



# Larry Everhart Retires After Years of “Sparking” an Interest in Students for Learning and a Love for the Lord.

Mr. Everhart is the reason I am studying mechanical engineering today in my senior year at Cedarville University, but more importantly he is a big reason why I am pursuing the Lord and his will for my life. Mr. Everhart, affection-



*Mr. Everhart working with Middle School Technology students*

ately called Mr. E, embodies the biblical qualities of humility, patience, and steadfastness. He displays humility in conversations we have where he is the first to confess failure in a specific area where he desires sanctification. As a young middle school and high school student, seeing such humility was powerful because the world was teaching quite a different lesson of belittling others for personal gain as the measure of a man. His patience was obvious because he was teaching energetic and scatter-

brained students like Cody Zook ('17) and I while there was a distracting ping-pong table nearby. His steadfastness towards the Lord is evident in how quickly conversations navigate from topics in the material realm to ones with an eternal weight. He serves as an example in my life of a man who, “forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, presses on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called him heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13b-14).



*Mr. Everhart 's love of music was well known. He could often be seen in the instrumental section of school programs or in a lip-sync battle (picture to the right.).*

One of my favorite memories with Mr. E are the trips to TSA States. Those events were full of some challenging competitions, good conversations, hikes up the ski slope to our

condo, and plenty of food. If there was ever a question of where Mr. E was on one of those trips, the best bet was the buffet line. Another memory was one day Cody and I were feeling a little extra mischievous, so we decided to tie small wires around all the free outlet plugs in Mr. E's classroom. I then asked for Mr. E's help on a project that required said plugs and proceeded to die laughing as big sparks flew when he plugged things in. Mr. E was not quite as amused at our prank as we thought he might be. These fond memories and the legacy Mr. E leaves will forever impact my life, and I look forward to the next time we can grab breakfast together (as long as bacon is included).

*Written by Tyler Brenner ('17)*



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## Mission

- Educating the whole student—body, mind and spirit—for God.

## Vision

- Conestoga Christian School, in harmony with the home and church, provides a quality educational program for preschool to 12th grade students in an environment which develops critical thinking, nurtures Christ-like character, and equips students for a life of discipleship and service.

## Elementary Families Bring Cheer to Zerbe Retirement Community

Elementary Jr. Cougars and their families had the opportunity to share the love and joy of Jesus in a car parade at Zerbe Retirement Community on June 4. Cars were decorated, words of hope were written on windows, and the sweet faces of Jr. Cougars were inside or sticking out of windows and sun-roofs. They all waved, cheered, and honked as we drove! The smiling faces



of many of the workers and residents were seen as they came to their windows to watch the parade. What a joy it was to share the love of Jesus! This parade not only brought smiles to those inside who were feeling lonely, but also

to the students, families, and the elementary team inside the 25 cars that participated! What a fun time to share the love and hope of Jesus! Thank you to all the families who came out to bring smiles to many people that day.



Elementary Family Car Parade at Zerbe Retirement Community

## Drive Fore Education—September 29 at Honeybrook Golf Club

Conestoga Christian School's Drive Fore Education is in the works, and the date is set for September 29 at Honeybrook Golf Club. This event was rescheduled from the spring. Here is a brief overview of the event.

7:30 - 9 am Event Registration & Coffee

9 - 1 pm Golf & Contests

1 - 2 pm Lunch & Raffle

Cost: \$90/golfer and \$360/team

Register now and pay by cash/check/credit on the day of the event

Register [HERE](#) or at <https://tinyurl.com/CCSGolf2020>.

The fun will include an Advantage bag for each team, challenging contests, and prizes. The Advantage bag will include 8 raffle tickets, 8 mulligans, and 1 putting string. You will have the option to purchase additional raffle tickets when you register. Tickets will cost \$10 for 3 tickets or \$20 for 8 tickets.

Want to test your golfing skill? You will

enjoy our Putting, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin contests. Feel free to enjoy the Putting contest as many times as you like; \$10 will get you 3 putts to earn as many points as possible. Our 3 top point earners will face off at the end of the day for a prize. And if all that wasn't enough, you will enjoy a free golf cart, driving range, warm-up on the putting green, and lunch.

Please contact Ken Parris at [ken.parris@conestogachristian.net](mailto:ken.parris@conestogachristian.net) if you have any questions.

## Congratulations Class of 2020! Car Parade and a Night under the Stars

All over the United States students in the Class of 2020 experienced a much different graduating year than they had been expecting. While this was also true for the CCS Class of 2020, the school made sure the class was recognized and had a memorable graduation.



To start, the faculty and staff planned a car parade on Sat-

urday, April 25, and visited each senior at home to drop off a sign and balloon (see picture) to celebrate the upcoming graduation and to connect with students after a month of online learning. It is not clear who enjoyed this day more – the students and their families, the staff, or the neighbors who watched and cheered from their yards as well.

