



Melissa Horning— Following a new path after 33 years of sharing the gospel with students at CCS

If you have stepped foot in Mrs. Melissa Horning’s classroom over the past 33 years, then you have lovingly been invited to “taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8). You have probably been asked some of the most difficult and important questions you have ever faced. And you have been, and likely continue to be, covered in fervent and compassionate prayer.

“Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, it should be as one who speaks God’s words; if anyone serves, it should be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To Him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 4:10-11)



Mrs. Horning with her family on a trip to Salzburg, Austria in 2004

She would humbly protest, but I believe this passage describes our dear Mrs. Horning to a tee. Her class-



room is a place where the truth is carefully discerned through the lens of God’s infallible Word. Studying the Bible takes effort and diligence, but Mrs. Horning understands that the worthwhile reward for those who are in Christ is a reverence for God’s holiness and stirred-up affections for His Son.

I have been challenged and encouraged by the depth of Mrs. Horning’s care for the eternal souls of her students and colleagues. I

have witnessed her expressions of grief over the wandering, hope for the searching, and joy over the children who are walking in truth.

Personally, I am incredibly blessed to know Mrs. Horning (or “Mrs. Morning,” as my 2-year-old daughter lovingly calls her) as a friend and mentor. I have grown closer to my Savior and clearer in His purposes for me as I have spent more and more time in her company. In every conversation, she spurs me on to love and good works with passion and fulfills the role of my Titus 2 older woman with grace.

Mrs. Horning will be deeply



missed as she moves on from years of faithful ministry at Conestoga Christian. May we all uphold her in prayer as she steps out in faith and obedience to God’s direction. Soli Deo Gloria!

Hannah Stone

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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.

A Drive Fore Education— A gift of delayed rain and tremendous turnout.

On Monday, May 16, 2022 CCS held its 12th annual golf outing “A Drive Fore Education”. Seventy two golfers gathered together at Foxchase Golf Club on a morning where thunder storms were in the forecast. If this outing was going to happen, it would only happen because God held back the rains, and He did! It was not until the 18th hole that the rains came down and the thunder and lightning began, but with the skies looking like they did, the golfers had already made their way to the pavilion where lunch was being served –

hardly anyone had any rain fall on them . . . everyone praised God for a great morning.

One amazing aspect of the outing on May 16 was God holding back the weather until we were done; another one was the number of golfers who actually was inter-



ested in playing. As stated above we had 72 golfers play, but we had another 16 golfers we could not accommodate. Yes, CCS had to turn away 16 golfers that May morning. The reason we had to turn away 16 golfers was because the golf course had another outing that same day, another group of 68 golfers was going out

at the same time. As I planned the outing months prior I thought it was not going to be an issue, CCS always had just about 68 golfers each year – that was our norm. I thought allowing for 72 was going to be perfect. The week leading up to the outing brought the interest of an additional 16 golfers . . . what a blessing, but what heartache. With our growing school we are seeing more and more families and businesses support CCS in so many ways, the golf outing is just one of them.

Our *Drive Fore Education* raised over \$7,000 for our school and each golfer had a great day. This May our school is booking the entire golf course for ourselves and praying for 100 golfers!! Between our current families, alumni, and business partners I believe God can make that happen.

Ken Parris

Growing Enrollment—A BIG start to a new year

CCS began the 2022-23 school year with 381 students – PRAISE GOD!! The administration began planning for this wonderful blessing back in May as the number of tours and applications had been pouring into our admission’s department. The question kept coming up, “Where are we going to put all these students?” One thing is for sure, the men and women that work at CCS are resourceful. Classrooms were moved and created so that our school could house 381 students and 33 classrooms. In addition to these classrooms we need offices for counseling, administrators, staff child care, and support services . . . the task was big but our God is bigger. Every inch of facility space is being used on the CCS campus and our students and staff are doing GREAT!!

This year CCS has a completely full pre-school and two classes at every elementary level with the exceptions of 3rd and 4th grades – but those classes are full and have a waiting list. At the middle level CCS now



Students fill the campus as the 2022-2023 school year begins.

has two 7th grade classes and comfortable classes at the 6th and 8th grade level.

The high school has a graduating class of 24. God’s blessings are obvious as you walk the halls of our school. However, without moving forward in our building campaign where will our students go? There is no more physical space on campus and if we keep growing from the elementary up, we will not be able to add that second 3rd or 4th grade class. Please pray that God will provide us the funds necessary to complete our *Growing In Faith Together* building campaign which will add 4 new classrooms and renovate our gymnasium. You can visit our *Growing In Faith Together* page by going to our building campaign website: www.conestogachristian.net/capital-campaign. Through prayer and seeking God’s wisdom CCS will build on to our existing campus and continue to partner with parents in the education of their students.

