



# CORNING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

2019-2020

## ANNUAL REPORT



love. serve. lead.



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# OUR HISTORY

Corning Christian Academy, which began as the Christian Learning Center (CLC), is a cooperative ministry providing Christian education. CLC opened its doors to twenty-one K-third grade pupils in September 1982 in the Beartown Road C & M A Church in Gang Mills. Grades 4-6 were added in September 1983, when the school moved to the old Cinderella Building on Spruce Street in Corning. Each successive year another upper-level grade was added, with additional space leased in 1986 from the Nazarene Church on Hamilton Road in Painted Post.

In February of 1987, the entire CLC program moved to the educational wing of the newly constructed Victory Highway Wesleyan Church. A 4-year-old pre-K program was added in September 1987, and CLC's first seniors graduated in June 1990. The CLC high school was registered by the New York State Board of Regents on July 26, 1991, and was chartered as an educational corporation on April 29, 1992. The "Little Lambs Christian Learning Center", a three and four-year-old preschool program with extended care options, opened in September of 1991, and grades 7-12 relocated to the former St. Vincent De Paul School on Ellicott Street in Corning.

The "Little Lambs CLC" and grades K-6 moved over to join the high school in August of 1992. In 1998 and 1999, high school classes were held in the Cinderella Building on Spruce Street.

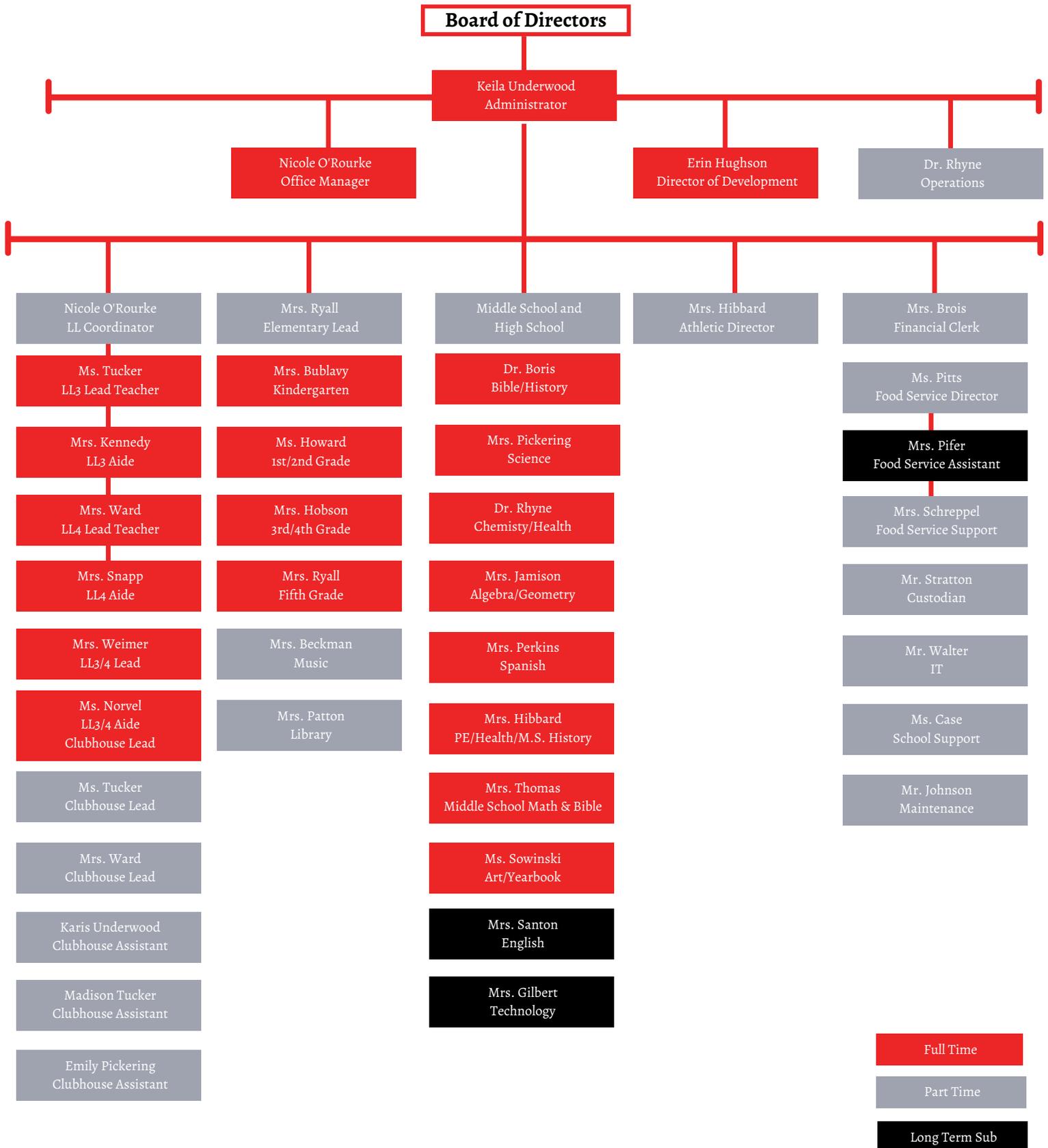
July 1, 2002, the school name was changed to Corning Christian Academy to better reflect our identity.