Next up – GRADUATION! The event was delayed until July 17 and ultimately held on the 18<sup>th</sup> due to a rain postponement so an in-person, outdoor event could be held. It was the first outdoor graduation in many years, and the evening was a beautiful night to

celebrate the students and accomplishments of the Class of 2020. Graduation was held on the soccer field under the lights with alumnus and part-time Bible teacher, Cory Murphy ('07), as the speaker for the evening.

Congratulations, Class of 2020, as you leave CCS and "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15



Administration and faculty planned a car parade and visited every senior with this fun sign to celebrate accomplishments.

# BBQ and Benefit Auction

## The show will go on—with a few changes!

The BBQ and Auction have been a part of CCS for 47 years. While things will look a little different because of the coronavirus precautions that need to be taken, these events will still be important parts of school life this year. The BBQ and Benefit Auction will be held on October 16-17. An online auction will run from October 15-29.

The BBQ will be a take-out event only. Full dinner and half chicken tickets can be purchased on the school website at [www.conestogachristian.net/auction2020](http://www.conestogachristian.net/auction2020). Dinners may be picked up from the front parking lot of the school from 11 am to 7 pm on Friday, October 16. Trays of apple dumplings may be pre-purchased and

picked up on Wednesday at the school kitchen or purchased Friday in the drive-thru line. The gift certificate store will also be open on Friday and will be located in the front parking lot area.

The auction on Saturday will see the biggest change, but a live auction is still being planned. The auction will take place outside under a tent behind the elementary school from 9-11 am. Coffee, doughnuts, and apple dumplings will be available. The live auction will feature a selection of favorite items, experiences, and a few quilts. Class baskets will be auctioned as well, starting at 9:30.

For the last few years, CCS has featured a

small online auction which will make for a smooth transition for the bulk of the auction items this year. The online auction will run from October 15 at 8 am until October 29 at noon. The online auction can be viewed at [www.biddingforgood.com/conestogachristian](http://www.biddingforgood.com/conestogachristian). Items will be available to pick up at the school from November 3-23, or some items may be shipped for an additional cost.

Please join us and support CCS staff and students.



Scan the QR Code for the online auction.

## How Is Conestoga Christian School Doing during the Covid Pandemic?

Governor Tom Wolf closed schools in PA on March 13, 2020, because of COVID-19. Conestoga Christian School (CCS) praises God in how He prepared us for that shut-down. God prepared CCS for the COVID shut-down by allowing us to focus on our technology needs for the six years prior to this event.

The Board of Trustees, Education Committee, administration, and teachers identified technology integration as a weakness as well as an opportunity for growth in its accreditation process with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) in 2013. CCS is accredited through ACSI, and through the accreditation process our school is challenged to think long-term in every aspect of education. By no coincidence did we choose technology integration as our focus in 2013. Focusing on technology integration allowed

CCS to transition smoothly from in-class learning to distance learning.

On Saturday, March 14, 2020, I called for a two-week break from the classroom. The first week was our "Spring Break" – but no one was allowed to travel anywhere. The second week was designed for teacher training, planning, and communication strategies. To be honest, our planning and communication strategies began on Friday night, March 13. The focus of all our efforts was summed up in the three words we kept at the forefront of our discussions: community, care, and communication. Once again, all I can say is . . . praise God for preparing us and leading us through the COVID shut-down. Our teachers were creative in their distance-learning plans, our parents were supportive in our dis-

tance-learning efforts, and our community found comfort in trying to keep our students engaged and learning.

Fast forward to August 31, 2020. CCS opened its doors and classrooms after many weeks of planning during the summer. CCS welcomed 31 new families and 57 new students on August 31. The elementary building has seen the greatest growth as they have welcomed 44 new students. The growth in the elementary created the need for our school to offer two kindergarten classes . . . say it with me – praise God!! While school looks a little different this year, we know that God is going to do something special here at CCS.

*Written By Ken Parris*

## Middle School Student Council Supports the Twin Valley Food Bank

In the midst of a pandemic and a time when many were hit hard financially, the Middle School Student Council rose to the occasion and found a way to support our community. Via Zoom, Lauren Turner (teacher and STUCO advisor) met with her team to discuss ways they could help out, locally. The idea of a t-shirt sale came to mind. The thought behind this fundraiser was not only to raise money

for Twin Valley Food Pantry but to also support a local t-shirt making business. The design was created by one of our STUCO members, Bailey Watkins, and was sold to our CCS community. MS STUCO was able to raise over \$300 to donate to the food pantry to help support families in need.

*Written by Lauren Turner*



*Together we CAN rise*



# Alumni Spotlight - Hannah (Kurtz) Sletta ('08)

## The Importance of a Biblical World View as Taught at CCS.

*Adapted from the Founders Event 2020*

My name is Hannah Sletta. I attended Conestoga Christian in middle school and high school and graduated in 2008. Today I want to talk a little bit about how having a Christian education has really impacted my career and life into my adulthood.

Today I work as a registered nurse at Chester County Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. There are a few ways that having a Christian education have uniquely impacted my career. In addition to growing up in a Christian home and attending a Bible-believing church, there are a few ways that Conestoga played a tremendous role in the way that I carry out my career and my work in taking care of the tiniest of babies in the NICU and working with their parents and families.

