



SCHOOL NEWS
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016



All Nations
Christian Academy

10th Anniversary Back-to-School Picnic and Jazz Fest

We are very thankful to all the parents, staff, and the community members who participated in the 10th Anniversary event on Saturday. It was a very festive occasion. About 80 people were in attendance including children. We are also thankful that the donations covered most of the cost of the event.

Parent Night – September 20 5:30 PM– 7:30 PM

The mission of the Parent Night is two-fold 1) to build community 2) to encourage and equip our parents with valuable skills that will enable them to support their children's education. By signing the parent contract, parents have made a pledge to attend the Parent Nights faithfully. Our students (and their siblings) are welcome to also attend. The night ends with a potluck supper. Our students love Parent Night as much as (or even more than) the parents! It's a very festive night. Please check the school calendar for specific dates. If you have other commitments on the designated nights (usually the third Tuesday of the month), we hope that you will do your best to rearrange your schedule to enable you to attend. You (and your child) will be very glad you did!

Student Binder – the student binder contains worksheets and other tools that students need to use in school on a regular basis. The documents in the rings of the binder are expected to stay in the binder. The left pocket of the binder contains parent correspondence.

Student Folder - The folder contains completed assignments that need to stay home.

Both binder and folder go home and back to school every day.

A Word About Lunch - Children need to bring utensils, a napkin, a water bottle, and an ice pack in their lunch box every day. We refrigerate yogurt and milk snacks.

Gym Days – This year gym will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children are permitted to wear sweat pants on gym days *only*. Acceptable colors of sweat pants are black, burgundy, and navy blue.

Footwear – Children should wear shoes with rubber soles every day. This is a safety issue.

Homework Policy – This year we will only assign homework as needed. For example, if a child has missed a day of school we will send the work home that he missed. Or if a child is struggling with a concept, we might ask the parent to help. Otherwise, we believe that homework provides little benefit and can be a great source of stress for the family.

New Teachers – We are happy to introduce our new teachers: Pam Porterfield, Angela Donoso, and Le'Nise Gause. Ms. Pam and Ms. Angela are part-time teachers who work from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Ms. Pam teaches one component of the reading and writing curriculum to all the students in Mrs. Little's class (2nd – 4th). Ms. Angela teaches a component of the math and language arts curriculum to Mrs. Jackson's students. (K – 2nd). Ms. Le'Nise is a volunteer intern who helps out in Ms. Jackson's class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Ms. Le'Nise will be with us through December. Welcome to All Nations!

Combined Classes – This year we have 12 students in K – 2nd (Ms. Jackson/Ms Angela's class) and 12 students in 2nd – 4th (Mrs. Little's and Ms. Pam's class). In the morning (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM the students are taught the core subjects in small groups (5 – 7 students to one teacher). After lunch the students have social studies and science in the group of 12 students. From 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Ms. Tara does a read aloud and practices fine motor skills with the kindergarteners so that Ms. Jackson can teach writing and phonics to the first/second graders in the group of seven students.