A satellite location for Little Lambs, entitled "Little Lambs, Too!" opened in September of 1997 in Gang Mills, providing a morning preschool program for children in the Erwin area. Additional satellite locations in other communities may be opened as deemed necessary.

In May 2005, the deed to the Cpl. Frank Hayes Army Reserve Center was passed from the United States Department of Education to the Christian Learning Center granting us a home of our own. After weeks of preparation, the doors were opened to our students in September 2005.

# CORNING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## ORGANIZATION CHART





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



It continues to be a privilege and an honor for me to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Corning Christian Academy. I am blessed by this opportunity to work side by side with the Godly, dedicated, loving staff, faculty and board that strive tirelessly to “raise leaders by Biblically equipping students with faith, knowledge and wisdom to advance the Kingdom of God”

This past year the Board completed our Strategic Plan which we rolled out in the fall of 2019. Our Strategic Plan consists of three focus areas: Financial Sustainability, Academic Excellence and Community perception. We have been working hard to develop action plans to move forward in each area.

Our theme this year was Love. Serve. Lead. and we watched our students grow and blossom as they looked for opportunities to be leaders in showing Christ’s love to others and serving others. CCA continues to be passionate about excellence in education while continuing to build a strong spiritual climate and foster a family atmosphere. Our students are challenged by a rigorous academic program that incorporates Biblical principles throughout the curriculum while meeting or exceeding state standards.

Even though the last 3 1/2 months of the school year were under the shadow of the Covid pandemic, we had the opportunity to accomplish much in the first 8 1/2 months. In the summer of 2019 CCA ran a vibrant Vacation Instruction Program for pre-K through 6th grade. Fall included our annual Walk-a-Thon, Open House, Fall Fun night, Grandparents day, service at the Wineglass Marathon and plenty of boys and girls soccer, in addition to academics. We also kicked off our Robotics program. Winter included boys and girls basketball, our annual candy sale, more Robotics, Explore CCA day, and a Pastors’ appreciation lunch.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 forced the closure of in-person school and the transition to virtual learning, which our staff handled seamlessly. They continued to provide our students a rigorous academic program throughout the end of the year. Even though we had to for-go volleyball, our Spring Spectacular and our Spring Formal, our students and staff remained upbeat and engaged. We were blessed to be able to hold an in-person, socially distanced graduation for our seniors in July.

God has richly blessed our school for over 37 years, even through this pandemic, and I know that He has great things planned for CCA in the future.

In Christ,

Gayle Bicknell  
Chairman of the Board of Directors



# ADMINISTRATOR



We had a wonderful year in our school. We have been blessed with dedicated teachers throughout our school, from our preschool through 12th grade, and we are thankful to continue to move forward academically while maintaining our strong Biblical emphasis in each subject and grade.

