

Projects will be in the afternoon for the k-2 class. We will be learning about pumpkins, America, Africa, and pets. We already have exciting field trip experiences, guest speakers, and service projects planned. We can't wait to see all of you and get this year started!!

Mrs. Stahl--- teaches K-1st grade subjects. She teaches 3.5 days a week.



She has been teaching for 19 years. She is married with 3 daughters. She loves children, singing, jogging, being outside, reading, and spending time with family and friends. Her favorite Bible verse is Hebrews 13:5 God says, "I will never leave you, I will never abandon you."

Ms. Jody-- teaches K-1st grade subjects. She teaches 1.5 days a week. She has been teaching for 12 years. She is married with two daughters, a son, and now a son in law.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending her children's activities, going to Hawkeye games, traveling, exercising, and decorating. Her favorite verse is Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Our passion is to have children see that they are loved by God, have a purpose in God's story, and everybody is capable of learning and having fun at school.

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Upcoming Dates:

Open house---- email with details should be coming!

Aug. 25-- First Day of School

Sept. 6-- No school- Labor Day

2nd - 3rd Grades



Dear Families,

The summer is going by quickly and the first day of school will be here before we know it. I hope all of you have enjoyed some wonderful family time!

This year I have the privilege of beginning each day with the 3rd-5th grade Bible class. I will spend the remainder of the mornings teaching 2nd-3rd grade math, reading, and writing.

At noon, the 2nd graders will return to Mrs. Stahl/Miss Jody's class for lunch, projects, and specials. K-2 project units this year will include pumpkins, Africa, America, and pets. The 3rd graders will go to Mrs. Hammond's class for lunch, projects, and specials. 3rd-5th grade project units this year will include Edible Plants, US Regions, Ancient Rome and Mammals.

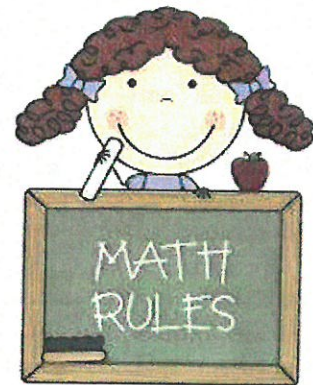
I am excited to begin another school year and partner with you in your child's education!

--- Mrs. Ellis

A little bit about me...

My husband, David, works at Grinnell College. We've lived in Grinnell for over 30 years. Our children are Molly, Ben, Britney & Jackson, Luke, Anna, and Sarah. I am excited to be a new grandma and enjoy reading, playing games, camping, kayaking, and spending time with my family.

One of my favorite Bible verses is Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."



Upcoming Dates:

August 23 - Back to School Open House: 5-6 pm

August 25 - First Day of School

September 6 - No school - Labor Day

"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."

— Billy Graham, evangelist

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Mrs. Hammond's Classes



Subjects

- 4th-5th~English/Reading
- 7th-8th~Math
- 3rd- 5th~Projects

Dates to Remember

Monday, August 23: 5-6 pm
~Back to School Night

Wednesday, August 25:
~First day of school!

Monday, September 6:
~Labor Day/No School

3rd - 5th Projects

Topics for this year:

- Edible Plants
- U. S. Regions
- Ancient Rome
- Mammals

Our Schedule

Mrs. Hammond will be teaching
4 days a week. She has been
married for 27 years and has
three children.

Mrs. Ware will be teaching
1 day a week. She is married &
has two children in college.

Deep Hope

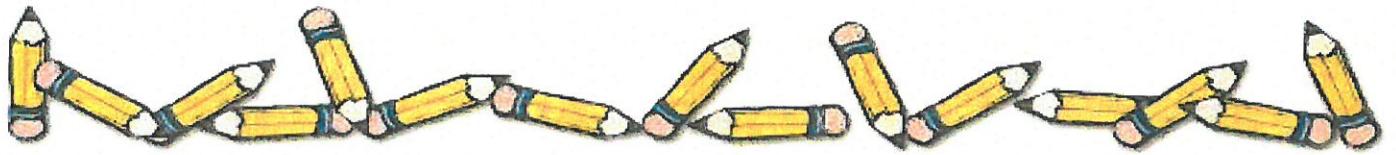
My deep hope is that we
become deeply **ROOTED**
in God's love and branch
out in thankfulness and
service.

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CICS welcomes Mrs Taylor back. She has previously taught at the school before moving out of state. She is back and ready to teach our students once again.

Mrs. Taylor will be teaching

- 6th-8th Bible
- 6th -8th ELA
- 5 & 6th Math
- 6th -8th Projects

A little bit about Mrs. Taylor

I enjoy being outdoors, taking pictures, listening to music and creating teaching resources for all grade levels.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, and this is not from yourself, it is a gift from God. Not by works so no one can boast.



Mrs. Fopma



Psalm 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

K-8 Vocal Music

Giving voice lessons

Directing band

I enjoy biking, flower and vegetable gardening, sewing, and being with family. I am married to my husband, Alvin. We have 4 children and 12 grandchildren.



Mr. Cody

Hello everyone from Mr. Cody - This year at CICS will be a new and exciting year for music. I will be getting to teach a worship class and I will be doing music lessons this year.

I have a wonderful family which consists of my wife, Kate and two kids, Elizabeth and Noah. I can't wait to see everybody.





In art we will be painting, drawing and making all sorts of creations. We'll learn about famous painters and how you can make art using God's word. I'm looking forward to a great year!

A little bit about me:

I love the Lord, I love His word and I love being creative.

My favorite verse is 1 Peter 2:24, "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes you were healed."



Hey CICS Families!

I'm new to the staff here, so I wanted to tell you a little bit about me! My name is Brittany Michels, I will be the Physical Education teacher for your kids this coming school year! I am the Youth Minister at Grinnell Christian Church, and have been in Grinnell for the last 7yrs! I have a pet rabbit named Agnes! I love hanging out with friends, playing games, doing projects, I love working with kids and teens! I grew up playing all sorts of sports; softball, flag-football, basketball, tennis, etc. Being able to teach and get to know you and your kids this year, is a super fun and great opportunity that I am very much looking forward to!



One of my favorite passages of scripture is Isaiah 40:28-31 - *"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

See you soon! :)

