

# The CICS Chronicle

July 2021

## Principal's Message

Uncertainty to a magnitude of blessings. These few words sum up our school year very well. Going back to the beginning of August 2020, CICS leadership was looking at what this past year's school environment would look like with Covid-19. Decisions were made to make our building safe for students and staff and mitigate any potential impacts from the pandemic we were attempting to navigate through. As we all know, the derecho that hit Grinnell shortly after changed our focus to where we would be able to conduct school.



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

We were all encouraged by Grinnell Christian Church and their willingness to open their doors and hearts to our students. The fit seemed like a natural one, with additional learning spaces and areas on site for us to host our specials. Regarding our Covid-19 Return to Learn Plan, GCC's site allowed us to properly distance in the classroom, along with a greater number of facilities for restrooms and handwashing.

Another blessing in disguise in 2020-21, was our fundraising committee creatively retooling and creating new fundraising opportunities for CICS. With our basketball tournaments cancelled, new fundraising campaigns were needed. Both our fall and spring campaigns were centered around service, with our families and students serving our neighbors and broader community. We look forward to continuing these campaigns in the future.

Finally, we are excited to announce that we are expecting significant growth for the upcoming school year, adding many students and families to CICS. CICS will be welcoming new students in all classrooms, from kindergarten to eighth grade. We are excited to see our CICS family grow as we head into the future!

Thank you for your support,  
Matt Augustin





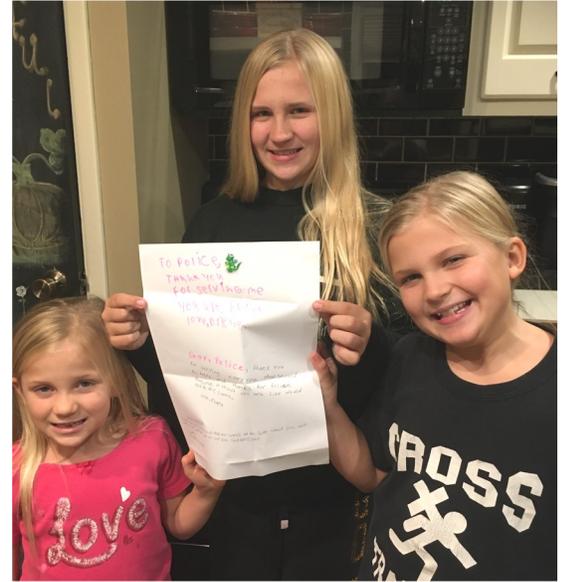
CICS is a 2021 Casey's for Cash for Classrooms grant recipient! We are so grateful to receive this grant, which allows us to purchase a new, much-needed math curriculum for our entire school!

We will be using Reveal Math for all of our grade levels, which will empower our teachers to better support the diverse academic needs of our students, helping them obtain a firm grasp of essential concepts, while meeting core math objectives.

We're really excited to implement our new curriculum this year, and we're so thankful to Casey's Cash for Classrooms grant program for making this possible!



# Service Fundraiser



# End of the Year Celebration



## CICS Class of 2021

Congratulations Ian Hammond, we'll miss you! We pray that God's abundant blessings will follow you as you begin your high school adventure!



A few of the graduating kindergarteners in our K-3 class



K-8 Praise and Worship

K-3 Praise and Worship



Middle School choir performance

K-5 sharing their deep hopes

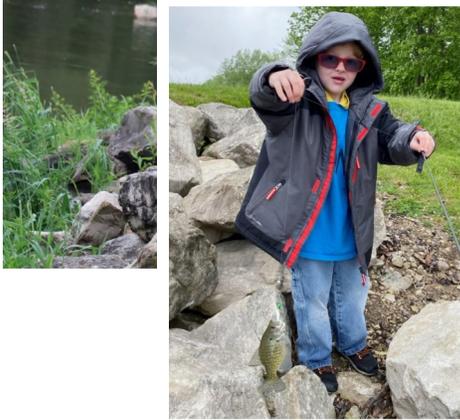


# End of Year Festivities

## Water Party



Field day at Diamond Lake,  
experiencing God's beautiful creation, enjoying yummy  
s'mores and singing praise songs around a campfire



# 4th of July Parade



# Friendship Circle

Friendship circle is our school's parent-teacher organization. The funds raised go toward school t-shirts, field trips, classroom supplies, teacher bonuses and gifts, etc. We also support the school in different activities and most importantly love and pray for our school.

It is the mission of the friendship circle to provide support, both financial and otherwise, for the teachers and students at Central Iowa Christian school. Our goal is to create and help facilitate unique opportunities that would enhance the education of our students.

## Ongoing Fundraisers

**Hy-vee Shop n' Share Vouchers:** The Grinnell Hy-vee store will donate 3% of the total of your purchases made between the 20th and 30th of each month. Pharmacy sales are included. Download and print the page of vouchers, then turn in a voucher with your purchase.

**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](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Enter "Central Iowa Christian School" as the charitable organization.
3. Login with you personal amazon.com account info.
4. Shop! Purchases will list as qualified for Amazon Smile or not.

**Box tops:** All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Twice a year, CICS will receive a check with those earnings.

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

# Looking Forward

We're excited to introduce our Bible theme for the 2021-2022 school year!



Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.

Colossians 2:7

One of each of the themes and virtues below will be woven into the context of students' daily lives and academic studies throughout each quarter:

- Order Discoverer, Respect
- Idolatry Discerner, Obedience
- Justice Seeker, Perseverance
- Earth Keeper, Forgiveness

In May, each student will choose a deep hope to focus on.

Stay tuned for announcements and events in August. We are super excited to welcome returning students and families, and many new families as well! Have a wonderful rest-of-the summer!