This school year we hired Mrs. Melanie Weimer as our full time Lead Teacher for our 3/4 Year Old classroom in preschool.

Due to Covid-19, our school year looked very different this year. We left school on Friday, March 13th, not realizing that it would be our last in-person school day for the 2019-2020 academic school year. Our teachers quickly transitioned to distance learning for our students. Classes were provided through many means, from Zoom meetings to recorded lessons on YouTube or Class Dojo. I am please to say that our teachers, students, and parents worked well together to make the transition as smooth as possible, adjusting where needed, and continued to move forward in the curriculum until the end of the school year.

Our high school students were part of the waiver for NYS Regents exams this spring. However, we continued to work on meeting state standards, while maintaining our Biblically based curriculum. In addition, our elementary classes, grades K-6, participated in the NWEA MAP testing (normally three times a year) for reading and math, only twice.

We are grateful to have provided our students with varying courses in each grade. The students in grades K-6 enjoyed music, chorus, art, library, PE, and technology classes each week, alongside their regular academic work. Our Technology program spans from kindergarten through high school. In the lower elementary grades, they learned the basics of keyboarding and combined phonics and spelling. The higher elementary grades worked on word processing and typing reports. Our high school classes continued to master keyboarding, learned programming and also Excel. The art program this year covered many forms of drawing, painting, and ceramics, along with other mediums. Yearbook was offered in high school as an elective and the students created an 88 page, full color yearbook. We also continued to offer Spanish as a foreign language, starting with introduction classes in sixth and seventh grades, and Spanish 1 in eighth grade.

We had the privilege of honoring five of our students as Everyday Heroes through the local First Heritage Federal Credit Union and WENY program, although the program schedule in the spring to celebrate them was cancelled.

Our juniors and seniors were able to take online ACE courses through Corning Community College and several of our seniors participated in the Accelerated Senior Year program offered by Corning Community College.

We graduated 5 students in June. Our Valedictorian, Elizabeth Hatch, and our Salutatorian, Jessica Merrill, were able to give their speeches to their families at their small, socially distanced graduation.

Corning Christian Academy is proud to offer well balanced, challenging courses while continuing to provide sound Biblical education.

Mrs. Underwood  
Administrator



# DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



In an effort to grow in enrollment while keeping tuition costs affordable for more families, Corning Christian Academy relies heavily on the support and generosity of our greater community. We are a stand-alone school, and therefore have no other source of income apart from tuition and fundraisers. Throughout the year we host a variety of fundraisers and events that all contribute to our day-to-day operations as a school.

We were able to hold our 18th annual Walk-a-thon in September and we hosted Grandparents Day for Grades K-5 in October. We loved thanking our donors with a "Thanks For Giving" harvest meal in November, donated to us by our friends at Corning Catering. In March, we were thrilled to host 20 pastors from 15 neighboring Churches for our Pastor Appreciation Chapel and Breakfast.

Due to the Pandemic, we canceled our annual Spring Spectacular Dinner and Auction and our first ever Vacation Raffle fundraiser that was set to take place in April.

We are thankful for the churches, organizations, and individuals that continue to support us through financial gifts and prayer. If you are interested in partnering with us and investing in the future of CCA and in the future of our students, please feel free to contact me. Your giving allows us to reach further and affect more lives for the glory of God.

