

From the Head's Heart

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CELEBRATION!

End-of-the-Year "THANK YOU" Party: Friday, May 11 from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Administration, faculty and staff, I would like to invite you to an End-of-the-Year Celebration – CCS style! We are so grateful for the many families and friends who have poured into this ministry by donating time, talents and resources! You have truly shown the love of Christ through your support of Cypress Christian School.

Please plan to join CCS families, relatives and friends for a night of fellowship, delicious desserts and a very special program to say "THANK YOU" to you for your...

Prayers... Letters of Encouragement... Countless Hours of Volunteer Time... Financial Gifts... In-Kind Gifts... and Personal Gifts.

Join us to close out our 29th year and **prepare to celebrate our 30th year** of academically preparing students of Christian homes with a biblical worldview to take their place in the world as servants of Jesus Christ!



Can you find Dr. H?



Generation me or Generation Him?

I just finished reading an article about a major study of college students that is to be released soon. In this study of 16,475 college students from 1982 through 2006, the researchers found "an alarming rise in narcissism and self-centeredness" in what they call 'Generation Me.' Today's college students are more narcissistic and self-centered than their predecessors, and the five psychologists who did the research worry that the trend could be harmful to personal relationships and American society. The study asserts that narcissists "are more likely to have romantic relationships that are short-lived, be at risk of infidelity, lack emotional warmth, and exhibit game-playing, dishonesty, and over-controlling and violent behaviors." The study's lead author, Professor Jean Twenge and author of the book, "Generation Me: Why Today's Young Americans Are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled—and More Miserable Than Ever Before," states that narcissists tend to lack empathy, react aggressively to criticism, and favor self-promotion over helping others. The researchers traced the phenomenon back to what they called the "self-esteem movement" that emerged in the 1980s, asserting that the effort to build self-confidence has gone too far.

I would like to think that our CCS students are less susceptible to the pressures of the world that have brought about this significant increase in self-centeredness as reported in the study. However, we cannot be so naive to think that our children are not exposed to, and at times contaminated by, the secular culture in spite of the best efforts of parents, school, and church. "Current technology fuels the increase in narcissism," Twenge said. "By its very name, MySpace encourages attention-seeking, as does YouTube." So there are generations growing up with the belief that "it is all about me," which is the antithesis of the biblical worldview, "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:31.

Dr. Kathy Koch, who has trained our teachers and presented seminars to our parents, warns against the tendency for all of us to give more worth to our students and children for what they do than for who they are in Christ, "fearfully and wonderfully made" according to Psalm 139:14. She states that they are human beings made in God's image, not 'human doings.'

It does not surprise me that the five psychologists, university professors, and, most likely, secular humanists, declare that the narcissism upsurge seems so pronounced that they are unsure if there are obvious remedies. How about teaching our children godly humility and modeling the fear of the Lord?

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 15:33

The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 18:12

Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 22:4

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life.

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

We will love and encourage your children at CCS as they develop their God given talents that they may boast in the Lord. We will let them know that God loves them and that they matter to Him. We will partner with our parents and churches to resist and, when necessary, cast off a worldly wardrobe for God's fashion of "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12) Together, with God's leading, we will raise up a generation "who seek Him" (Psalm 24:6), thus finding the fulfillment that 'Generation Me' is so futilely pursuing.