



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

REASONS TO CELEBRATE

As we come to the end of the year, we all recognize that we are living in a time of great uncertainty. Long-term planning seems to be a thing of the past as businesses, political parties, and even ministries are operating in the here and now, fearful of what the future might bring. At Christian Community School however, we have always thought long-term, preparing children on their way to becoming adults. We measure success far beyond grades and report cards; we follow our graduates to see how their character and Christian convictions impact those around them.

Making an Impact

One life can ignite a thousand. Current students and CCS graduates, trained up by their parents, church, and school, are making a difference. As we live out our mission to teach biblical truth through academics and fine arts, our students leave equipped to stand for Christ and not be tossed around by cultural trends.

As our students graduate and leave the security of CCS, we hear encouraging stories of their success as they step into the world. We've graduated architects, musicians, engineers, writers, church leaders, and educators; many alumni have flourished in their own business ventures.

Generational impact continues as former students enroll their children in our school. We've graduated an entire 2nd generation family, and 10% of our currently enrolled students are children of alumni.

For some alumni, like Jane Horton and Aaron Byler, their current impact is through support and service to their fellow countrymen. *(continued on back)*

FROM STUDENT TO SERVANT



Jane Horton (nee Halleland), Class of 2004: Gold Star wife of slain US soldier SPC Chris Horton. Jane advocates for fallen soldiers and the families they leave behind, working tirelessly to better the lives of veterans, service members, and their families. During the more than 13,000 hours she dedicated to her calling, she has served as a senior advisor to the Afghan Ambassador and the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

Recently, Jane was instrumental in helping an Afghan refugee flee to safety after the Taliban takeover. The refugee, a young woman, worked for a high-ranking Afghan official prior to this summer. [Read the story at Cleveland.com.](#)



Aaron Byler, Class of 2020: Grandson of recently retired long-term teacher Mike Smith, Aaron's impact actually began while he was still a student at CCS. As a worship leader and mentor to younger students, Aaron inspired many students to honor God and live for Him.

Aaron knew from a young age that his future was with the military. January marks his first year with the United States Air Force, where he works as a firefighter on base in Great Falls, Montana.

Aaron found the adjustment to military life challenging, but rather than dwell on his struggles, he has drawn closer to the Lord as his source of strength and help.

Jane and Aaron are just two of many CCS graduates that are making a difference. We are proud to have helped lay the foundation for their impact on others.

TRIPLE PLAY

YOUR GIFT, MULTIPLIED

For the third year in a row, a group of faithful donors have challenged us with two matching grants. Every dollar you donate to CCS in the month of December will be **tripled** thanks to their generosity. Our donors have raised the bar on us and challenged us to raise not \$20,000 but \$30,000 by year end, to see it triple to \$90,000. And thanks to Giving Tuesday, we've already raised \$7,000 - we're on our way!

Gifts can be made online at christian-community-school.square.site, or mailed to the school:
35716 Royalton Rd.
Grafton, OH 44044

If you're looking for other ways to support the school, please reach out to the main office:
440-748-6224

Wishing you a very blessed Christmas season as we celebrate our Savior's birth!

Christian Community School

For unto us a child is born; for unto us a Son is given.

Isaiah 9:6