In Christ,

Erin Hughson  
Director of Development



# FINANCIAL REPORT

|  | 2019-2020 | 2018-2019 | 2017-2018  |
|--|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>Operations (In Dollars)</b>               |           |           |            |
| <b>Income</b>                                | \$843,173 | \$773,668 | \$786,831  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                              | \$707,950 | \$768,331 | \$834,627  |
| <b>Net Profit or Loss</b>                    | \$135,223 | \$5,337   | (\$47,796) |
| <b>Cash on Hand</b>                          | \$108,792 | \$20,292  | \$38,302   |
| <b>Donors</b>                                |           |           |            |
| <b>Parents</b>                               | 26        | 53        | 46         |
| <b>Board and Staff</b>                       | 16        | 14        | 21         |
| <b>Churches</b>                              | 2         | 3         | 3          |
| <b>Other</b>                                 | 112       | 245       | 357        |
| <b>Total Donors</b>                          | 156       | 315       | 427        |
| <b>Grants/Charitable Giving (In Dollars)</b> |           |           |            |
| <b>United Way</b>                            | \$6,276   | \$6,456   | \$6,044    |
| <b>GE Foundation/Other Matching Gifts</b>    | \$400     | \$13,000  | \$8,000    |
| <b>Corning Foundation Matching Gifts</b>     | \$6,456   | \$28,335  | \$10,758   |
| <b>Corning Foundation</b>                    | \$25,000  | \$36,000  | \$45,000   |

Corning Christian Academy and Little Lambs Preschool are committed to working hard to ensure that our tuition is as affordable as possible. Our tuition funds cover approximately 70% of our school budget, and we rely on the generosity of our donors, special events and fundraising to help us meet our budgetary needs.



# ELEMENTARY

The goal of the Elementary team at Corning Christian Academy is to provide a strong academic education in a nurturing Christian environment. We have a faculty and staff of dedicated Christian educators to help us accomplish that goal. These early years are an important time of growth and development in the life of a young person. We are pleased that on top of our academics, we offer a well-rounded education with classes in physical education, music, art, technology, and library each week.





# MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our 6th-8th grade program focuses on our students "whole" development. Academic excellence, fine arts opportunities, and interscholastic athletic programs give productive outlets to the abundant energy of our middle school students. Our Staff manages their instructional environments with great expertise and sensitivity to each student's spiritual, social, and emotional needs.





# HIGH SCHOOL

CCA is a place where we try to live out the love of our Lord Jesus Christ on a daily basis. A place where teachers and staff are dedicated to training students to explore, in Christ, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and grow them in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man. A place where students receive an outstanding education and are trained to use their minds to explore God's truth and to unlock the mysteries of His creation. A place where students are equipped to discover and live out God's unique plan and purpose for his or her life. A place where our students can become leaders, not only of their future, but leaders for today.





# LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

The Little Lambs Preschool is an academic and spiritually based program under the direction of the Corning Christian Academy. Little Lambs is open to all residents regardless of race, creed, or nationality. The teaching staff consists of excellent people with a keen love for children and experience in early childhood education.

In the field of early childhood education, the preschool years may be the most transformative.

We are blessed to watch our students not only grow physically, cognitively, emotionally, and socially, but spiritually as well. Each day is structured around their growing needs, and the year is filled with exciting field trips, classroom visitors, and varying experiences, building on an educational foundation that is based on biblical truth and learning to love God.





# FINE ARTS

Corning Christian Academy recognizes the importance of art in education and believes that encouraging students' participation in art can reach beyond attaining basic art skills and art appreciation. From problem solving to learning to express themselves, art promotes a student's social and emotional development along with enhancing their academic success.

We are happy to offer art to every grade level and give them other avenues to express themselves, enhance their education and, most importantly, glorify God.





# SUMMER VIP

Since 1992, Corning Christian Academy and Little Lambs Preschool have been offering parents affordable and fun summer activities for students from Pre-K through Grade 5. Vacation Instruction Program (VIP) days are packed full of stimulating, fun activities and new experiences. Each Friday is the exciting finale of that week's theme. Swimming, outdoor water play, field trips, guest speakers, games, and theme-related crafts are all part of the summer program. The 2020 VIP program ran from June 22nd - August 21st and had 35 children enrolled.

Mrs. Nicole O'Rourke, VIP Coordinator





# COMMUNITY SERVICE

We believe that we have been called to live as Jesus lived, serving those around us. Because of that, we require our students in grades 9-12 to earn 15 hours of community service each year, with a minimum requirement of 60 hours to graduate. We offer opportunities through the school to volunteer, and also encourage students to become involved in the community on their own.





