



# Christian Heritage School

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Dear CHS Family:

In studying the Old Testament book that bears his name over the past few months, I have been impacted greatly by the prophet Nehemiah's stubborn refusal to give up on the task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Although faced with difficulty and much opposition, he believed passionately that a "whole and healthy Jerusalem" where the people of God could come together and "be his people once again" was ultimately for the great glory of God amongst the nations. His was a stubborn and holy refusal to allow opposition to outpace his heart's God-given mission of seeing the walls fortified and made strong. And so, Nehemiah went to his knees in prayer:

*"Oh Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands. Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel..."*

There is no better posture for us to begin our year together, in our partnership between home and school, than in a humble one of dependence asking our Mighty God to inform and empower our task of building a new school year for the glory of His name. Like Nehemiah's passion for Israel, we believe that a whole and healthy CHS is truly for the glory of God in this area and beyond, and CHS is never healthier than when it, as a community, acknowledges its dependence on the provision and supply of God. **Please make it a priority to join the entire CHS family of students, parents, faculty and Board of Directors on Thursday night, September 2 from 5:30-7:45 pm** as we gather to fellowship with one another over a picnic meal here on campus and then worship and pray together for the many needs of our upcoming year.

Please see the following page for logistical details concerning the night of September 2. Although you received a flyer for this event in our electronic summer mailing, some more specific details of the night are included here. We look forward to our night together! **Please RSVP your family's attendance (number attending) as early as possible to Susan Meyer at [smeyer@kingsmen.org](mailto:smeyer@kingsmen.org) or 203-261-6230 ext. 595.** As always, if you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Shawn T. Haggerty  
Chaplain / Director of Student Ministries

## 2010-2011 CHS Picnic and Dedication Service (Information)

### All School Family Picnic – 5:30-7:00 pm

- Picnic will begin at 5:30. A cookout buffet will be served from 5:30-7:00.
- **Grilled meats, drinks, and chips will be provided.**  
Important!!! Each family in attendance will be asked to bring **either** a salad (pasta salad, fruit salad, or green salad) or a “finger dessert” **in a disposable dish**. Please use the first letter of your family’s last name, as designated below, to determine which of the two you will be asked to bring.

- \* Last names beginning with A-L -- Pasta, fruit, or green salad
- \* Last names beginning with M-Z -- Finger dessert (brownies, cookies, cupcakes, etc.)

*\*As always, we thank you for respecting the needs of children with allergies by not bringing any items with nuts to the picnic.*

- **You do not need to bring these items to school in advance of September 2.** Please bring these items to the picnic itself shortly before 5:30. Should we need to avail ourselves of our **rain date of September 3**, the same will apply for this date. -- If for some reason you cannot get to the picnic until later, or you cannot be in attendance at all, but would still like to help by providing the items above, you may send them in with your child the morning of September 2 and deliver them to the Office of Student Ministries.

### Parking

- As much of our parking lot will be used for this event (both picnic and dedication service at Pulpit Rock), we will need to utilize auxiliary parking. We will have a lane coned off in our driveway/ circle for you to drop off family members which we encourage you to take advantage of. We will then need you to park your car at either Calvary Church or the commuter parking lot -- both just one block north from the school on White Plains Road. -- **We will have shuttles running from Calvary Church and the commuter lot for the entire evening as well as a police officer stationed in front of the school on White Plains Road if you would like to utilize the two side roads directly across the street from the school for parking.**

### Dedication/Prayer and Worship Service – 7:00-7:45 pm

- As a reminder, the dedication service portion of the evening will take place from 7:00-7:45 pm. **Childcare will be provided in the school building for pre-school age children if your family would like to take advantage of this option.**

As a final point of detail, although we will be setting up as many tables and chairs as possible for both the picnic and dedication service times, we strongly encourage you and your family to bring lawn chairs and/or beach blankets to use for either portion of the evening.

*\* To determine if we will need to postpone the event until our rain date of September 3 due to inclement weather, please visit the school’s website at [www.kingsmen.org](http://www.kingsmen.org) or look for a message from our ALERTNOW notification system..*