



Faith. Excellence. Discipline. Wisdom.

Dear Parents,

As many of you know, Cornerstone Christian Schools (CCS) has invested a great deal in order to ensure our children receive a top-tier, Christ-centered education. As components of this effort, we've enhanced our school campus with state-of-the-art technology for education, fine-arts, and athletic facilities.

CCS' purpose is to develop the whole person spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially with unprecedented excellence.

Our academic and fine-arts staff includes some of the finest individuals the nation has to offer. The athletics department has some of the most sought-after leaders including:

- » Athletic Director, Raymond Philyaw (former AFL quarterback)
- » Head Football Coach, Abram Booty (former all-SEC wide receiver)
- » Head Baseball Coach, Jason Stein (former MLB Assistant Coach)
- » Head Girls Basketball Coach, Sophia Young-Malcolm (Former WNBA player)
- » Head Volleyball Coach, Mike Carter (5A 6A Volleyball coach of the year)
- » Head Softball Coach, Lorie Coleman (2018 NCCAA West Region Softball Coach of the Year)
- » And many other talented coaches add to our already exceptional athletic staff.

It is because of our exceptional facilities, academic excellence, and teaching and coaching staff that our student body has grown over 30% since last year. This is just the beginning and we anticipate more is on the horizon.

Unfortunately, some in the larger San Antonio community do not welcome our growth. Rather, they have chosen to spread rumors and make baseless allegations against CCS. Sadly, despite our being in good standing with the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), some have elected to use these allegations as an excuse to avoid competing with us. Our students are our first priority, and we cannot and will not allow this turn of events to diminish their opportunities.

We believe that "what was meant for evil, God will use for good," and we are presently witnessing the truth of that statement.

CCS has requested TAPPS allow our school to exit the conference for the purposes of athletics, but enable students engaged in academic and fine arts to remain.

We are hoping for a mutual resolution with TAPPS concerning academic competition. While we await their decision, we must ensure our children have the best options available. We have already begun scheduling non-conference games, and our efforts have been met with more success than we could have ever hoped. In recent days we have already scheduled strong, independent games including: Bishop Dunne (2014 6A TAPPS State Football Champions), All Saints (2017 2A TAPPS Football Champions), and more to follow. Our overtures to non-conference schools have been met with grace, warmth, and kindness.

We have been blessed with great reason to be optimistic that our independent athletic schedule will continue to expand, enabling our student-athletes to receive coaching and instruction during off-season, compete with their peers, and grow both academically, athletically, and spiritually.

If you have any inquiries about your child's participation in their sport, please contact Morgan Facchini by email at Morgan.Facchini@sa-ccs.org or call 210-979-9203.

Blessings to you and those you love,

Dr. Jerry Eshleman
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