



Duke Talent Identification Program Qualifiers

Academic Success & Spiritual Maturity

Academics

Middle school students are working hard and achieving great academic success. This year over 50 percent of the seventh grade class qualified to participate in the highly-selective, national Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) which recognizes outstanding performance in at least one specified area on standardized tests such as the Terra Nova administered in the spring at CCS. We are so thankful for this opportunity that has been presented to these students based on academic ability.

Last spring our National Junior Honor Society inducted 21 students into this service organization that recognizes students for their academic and leadership qualities.

Among our eighth graders, approximately 50 percent will successfully complete both Algebra I and Spanish I this year, thereby allowing for more advanced classes during their high school careers. CCS students in grades six through eight are accepting the challenge to prepare themselves for what lies ahead in school.

Biblical Values

The most inspiring aspect of working each day with these young scholars is the glimpse of steps toward spiritual maturity. Sixth grade teacher Marilyn York reflects on her students this year: "I have seen students really take the initiative to make new students feel welcome and included." Stepping away from self and taking action that considers another is the CCS way.

"My seventh graders are inquisitive and ask deep questions about the Bible," notes middle school Bible teacher Rachael Lechman. Seeking God's Word is a hallmark of wisdom.

Middle school Bible teacher Craig Cleveland reports, "Since the start of school I have seen growth in my seventh grade boys in how they respect God's Word, how they treat each other and how they try to live out what they've learned in Bible class. I am impressed by all the boys in my class and the tender hearts they have toward the things of God." Pouring God's Word into the lives of these young men will mean strong families for the next generation.



Coach Cleveland's seventh grade boys' Bible class



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As I consider the wonder of working with our students each day, I am humbled by

the opportunity to be a vessel for God's use. I look forward with great anticipation to the

growth that will continue to unfold as we press forward for God's glory.