



# CHAMPION CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Parent Advisory Committee

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Dear High School Parents,

We are excited to share that for the mission trip this year the high school is traveling to New Orleans to do disaster restoration work. We will be working with Trinity Church in Covington, LA which is a member of the Evangelical Free Churches of America. They have a crisis response ministry in several areas of the world and we will participate as a Katrina Restoration Team. This ministry is called TouchGlobal and their motto for that area is "Louisiana: Grounds for a Revival." According to TouchGlobal, in the New Orleans area alone over 500 churches have not reopened their doors. The disaster has opened a mission field in the area, creating the opportunity to build relationships in the neighborhoods we serve in the purpose of making disciples for the Kingdom and multiplying healthy churches. This is an opportunity for us to live out our faith by working at the intersection of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. We have a unique chance to be Jesus in the flesh to someone who perhaps has never met Him...someone who never gave a thought to the need for a Savior in his or her life.

To date about 30 of the high school students have responded that they would like to go if the Lord works out the details for them, and their parents allow them to go. We have been talking with them about the trip this year and I believe they are excited. They have been charged with praying about this opportunity and seeking what God would have them to do. We are hoping that you have been hearing and talking about the trip and have been praying as well. **WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU MAKE A DECISION ABOUT THE TRIP WITH YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER AND SEND IN THE PERMISSION FORM BY February 13th.** After reading this form you may have other questions. Please call or email Merle or Gloria to find out more.

Who is going? We have about 30 high school students interested at this point. Besides faculty and Mr. Skinner, we have room for other adults and would welcome you. The dates for the trip are April 28th (morning) to May 4<sup>th</sup> arriving in the evening. We will spend one day doing some site seeing in New Orleans and the Gulf area. Students who do not attend the trip will be at school and will have other local opportunities for ministry available as well as classes.

We will be working together to raise **\$800** a person for the trip. We will do that by sharing our need with our family, friends, and churches and asking them to pray about supporting us, just as we have done in the past. We will find a way to go, regardless of what the kids raise, if they all work to share the need. We will do this primarily by letters, and if we talk to churches it will be working through the pastor and everyone in a church that is going. All funds will be submitted to the school in the mission trip designated funds. Gifts are tax deductible if given to the fund to be administered. **If funds are given to the fund in a specific child's name they are not deductible. The IRS requires that gifts cannot be designated to individuals if deductible.** AGAIN... all students who ask for gifts will receive the money to go. No funds given for the trip will be used by any student or adult for personal uses. Each person going on the trip will be required to bring in 20 names of people to send a letter asking for a donation for the trip, and they will sign it with a personal note on our mission letter to ask them to support the trip. In the past, God has enabled our school to do incredible ministry things with this model. We will follow it again as well. If your student does not want to participate in the 20 names, they may choose to pay for the trip themselves.

**A SPECIAL NOTE TO FRESHMAN PARENTS:**

It is tempting to say, lets wait until our child matures a little more to deal with this kind of short term mission trip,

but let me encourage you that the freshmen whose parents would not allow them to go to Mexico or Canada have regretted that decision in the later years of high school. These are life changing opportunities, and your son or daughter will not have another chance to attend a trip of this kind for missions purposes during their career at CCS. Please pray carefully about this, as these are the formative years for your child's understanding of other cultural experiences and how God works in those experiences. I promise you that it will change your child's life. We have watched this activity do that like no other experience in our High School students.

As you talk about this as a family and pray about it, we will be praying for you. Students will have to make up key assignments that are missed, but of course, the faculty will work very carefully with them. For students who do not choose to go on the trip, there will be regular school! Let us know!

Sincerely,  
D. Merle Skinner, Administrator

Gloria Kerin, High School Principal,

Rachel Brant  
Clyntell Black  
Melissa Wolfgang  
High School Faculty  
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**P.S. Attached is an article that Barna Researchers just wrote on their most recent study of short term mission impact in the lives of people. You will find it interesting.**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I give my permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Mission Trip to  
New Orleans Name of Student

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to also go on the mission trip with my student.

\_\_\_\_ No, I do not want my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the trip to New Orleans.

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Parent's Signature

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Date