



## Important Information/Dates

### First Day of School: Wednesday, August 12

For back-to-school documents and information, check the school website ("Parent/Student" tab) regularly throughout the summer.

**Dress Code Information:** The complete list of uniform options and guidelines for K-12 students can be downloaded from the school website, [www.CypressChristian.org](http://www.CypressChristian.org) ("Parent/Student" tab).

**New and Used Uniform Sale:** Friday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the gym. For more information, check the school website or call Carol Crawford at 281 664-0212.

**Open House:** Tuesday, August 11, at 1 p.m.

**Back to School Night:** Friday, August 14

**Volunteers in Partnership Breakfast:** Thursday, August 20, at 8:00 a.m.

# A Word from Admissions Director Angie Ramirez

## Is Christian Education Worth It?



Ken Silverman, President of the Association of Christian Schools International, raised this question in an article he wrote for the *Christian School Comment*. Here are some excerpts from that article:

Is it worth it? That may be the four-word question you're contemplating this spring as you either have already considered or are currently considering whether to continue enrolling your student(s) in the Christian school. Please allow me to challenge your thinking in regard to one particular matter.

Your Christian school has a distinctive educational agenda that it is crucial to understand, an agenda centered on teaching and learning within a framework that has a biblical foundation. Such a foundation recognizes that there are timeless and unchanging truths that people need to understand and embrace. Your students in the Christian school are being immersed in that framework, which is designed to help in developing hearts and minds that embrace God and desire to pursue life from the perspective of biblical truth. Such an education is based on core biblical truths that will enable students to adopt or challenge opinions about every aspect of life. Social conduct and cultural responsibility are framed differently for the student who has been so educated. Knowing God's Word and believing in its reliability provides the student with a plumb line to test those "broadly accepted views and laws of the land."

So, is it worth it? I am convinced it is—but for your own children and family, the call is one that you will have to make. The decision to continue your children's Christian schooling bears a significant economic and time investment. Nearly everyone recognizes the importance of investing in the right materials for the foundation of a building. Regardless of what is built above the ground, the most significant and important investment is in what is poured into the ground—the foundation. Your child's years of formal education are brief when seen against a lifetime, but that foundation is critically important. Be assured, the educators in your Christian school know the importance of those foundational years. Which would you prefer that your children live by—the changing perspective of public opinion and acceptance, or a deep understanding of timeless biblical truth?

If you are a current CCS family or if you are prayerfully considering Christian education for your child(ren), I encourage you to listen to the quiet prompting of the Holy Spirit as you are led to make the best investment you can ever make—an investment in your child's future through their education.



## Save the Date

Saturday, November 7, 2009  
Fall Banquet and Silent Auction  
Metropolitan Church Truth Center