# CCA ATHLETICS

Athletic Director: Cindy Hibbard  
Empire State Christian Athletic League

## Soccer

Girls League Record: 1-7 (1-1 NL) Coach Cindy Hibbard  
Boys League Record: 3- 8 (1-1 NL) Coach Brent Underwood & Andy Hughson  
4th in league post season play

### CCA All Stars:

Girls - Anna Murch, Tessa Underwood, Olivia Murch  
Boys - Tyler Hibbard, Bryson Hayes, Seaver Nellis, Shuma Matsushita

### All League Team:

Girls (1st team) Anna Murch  
Boys (1st team) Tyler Hibbard

## Basketball

Girls League Record: 7-2 (1-2 NL) Coach Chris Simmons  
2nd in post season play  
Boys League Record: 0-8 (1-3 NL) Coach Steve Polzella

### CCA All Stars:

Girls - Jessica Merrill, Angelina Rucker, Matilyn Sullivan  
Boys - Seaver Nellis,

### All League Team:

Girls (1st team) Jessica Merrill  
Boys none

## Volleyball

Season cancelled due to school closing (covid)



# CCA ATHLETICS

## Athletic Expenses and Fundraisers

### Soccer Expenses

Field Rental (City of Corning) - \$200.00  
\$5.00 per day

Port-o-Potty - \$190.00  
\$95.00 per month for 2 months

Officials - \$1,765.00  
10 games at \$65.00  
per official per game (2 officials)- \$1,690.00  
1 playoff game (boys) - \$75.00

All Stars – \$91.00  
7 at \$13.00 per shirt

Senior night – \$4.00  
1 senior rose

Soccer balls - \$265.99

Soccer Uniform donation - \$492.54

Soccer Uniforms - \$442.54

### Basketball Expenses

Officials - \$1,505.00  
11 games at \$65.00  
per official per game (2 officials)  
1 playoff game - girls \$55.00

All Stars - \$40.00  
4 All Star at \$10.00 per shirt

Senior Night – \$12.00  
3 senior roses

Basketballs - \$59.81

Scorebook - \$10.46

### Volleyball Expenses

Scorebook - \$10.46

### Sports Awards

Trophies/plaques – \$102.79

### ESCAL Dues

\$420.00  
\$70.00 per team per sport - 6  
teams

### Fundraisers

Can Return - \$65.00  
Spirit Wear - \$1,181.00

### Athletic Fee (per athlete per sport)

\$50.00 CCA student  
\$75.00 Home school student  
Soccer - \$1,325.00  
Basketball - \$1,125.00  
Volleyball - \$1,050.00





# PARENT TEACHER STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Once again, this year, PTSF hosted a Fall Fun Night at Denison Park. There was face painting, pumpkin decorating, and our annual Chili Cook-Off where we gave Wegman's gift cards to the first, second, and third place winners. This is a popular social event and is always well attended.

We also hosted a cookie reception after the Christmas Concert in December.

We had our candy sale fundraiser in February. Sales were much lower than in the past and we are re-evaluating to decide how we can improve that.

PTSF again offered teachers the opportunity to turn in receipts (up to \$50) of items that they purchased for the classroom for reimbursement.

Our year ended abruptly, but we are looking forward to returning with social events as soon as it is considered safe.





# ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

## Meetings

Our Board of Directors' meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at Corning Christian Academy, 11 Aisne Street, Corning, New York.

The annual meeting is held in the fall and announced at least one month in advance.

The Christian Learning Center is a 501(C 3) non-profit organization.

## Location

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Website: [www.CorningChristianAcademy.com](http://www.CorningChristianAcademy.com)

## Associations

\*Charter Member of Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) since 1986.

\*Registered by New York State Board of Regents since 1991.

\*Legal counsel provided by Snavely Law Office, 283 South Hamilton Street, Painted Post, New York.



