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SHARE YOUR JOURNEY!

We find ourselves in a very unique situation that our children will probably have memories of for the rest of their lives. It is evident that God is at work in this event and in the life of CPRS. We received some excellent emails from our school administrator and our school board president this week. I love the idea of sharing our testimonies of God's goodness as we make our way through this trial.

As CPRS yearbook coordinator, I would love to encourage you to document your journey through this time with photos of life right now and your testimonies of God's provision. For example, I have a freshman in college and a freshman at CPRS. Our dining room has become the new "Smith Freshmen Center". I have taken pictures of that. As I write this, Mia is having her science class in a video chat

group with Mrs. Negaard. My brother, in Oak Grove, sent me pictures of his garage converted into a roller-blading playground for my nephews who are studying at home now too through their school's remote education. We are all adjusting, and this is part of our student's education this year. It's especially unique for our Seniors. The deadlines for the elementary and middle school yearbooks have already come and gone, but I still very much want to create a fun and creative yearbook for our high schoolers that includes this memorable event in their lives.

Share your stories and pictures with others of the "current CPRS educational life" going on right now. God will provide different blessings for each of our families during this time and it would be wonderful to share these with each other

and include them in a yearbook that some of our kids will have through their adult years.

May we continue to look for God's goodness and listen for His voice in this storm.

Mindy Smith,
 CPRS Office Volunteer
 & Yearbook Coordinator

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As we go through this together, I am sure there will be many testimonies that will come from it. Please feel free to share them with us at CPRSgoldeneagles@yahoo.com. We can then pass them along so each of us may be strengthened.

May the Lord bless and protect each family.

Dan L. Schoenemann
 CPRS School Administrator

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic affecting our communities, and the uncertainty and turmoil caused by the school closures and the 'stay at home' executive order, I wanted to include several letters, and testimonies from myself, and others in this newsletter in an effort to uplift and share out blessings through this trial.

Last night I received an email from one of our teachers. She reflected on the events of Tuesday and, after talking about the teamwork, she ended with, "I truly feel like we had a tiny glimpse of what Zion will be like these past few days." The email caused me to reflect on several thoughts that I would like to share.

The Lord has been preparing us for this the past few years. Because of His blessings, we have been able to increase our use of technology which has made "remote education" possible. Starting with ClassDojo, then implementing our in-house grade book program which led to Gradelink, IXL, Google Classroom, Google Meeting, the purchase of Chromebooks and online curriculum. Many teachers

and staff played an important role in implementing each of these programs. The Lord put the people in place to do this and blessed the school financially to be able to accomplish it.

I feel humbled and blessed to be able to work with the faculty, staff and volunteers that are so dedicated and sacrifice so freely for the students. On Monday morning, the plan was to give teachers until Thursday to prepare for the "pickup" day. The teachers decided at that meeting that they did not want to lose that much educational time. Even though they had been thinking about how to deliver their lessons for about two weeks, this was a HUGE undertaking and they worked together to accomplish it. They put revised lesson plans together, contacted parents and made certain students knew how to proceed with their work.

The parent response has been tremendous. They have teamed with the teachers in expressing determination to make this work. They responded positively, all student materials were picked up in

a timely manner and the attitude of hope, not fear, was evident throughout the day. Every generation has a national defining moment, this could be it for our students.

When I was in high school, one of my teachers once said, "It is not a problem, it is an opportunity." David saw Goliath as an opportunity to show the power of God through his faith. We have the opportunity to show how God can work through faithful people. These times will be challenging for our CPRS families. We must support and help each other. We do this by communicating daily with each other, focusing on our students and praying for each other within our families. Spend time each day doing this, perhaps just before the students start to do their schoolwork, in the evenings or whenever the family can gather together. If the CPRS family remains faithful and prayerful, we will make it to the other side of this stronger and closer to God. We have the OPPORTUNITY to be a "light upon the hill" by working together and trusting in the Lord.

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BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

For almost 5 years, I have served on the CPRS Board of Trustees. During this time, I have witnessed the Lord's blessings and hand at work. Nine years ago, when my oldest daughter began kindergarten at CPRS, I was so impressed by the love and concern that the students had for each other. This was evident by the hugs and other interactions I witnessed between the high school students and elementary students as I walked the halls. I specifically remember when she was struggling to adjust to kindergarten at CPRS. Mrs. Postlethwait asked the faculty and staff to pray for our daughter. Those prayers were heard and answered. It is such a blessing that we have a school in which our children can offer and receive prayers. In addition, they learn of the love that their Savior, Jesus Christ, has for them.

It is this love (Love of Jesus Christ), that I continually witness in the administration, faculty, staff, volunteers, parents and students. It is this love that will get the nation and the CPRS community through this unprecedented time. The administration, faculty and staff have worked day and night to prepare the materials and means that our children can

continue to be educated through this time. I would like to echo our school administrator's guidance and urging to treat these days at home as days of learning.