I think one of the most fundamental values and truths that was taught to me at Conestoga that has really carried into my career is loving one another as Christ has loved us and putting others ahead of ourselves and before ourselves. In my job I am taking care of others on a daily basis, which requires a great deal of compassion. It requires me to think about my patients and their families, especially their parents who are very much involved in the care. I think that Conestoga, by incorporating service projects and service learning into all subjects and extracurricular activities, really prepared me. Although it is not always easy to be thinking of others, it's one way that I have felt a little more prepared for my job and for the career that I have.

Another way that having a Christian education from Conestoga has impacted my career is the leadership opportunities that I had when I was attending Conestoga, which is a small private Christian school. Service leadership is taught at Conestoga Christian, and I had the opportunity to be on Student Council and have other leadership

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opportunities in playing sports and participating in other extracurricular activities. The idea of serving those around you while you were leading, thinking of what was best for them, and having that in mind instead of just thinking about yourself has transferred so much into my job where there are leadership opportunities day in and day out. It has helped me so much to be thinking about those around me and having their best in mind and not just simply what I would like and what would please me.

And finally, perhaps the most important and definitely unique concept and truth that was taught at Conestoga in Bible class and science class is creation and that God created everyone and everything and that life begins at conception. In my job I am taking care of ba-

bies that were born at 23 and 24 weeks gestation — an age that many would consider not human but just simply a bundle of cells. But I can see in my job that because many of those babies go on to live wonderful and healthy lives, that is not the case. They very much are human and because of what the Bible says in Psalm 139, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb..... your eyes saw my 'unborn' body," we know that God created us and we were very much human from the time of conception. Because of that, it gives me a passion for taking care of these little ones, knowing that their lives matter and that they very much can live wonderful lives. This was instilled in me at Conestoga and in many of the classes that I took there.

These are just a few of the ways that the Christian education at Conestoga has really impacted my career, and I am grateful for that.



*Hannah, her husband John, and their boys Jonah, Finn, and Jack.*

The Founders Event in its entirety, including the keynote speaker, Dr. Teague, President Emeritus of Lancaster Bible College, can be viewed on YouTube and is titled Founders Event 2020 or click [HERE](#)

## We're on the Web!

### ALUMNI FACEBOOK CCS Alumni



### ALUMNI INSTAGRAM



Check out the Alumni section of the  
school website

[www.conestogachristian.net/alumni](http://www.conestogachristian.net/alumni)

## Upcoming Events

- **School Starts**—August 31
- **BBQ and Auction**—October 16 & 17  
The BBQ is a drive-thru event.  
Saturday auction from 9:00-11:00 outside under the tent  
Online auction from October 15-29  
[www.biddingforgood.com/conestogachristian](http://www.biddingforgood.com/conestogachristian)
- **Cougar Classic**—December 6-7
- **Christmas Program**—December 17—Check the school website closer to the event for details. It will most likely be a streamed event. Watch the school website for information closer to the event.
- **Fall and Winter Athletics**—The schedule can be found at [www.conestogachristian.net/athletics](http://www.conestogachristian.net/athletics). Events will be streamed, but in-person spectators will be limited due to covid restrictions. Home events can be found seen at [nfhsnetwork.com](http://nfhsnetwork.com) live or on demand for a small subscription fee.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE  
WEBSITE AT

[WWW.CONESTOGACHRISTIAN.NET](http://WWW.CONESTOGACHRISTIAN.NET)

SCHOOL FACEBOOK

[www.facebook.com/conestogachristianschool/](http://www.facebook.com/conestogachristianschool/)

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ATHLETICS INSTAGRAM

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## Alumni News & More!

Todd and **Janna (Weiler) Hertzler** ('12) welcomed daughter Clara Anne on February 29, 2020

**Jesse Zook** ('16) and **Maddie Pacana** ('17) married in May 2020.

**Dylan Patton** ('17) and **Joanna Turley** ('18) recently were engaged and are planning a summer 2021 wedding.

**Mattison Endy** ('17) married **Mason Patterson** in August 2020.

**Savannah Brubacher** ('18) married **Collin Musser** on March 22, 2020. After 8 1/2 months of planning for an April wedding, they quickly moved it up due to the increasing Covid restrictions and shut downs.

**Emma Stever** ('19) was engaged to **Luke Hahn** this month.

**Ellie Martin** ('19) was engaged this summer to **Tanner Mellinger**.



*CCS elementary teachers and staff sending an encouraging message to students during the unusual spring trimester.*

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**FRIDAY**  
**Oct. 16**  
**11am-7pm**

**CHICKEN BBQ**

*47th Annual*



*Benefit*  
**AUCTION**

*Saturday*

— **Oct. 17 starts at 9:00am**

**THEMED BASKETS**  
**QUILTS • GETAWAYS**  
**APPLE DUMPLINGS**

**ONLINE** | **Oct. 15-29**  
**AUCTION**

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