# 2019-2020 ORGANIZATION

## Staff

Keila Underwood - Administrator  
Erin Hughson - Director of Development  
Edward Rhyne - Business Manager  
Nicole O'Rourke - Office Manager  
Jennifer Brois - Financial Clerk  
Lori Pitts - Food service Director  
Elyssa Schreppel- Food service Assistant  
Duane Stratton- Custodian  
Don Walter - Computer Technician  
Jadie Case - School Support

## Little Lambs Preschool

Nicole O'Rourke - Coordinator  
Brienne Tucker - LL3 Teacher  
Cherri Kennedy - Aide  
Melanie Weimer -LL4 Teacher  
Megan Norvel- Aide  
Florence Ward - LL4 Teacher  
Janice Snapp - Aide

## Clubhouse

Brienne Tucker  
Florence Ward  
Karis Underwood  
Madison Tucker  
Emily Pickering

## Board of Directors

Gayle Bicknell—Chairman  
Jason LaScolea - Vice Chairman  
Michelle Peters - Treasurer  
Rick Perkins - Secretary  
Sarah Carter  
Aspyn Landis

## Faculty

Kelly Bublavý - Kindergarten  
Tracy Howard - 1st and 2nd Grade  
Tara Hobson ('90) - 3rd and 4th Grade  
Ginger Ryall - 5th Grade  
Dr. James Boris - Bible and History  
Joyce Bowdoin - English  
Carmen Pickering - Science  
Dr. Edward Rhyne - Chemistry/Math  
Sandra Perkins - Spanish  
Jessica Jamison - Algebra/Geometry

## Specials

Juliana Sowinski - Art  
PennyAnn Patton - Library  
Gwen Beckman - Music  
Cynthia Hibbard - P.E.  
Tommy Gilbert (Long Term Sub)  
Pamela Santon (Long Term Sub)



# 2019-2020 ORGANIZATION

## Coaches

Boys' Soccer - Brent Underwood/Andrew Hughson  
Girls' Soccer - Cynthia Hibbard  
Boys' Basketball— Stephen Polzella  
Girls' Basketball - Chris Simmons/Edward Rhyne  
Boys' Volleyball - Tara Hobson  
Girls' Volleyball - Stacy Thomas

## Volunteers (daily/weekly)

Tracy Caldwell  
Anna Louisa Hoover  
Kernelia Andrews

## Summer VIP

Nicole O'Rourke - Coordinator  
Megan Norvel  
Flo Ward  
Cheri Kennedy  
Janice Snapp  
Jami Merrill  
Emily Pickering  
Karis Underwood  
Makalie Kittle  
Madison Tucker

## District Services

CPP Nurse - Jill Guyette  
Speech - Wendy Ott/Amy McLaughlin  
OT - Carly Meachem  
Teacher of Deaf - Molly Aiello  
Title 1— Bonnie Stillman



# KEY VALUES

We believe our job is to nurture and educate the whole person.

We believe in preparing students for effective Christian living in today's world.

We believe our passion is to provide a warm and loving Christian atmosphere for learning.

We believe in providing a safe and drug-free environment for learning.

We want to live our lives in a way that will draw students closer to God.

We believe our students are capable of outstanding achievements.