Ken Parris

Middle School—Life, Safety, and Survival Skills Club

Last Spring the 7th-8th Grade students had the opportunity to choose and elective called Life, Safety, and Survival Skills. The class was led by Middle School teacher Kevin Focht.



Emergency shelter made by one of the Middle School teams.

They learned many new and useful skills and then had the opportunity to try them out. One of the lessons included building an emergency shelter. They then went on a field trip to the woods of Victory Baptist Church to put their skills to the test. Divided into teams, the students had to select from a variety of items to use on their shelter. They then had to make one of the three types of emergency shelters they learned about (lean-to, debris hut, or a-frame). After embracing the initial discomfort of the bugs, humidity, and heat, the students had a great time working together.

They also learned how to make a Swiss seat harness and tie various knots such as the bowline, wireman's, double half hitch, and square knots. The students then got to

put their skills to the test in a "one rope bridge" team building exercise.

Unity is a core value at CCS, and it was good to see the students work together as a team to accomplish the mission!

Article revised from Cougar Newsletter



Students made and practiced using a Swiss seat harness.

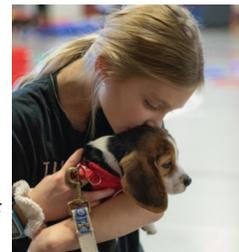
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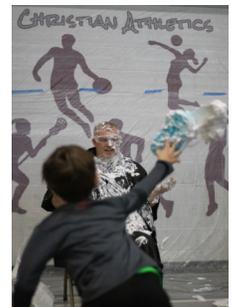
A new event that CCS began hosting is a Winter Wonderland Carnival for our Elementary students, their families, and friends. The event has been held during the chilly winter

months, on a Saturday morning, offering a fun-filled time for our younger students. Activities have included a bounce house, cake walk, games, food, and this past year a puppy kissing booth. February 4, 2023 will be our Fourth Annual Carnival.

Deborah Kurtz



A puppy kissing booth was a favorite at the carnival this



Auction and Alumni Event

The Alumni Office will be having a Homecoming Event on Friday, October 14th. There will be a tent set up for alumni to register for a chance to win door prizes, and to just hang out and reminisce on their days here at CCS. We will be spotlighting the classes of 1992/2002/2012/2022.

The event will start at 6pm and refreshments will be provided. A home varsity soccer game is scheduled at 7pm that night so come and cheer on the soccer team.

If you are interested in purchasing Chicken Barbeque, tickets are available online. The link to tickets and other auction information for the weekend can be found at www.conestogachristian.net/auction-2022.

If you are planning on attending please RSVP to jack.greenly@conestogachristian.net. Additional information for the event will be shared via the [CCS Alumni Facebook](#) page/group.

Jack Greenly

CHICKEN BBQ & AUCTION
Chicken BBQ FRI. OCT. 14 2022
Benefit AUCTION Oct. 15 starts at 9:00am
CHICKEN BBQ 45th Annual
THEMED BASKETS QUILTS • GETAWAYS APPLE DUMPLINGS
CONESTOGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2760 Main Street Morgantown, PA
ONLINE AUCTION Oct. 13-25
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school website

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Upcoming Events

- **BBQ and Auction** — October 14-15 www.conestogachristian.net/auction-2022
- **BBQ Tickets** — www.conestogachristian.net/online-store
- **Online Auction** — October 13-25 www.tinyurl.com/ccsonline2022
- **Fall Drama— *Get Your Act Together*** — November 10-11
- **Cougar Classic** — December 9-10.
- **Christmas Concert**—December 15
- **Fall and Winter Athletics**—The schedule and information can be found at www.conestogachristian.net/athletics

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Do You Remember? DASH-FOR-TRASH

Before there was Race for Education did you know that CCS had another fundraising event? Do you remember what it was or did you help in the Dash-For-Trash?

This annual spring event would combine student and volunteer labor with the need to clean up highway litter. The school was able to also benefit from monetary gifts from businesses and residents who were willing to pay young people to clean up the area. CCS students would put on orange safety vests and head out to fill bags



with trash from Tri County Roadways. This event started as a result of the Earth Day movement in the 1970's and was started in conjunction with PennDOT who donated trash bags for the project.

A news clipping from May 30, 1989 says that that year the students picked up about 500 bags of trash and made more than \$8,000 to help with operating expenses of the school.

Information compiled by Heather Schreier

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