



"There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6

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Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) Committee List & Volunteer Opportunities

MISSION STATEMENT

Charlotte Christian School is a Christ-centered, college preparatory school, equipping and developing students to effectively integrate Biblical truth and learning into their daily lives and to impact the culture for Christ.



All Charlotte Christian parents are considered a part of the PTF. We encourage you to get involved further by volunteering in one of the ways listed above or you can sign up to be an as-needed volunteer. If you have questions, or would like assistance in finding a place where you can get involved, please contact Melanie Howard, PTF President, PTFPresident@charchrist.com.

Back-to-School Kick Off

Meagan Maddox, Chair

Jennifer Byrd, Vice Chair

This event provides an exciting start to the school year! Students and their families visit classrooms to meet their new teachers and attend an information fair where they can find out about school activities, purchase spiritwear, gather information about clubs and sports, sign up to volunteer, and pick up school directories and car decals.

Suggested ways to be involved include:

- Assist with decorations, set-up and clean-up.
- Host a table at the information fair.
- Greet new families, answer questions, and pass out T-shirts at the welcome booth.

Campus Decorating

Hannah Simmons, Chair

Ali Aldrich, Vice Chair

This group of creative parents assists with decorating for many PTF events throughout the year, including decorating the campus for Christmas.

- Volunteer to assist with campus decorating as needed throughout the year.
- Join the campus Christmas decorating team.
- Assist with taking Christmas decorations down after the New Year.

Employee Appreciation

Lisa Thomas and Jennifer Lancaster, Co-Chairs

Helen Collins and Erin Boor, Vice Co-Chairs

Each year CCS employees are honored at a special dinner organized by this committee. At the dinner, each staff member receives a grand prize or a door prize donated by CCS families. This committee also distributes birthday gifts each month to celebrate the wonderful CCS staff members.

Suggested ways to be involved include:

- Assist with contacting CCS families to procure prize donations.
- Obtain grand prize donations from businesses or individuals.
- Assist with handing-out "take-out" meals for staff who cannot attend the dinner.

Lower, Middle, and Upper School

Emily Lucado, LS Chair and Rachel Caldwell, LS Vice Chair

Jen Braden, MS Chair and Dawn Shamp, MS Vice Chair

Robyn Dunn, US Chair and Sarah Eaton, US Vice Chair

Each school division has a PTF representative that oversees and assists with classroom events, plans treat days for teachers, facilitates birthday treats for students, and organizes holiday events. The Lower School Chair oversees the lead room parents who work closely with the classroom teachers to coordinate special events throughout the year.

Suggested ways to be involved include:

- Volunteer to serve as a lead room parent for a lower school classroom.
- Sign up to help with one of the treat days for teachers.
- Send in candy for student birthday month treats.
- Organize and/or assist with a one-time event, such as the Lower School Christmas Luncheon or the Middle or Upper School Christmas Cookies & Coffee events.
- Volunteer to decorate the monthly student birthday wall

KnightsFest

Ashley Purnell and Kristin Young, Co-Chairs

Barbara Lawson and Christy Potter, Vice Co-Chairs

This fun annual event features carnival-style games and family fun right on campus. Geared predominantly toward lower school students, KnightsFest includes inflatables, festival games with prizes, food vendors, and a cake walk. It is also traditionally held in conjunction with a varsity sporting event.

Suggested ways to be involved include:

- Help sell KnightsFest t-shirts and wristbands in carpool the week prior to the event.
- Assist with set-up and clean-up on the day of the event.
- Help with the collection of cakes for the cake walk in carpool the morning of the event.
- Volunteer to oversee an inflatable, a carnival game, or the cake walk area.

N.E.W. (Newcomers Embraced & Welcomed) Connections

Catherine Wiesehan, LS Chair and Brandi Parker, LS Vice Chair

Christie Brown, MS/US Chair and Angie Blackson, MS/US Vice Chair

This committee pairs grade-level hosts (current CCS families) with new Charlotte Christian families to provide information and a source of connection as they transition into the CCS community. Each host coordinates a small summer gathering with new and current students to help develop new friendships. This committee also assists Admissions in the spring with welcoming new parents and providing them with important information for the upcoming school year.

Suggested ways to be involved include:

- Volunteer as a grade-level host for new families (gender specific.)
- Assist with and attend events to welcome new families.

Outreach

Lisa Dickison, Chair

Doran Buchmann, Vice Chair

CCS partners with various local ministries to provide students and their families with opportunities to tangibly share the love of Christ to those in need. In the fall, we support the Urban Ministry Center of Charlotte through Operation Sandwich Week where every student and faculty member is able to assemble sandwiches for the homeless in our city. Our annual Knights Fight Hunger week in February collects food, serving containers, and household items to “fill the truck” for the Harvest Center as they assist those making the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. This week also includes our annual Fork Wrap event to supply the Harvest Center with utensils needed in their meal program for the year. PTF also partners with the CCS Women’s Bible study to offer several KnightServe opportunities for families to serve together throughout the year. Past KnightServe initiatives have included Bright Blessings, Samaritan’s Feet and various other organizations.

Suggested ways to be involved include:

- Volunteer to help collect and organize food donations during Operation Sandwich week; assist with grade-level sandwich assembly.
- Assist with Knights Fight Hunger week carpool collection and organization of donations.
- Help with the implementation of the school-wide fork wrapping project.
- Volunteer to attend one of the KnightServe events.
- If you have other ideas for service opportunities and projects, please let us know.

Prayer and Care

Kirsten Phalen, Care Chair

This team oversees all matters related to covering our community in prayer and caring for members who are experiencing special circumstances. Specifically, this committee oversees Christian Cares, the CCS ministry that offers short-term assistance with meals, carpool or other needs for families who are experiencing a health crisis or other family issue. This committee also oversees the weekly Parents in Prayer gatherings on campus and coordinates the grade level Prayer Parents.

Suggested ways to be involved include:

- Attend Parents in Prayer meetings to pray for staff, students, and their families, weekly on Thursday mornings or monthly on Tuesday afternoons.
- Volunteer to be a Prayer Parent for a lower school classroom or for a specific gender/grade in middle and upper school.
- Join the Christian Cares email list to become notified of needs for meals or carpool assistance. (Lists are separated by division level: Lower School, Middle School and Upper School)
- Send greeting cards to CCS families throughout the year, including welcoming new families to CCS and providing encouragement during an illness or loss of a loved one.