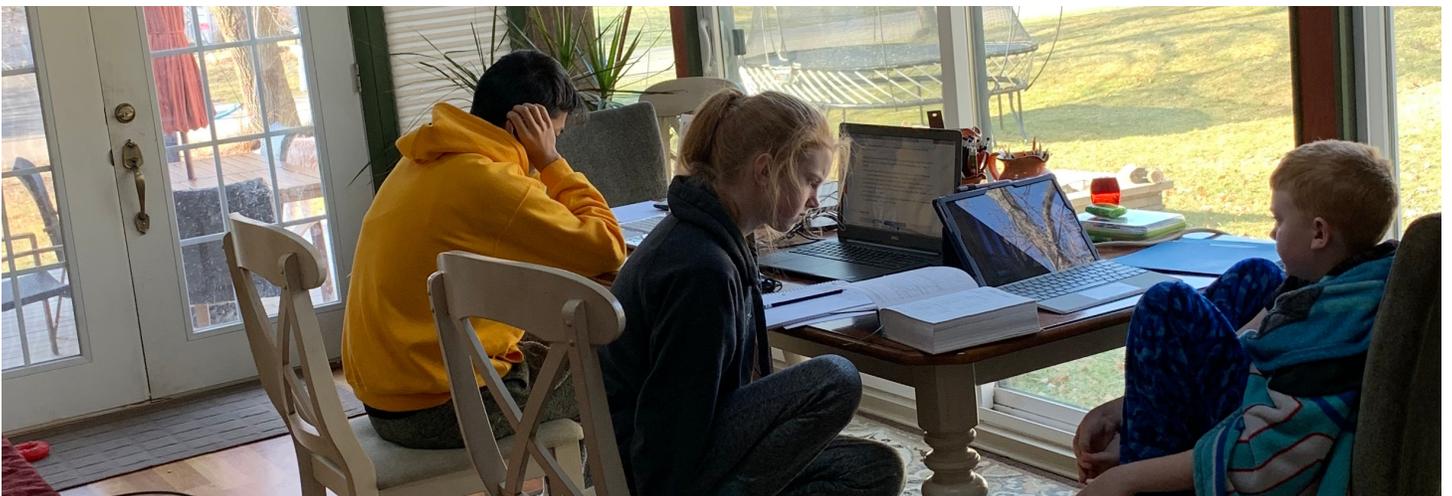
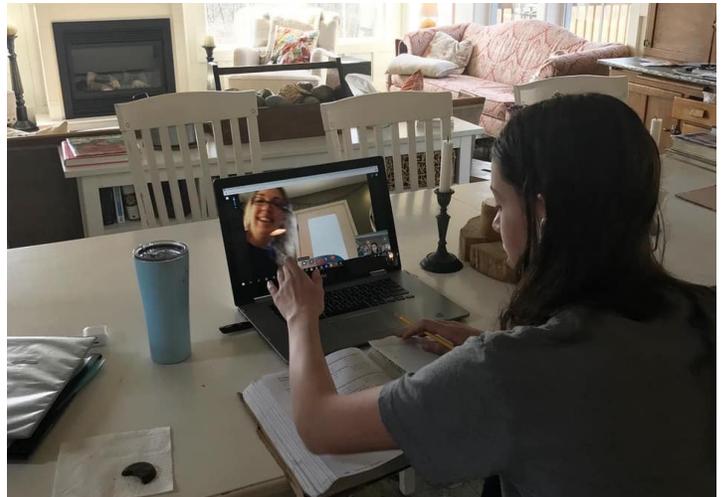
# HIGHLIGHTS

It was a beautiful day for our 18th annual Walk-a-thon.





# DISTANCE LEARNING





# SUPPORTING OUR MISSION

Here are some of the ways for you to invest in CCA:

- Donations of any amount may be mailed or brought to the school. You may also go online to donate and set your monthly or one-time gift.
- Give appreciated stock or other property/real estate. When you give stock or property to CCA, we'll sell it and you won't have to pay all the capital gains tax you would have paid had you sold it yourself. Your gift will be deductible at its full fair market value on its date of delivery if you have held it for more than one year.
- Invest in a life income plan or another of the charitable estate planning strategies that are available. A life income gift provides you with payments for the rest of your life and CCA with support thereafter. If you use appreciated securities that you've owned longer than a year to fund the gift, you will be entitled to an income tax deduction based, in part, on the charitable portion of the securities' full value, in addition to eliminating up-front capital gains tax.
- Donate an insurance policy. A gift of a life insurance policy you no longer need makes a perfect year-end gift. To qualify as a deductible gift, CCA must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the fair market value of the policy—whichever is less.
- Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support our school every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price to your chosen charitable organization. To shop at Amazon Smile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). You use the same account on Amazon.com and Amazon Smile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, and other account settings are also the same. On your first visit to Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select a charitable organization (Christian Learning Center-Corning, NY) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. The site will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.
- You can sign up for Tops for Education and up to 5% of your shopping will go to the school.
- We collect used ink cartridges and return them to Staples for rebates.