

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

NEWS AND NOTES

2010-2011 Spiritual Theme: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

2 Peter 3:18



SEPTEMBER THEME: Grow in Knowledge ~ Colossians 10

From Our Principal,

This week we have begun a new school year with anticipation of the next nine months to come. It is a time that we not only learn together, but for seven hours each day we also live together. It is a time when memories are made that will last a lifetime.

This summer there has been a song on the County charts entitled *The House That Built Me*. In this song the writer goes back to visit a childhood home. Passing through the house stirs many memories and he realizes that those memories have made him who he is today. I wonder what kind of song each of our children would write if it were entitled *The School That Built Me*.

There are many memories that I hope would be included. First of all I would want them to tell of memories of the wonderment for God's world and joy that came from learning. Secondly I would want them to recall pleasure in discovering how God has uniquely made them and the gifts that can be used in His service. Next I would want them to tell of the adults that they saw who modeled Godliness and discretion in speech and action. Most importantly, as one of God's children, I would want our children to recount their feelings of acceptance from teachers, peers and parents – that they were loved simply for who they were.

Whether or not our children ever write a song, they will leave our school with memories. As we begin a new school year, let's prayerfully consider how we talk and act, using the model of *Philippians 2: If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Mrs. Alice Spaanstra

Welcome New Young 5s-8th grade ACS Families! Please join us Friday September 10 as we introduce you to ACS! Chapel starts at 8:30am and then we will meet in

the library for a welcome coffee to get to know each other and to talk about ACS. If you can not attend chapel, feel free to come to the coffee at around 9am. If you are unable to attend or if you have any questions, please call Kristin Meldrim 895-2219.

Just a Bit of Information

- Sign in/out of students: All students who arrive after 8:30am or who leave before 3:30pm must be checked in and out through the school office. Middle School students may sign themselves in and out.
- Please call the school office by 9:00am if your child will be tardy or absent.
- Please remember the bus loop on Henry Street is for buses and staff only. **Only preschool parents are allowed to use the loop for drop off and pick up. Please use the main parking lot.** Also, the lane in front of school may be used only to **drop off** students. Please do not use this lane for parking or to pick up your children.
- Students who are not riding the bus after school may only exit the school building by the main entrance.
- **ACS is a peanut free campus.** Any items containing peanuts or items that *may contain traces of peanuts* are not allowed.
- Be sure to return milk forms, emergency cards, and internet permission sheets to the office no later than Thursday.
- Middle School Parent Portal sign up sheets are due Thursday.

Band Instruments Parents, if you have a used band instruments you would like to donate or sell, please contact Mrs. Van Rijs at jvanrijs@allendalechristian.com or at 616-896-6412 with the instrument, playing condition and price. Mrs. Van Rijs will pass that info on to her prospective 5th grade band students. **5th grade band open house will be held on Friday, September 10 at 3:30 pm in the band room.**



The ACS School Directory will be coming out soon. Be sure to call the school office if you have an address change or new phone number.

Calendar of Events

September

3-6 No School, Labor Day Vacation

Key Card Sale begins

9/10 Sixth Grade to Camp Henry

10 Foundation Golf Outing

10 New Family Coffee—9am, library

10 5th Grade Band Open House-3:30pm in Band Room

17 Chicken BBQ/Family Fun Night

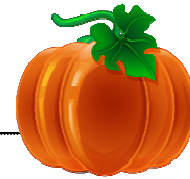
18 Steak and Clay Shoot

25 Kids' Clothes and Toy Sale

Going Home Today

- ◆ Allendale Public Bus Route
- ◆ ACSO Quarterly Newsletter
- ◆ Revive Retail Store Information
- ◆ Auction Handout

Information on the ACS Pumpkin patch coming soon!



ACSO/FUNDRAISING

Information on upcoming fundraisers is in a separate ACSO Newsletter which is being sent home today. Be sure to look for it! If you do not received a newsletter, please stop by the school office to pick one up.

Gather your 4-some and join us for the annual ACS Foundation Golf Outing at Pigeon Creek on Friday, September 10, 2010. Registration begins at 5pm and tee off is at 5:30pm. Cost is \$50.00 per golfer and includes 9 holes with a cart, pop and snacks, dinner after the outing and prize give-a-ways. If you are interested in golfing or sponsoring a hole, please call Bruce Driesenga at (616) 895-1223. Registration forms are available in the school office or on our website at www.allendalechristian.com.

Be sure to sign up for the Sixth Annual Steak and Clay Shoot on September 18 with registration beginning at 8am. We are looking for 5 man/woman teams and the cost is \$75.00 per shooter. That includes the shoot, a "grill your own" New York Strip steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, and dessert. Please call Marcel Vander Laan at 895-7723 or 901-4329 with questions or to reserve your team. Great door prizes for everyone! Also prizes for the highest score. If you can't get a team together but would still like to be involved we would love to advertise your business as a sponsor!

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Family Fun Night is coming up September 17 along with the fall Chicken BBQ. We have a new committee this year for Family Fun Night and we have some fresh games and activities for the kids to enjoy. A favorite game of the kids is the tricycle race. Our tricycles, however, are worn out. The plastic tires have NO TREAD and frankly, it's hard to race when you can't get off the finish line! We are looking for two GENTLY USED tricycles. We prefer the plastic big-wheel kind (they're lower to the ground and less likely to hurt the kids). If you have one or know of one who can donate to the school, we (and the kids) would appreciate it so much! Please call Carlene Coone at 895-1188. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you Friday, September 17 at the Family Fun Night!