

SERVANTS OF JESUS CHRIST

Students Reveal Why They Love CCS

Students from kindergarten through twelfth grade were recently asked why they love CCS. Some of their comments are included below:

"CCS has a wonderfully Godly environment. The teachers are never afraid to talk about God. I love my friends!" - Meredith, 11th grade

"I am thankful for CCS because we learn that God wins, and He is stronger than me."
- Samantha, Kindergarten

"CCS has blessed my life with friends of the same faith." - Amber, 5th grade

"What I love about CCS is that when we play sports, it is all for God!" - David, 7th grade

"This school has blessed me in so many ways. I have many good Christian friends."
- Austin, 9th grade

"What I love about this school is that the teachers go out of their way to help me with my work. This really helps me in my learning! Thank you, CCS, for your help!" - Nicole, 9th grade

"CCS has been a huge blessing in my life! I have been challenged to grow spiritually each year and have been held accountable for my words and actions. The students and teachers genuinely care for your well-being and are always ready with an encouraging word when you have had an overwhelming day. I love that God and His Word permeate our curriculum."
- Catrina, 12th grade

"CCS has blessed my life because I have learned a lot about Jesus and His love for me. I accepted Christ into my heart because of this school. I am so thankful!" - Madison, 7th grade

"I am thankful for CCS because you get to play with friends at recess time and we get to go to art, and then recess, and PE and computers, and we get to do all those fun things, and we can read books. And we learn to be good in our hearts." - Marie, Kindergarten

"What I love about CCS is that I can pray and worship Christ openly. I have been at this school



Our world prizes strength—the physical strength of athletes, the financial strength of companies, the political strength of officeholders, and the military strength of armies. The apostle Paul, however, put a new twist on the notion of strength: weakness can make a person strong. (2 Cor. 12:7-10)

Most of us would have no problem with God using our natural areas of strength, such as speaking, organizing, managing, or selling, but suppose He should choose instead to use us in areas where we are weak? Moses claimed to be a poor speaker, yet God used him as His spokesman on Israel's behalf. Peter tended to be impulsive and even hotheaded, yet God used him as one of the chief architects of the early church.

As most of us know, one aspect of school is to provide opportunities to do or try things we would not normally attempt. These mental and physical challenges, under the watchful eye of a caring teacher or coach, enhance our capabilities to succeed and perform in the future, in spite of our weaknesses. A Christian school, such as CCS, will also provide an environment that will stretch students spiritually in the hope of strengthening their beliefs. This process is at times difficult, but in the end it prepares the student for the challenges to be faced as an adult.

While our students may be called to an area of strength as adults, there may be times when they are called to places that expose their weaknesses. If they have had experience working outside of their usual zone of comfort, they will be able to answer God's call with confidence, knowing God can begin working through them to display His divine power (Phil. 4:13) for their benefit and His glory. Weakness has a way of making us rely on God far more than our strengths do.

Dr. Steven Vryhof wrote in ACSI's Christian School Education magazine that:

The effectiveness of a Christian school is not measured by multimillion dollar facilities or SAT scores, not by the number of National Merit scholars or the number of state championships, not by college admission statistics or earning power in 10 years," but by graduates who rely on God to "go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all people, loving and serving the Lord while rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This will be the measure of our effectiveness. It is for these purposes that Cypress Christian School exists and that our parents enroll their children.

since kindergarten and my favorite subject is Bible." - Jacob, 6th grade

"What I love about CCS is that we can worship and talk about God freely. It is an amazing place to grow up! My environment is filled with Christian friends and teachers. It is a blessing and a privilege to go to school at CCS!"
- Alyssa, 5th grade

"CCS has blessed my life with good Christian friends. The smaller class sizes mean more one-on-one time with teachers. I cannot imagine going anywhere else! I have learned that God is in control. I do not have to worry."
- Katie, 7th grade

"CCS is a blessing! I feel as though I will be prepared for the 'world' when I graduate."
- Amanda, 10th grade

"CCS has blessed my life because in P.E. we get to do exercises and in Bible we learn all about what happened in the Bible times."
- Caitlin, 2nd grade

"I love our school because it is fun!"
- Indigo, Kindergarten