One of my favorite scripture passages is found in Mark 4:30-33. If you remember, Jesus had finished sharing many parables with the multitude. As that day came to a close, Jesus and his disciples were going to pass over the sea to the other side. In the midst of crossing the body of water that night, a great storm of wind and waves beat over the ship. The disciples became fearful that they would perish, so they awoke the Master and asked him if he cared if they perished in the storm. Jesus arose and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea these words, "PEACE, BE STILL". After he had spoken those words, the wind ceased and there was a great calm. The disciples said unto one another, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

I believe this is excellent counsel for us in this hour. The COVID-19 virus is a storm, just like other storms (trials, adversity, afflictions) in our lives. In these times, we are counseled not to

be fearful. There is ONE that can calm these storms in our lives. He wants us to "BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD; ..." (Psalms 46:10). He will calm those fears and /or anxieties that you may have if you BE STILL. This has been my experience with Jesus Christ throughout my life.

I am so grateful for the CPRS community. I appreciate when you share your concerns and suggestions with the board and myself. It shows that you have a great love for the school and your student's education (spiritually and academically). I would encourage you in this time to support our administration, faculty and staff. Remember to stay positive and vigilant. Let us not be like Peter and be distracted by the storm around us. Rather, keep your eye on the mark (Jesus Christ). I am confident that He will see the nation, CPRS, and your individual families through this storm.

God Bless,

Tony Brown
CPRS Board of Trustees President

PULLING TOGETHER

I wanted to share my reflections after getting home today, Monday, March 16. From the standpoint of a teacher, the last 24 hours have been a whirlwind. I am exhausted and I know I'm not the only one feeling that way. However, I am also humbled and yes, even proud of what God helped us accomplish in such a short amount of time.

Our school has managed to take all K-12 classes to remote learning environments in order to provide for our students. My own kids are listening to their teachers read to them, talk to them, answer questions for them with immediate feedback... the list goes on. I feel very blessed to be a part of CPRS at this time. As a school, we have pulled

together during a very difficult time. I truly feel like we are getting a glimpse of what Zion will be like.

Mendy Brewington

CPRS Middle School Faculty

HOPE IN THE LORD

Psalms 31:24 says, "Be of good courage...and He shall strengthen your heart...all ye that *hope* in the Lord."

This current virus has certainly set us back on our heels. Not one family in America has been spared some type of involvement. Change – Patience – above all, *hope in a strong foundation of faith*, will be required.

From a positive viewpoint, I am optimistic that this current virus may cause an outbreak of hope that will have an opportunity to spread quickly and become far reaching from family to family.

Please consider these points:

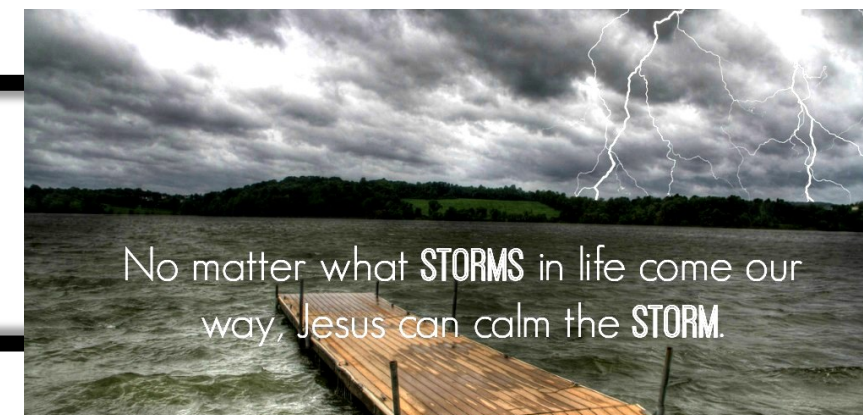
- More family time together
- Family prayer time
- Family reading sessions
- Chance to fast together as a family
- Opportunity to show love and care for one another and possibly our neighbors
- Learning to "Prepare for that which is to come"
- Having serious discussions about your family storehouse

Could this be a highly contagious situation of a spiritual nature? Hmmm... We can only hope.

Jump forward in your mind and imagine we are through the trial of this negative virus affecting our nation. What will we have learned from it, to panic – to be afraid of the unknown? I trust we will have learned that a shared hope by many, and a strong faith in our God above, will help us prepare for any and all future challenges.

Have hope in the Lord!

Paul Frinsthal
CPRS Chapel Pastor



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT CPRS?

We appreciate every bit of support we receive from each one of our supporters. **One of the best ways to support Center Place Restoration School is to keep the school in your prayers at all times.** The Lord has blessed CPRS throughout the years because of the prayers of the Saints.

You can also help us by donating to one or more of these specific areas:

1. Operating Fund - only 46% of operating expenses are covered by tuition. The

remainder is covered by donations and fundraisers. Contributors have agreed to match any donations up to \$25,000. [This matching fund drive will support our operating budget and runs through May 15th.](#)

2. Student assistance/Adopt-a-student fund - This helps those students who are in need and unable to pay full tuition.

3. Sanctuary/Auditorium renovation fund - The first of three phases is complete. We are now looking to fund the last

two phases.

4. Center Place Educational Foundation (CPEF) - CPEF is an endowment fund that annually gifts earnings from the fund to CPRS. CPEF supporters will often give a college scholarship to deserving seniors. If you have an interest in establishing CPEF or CPRS as a beneficiary in your estate planning, attorney Paul Davis (816-254-0444) has offered a free consultation to answer your questions on estate planning.