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“Armor of God”

Eph 6:11

What is the source of knowledge?

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CWCS KNIGHT'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- CWCS earmarks 10% of Income for Tuition Assistance
- National Average Tuition for Private Schools: \$12,000/yr
- CWCS Tuition 66% Below National Average
- Goal to keep tuition costs low to afford *Christian Education* to more families
- Rather than cut program corners to keep tuition low we want to partner

The Source of All Knowledge

by Dr. Tim Deater

Head of School



Class of '25, '27, '31, '35

In Romans 1, the Apostle Paul reminds us that atheism exists only because wicked men and women intentionally reject information about God that they can see all around them.

God's qualities are abundantly visible wherever we look. Signs of His kindness, fidelity, and love, as well as righteousness and strength, can be found everywhere.

What may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:19-20).

Scripture emphasizes that God is the source of all true knowledge. In addition, "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight" (Prov 9:10; ESV). In other words, our need for knowledge should motivate us to turn to God, while those who decline to do so will lack all understanding.

Erasmus of Rotterdam (1466-1536) was part of the movement during the Renaissance to encourage learning back to the classical sources of knowledge, particularly those writings in Greek and Latin. However, wanting to revitalize the Church, Erasmus believed all Christians should have their lives transformed through a true understanding of Christ through the Word of God. He dedicated his life to the study and teaching of the Bible in an effort to create a well knowledgeable citizen.

It is our goal at CWCS to help our students and families understand the foundational importance of biblical knowledge. With that, the school also strives to show God's character and His revelation through all of our academic subjects, because we believe the Bible is the authority of God, written for man so that we might come to know Him and His plan of salvation for us.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES

- Four additional classrooms were added over the summer, and are now operating at full capacity.
- Our application for accreditation has been submitted to ACSI. We are pursuing a 3-year Foundational accreditation, and hope to have a final decision by this summer.
- Stay tuned for highlights of our 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year plans.
- We are \$300K away from our school gym goal. Please help us spread the word and pursue donations.

CWCS's Foundational Elements

Equipping Champions for Christ

L e a d e r s h i p	D i s c i p l i n e	A c a d e m i c s	F a c u l t y	F i n a n c e s	F a c i l i t i e s
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Christ Centered Worldview

How can you help support these pillars of success?

What is the Source of Knowledge?

by Dr. Rachel Blankmeyer,
CWCS School Board Member



Class of '32, '33

In an age where technology reigns supreme, and artificial intelligence can answer any question or elaborate more eloquently on any thought that could pop into your head, what truly IS the source of all knowledge? Is knowledge based on history, on the human experience, or is it innate within our souls, as many philosophers believe?

God is the source of all that we are, all that we have, and all that we know. Solomon mentions that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7) and "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). Continuing through the Old Testament, Isaiah shows us the God who has given us our very being. "You whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you" (Isaiah 46:3-4).

God has also given us knowledge and understanding. "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go" (Isaiah 48:17). The God who made us AND gave us understanding is the only true source of knowledge. Once we recognize God as the source of our life, our knowledge, and our wisdom, it gives us a new perspective. This is such a stark contrast to human wisdom, which is notoriously frail and fallible. We can't even make it through day to day of life without constant struggle and strife, so finite is our knowledge and so elusive is wisdom from us.

As Christians, we firmly believe that "The Lord is the source of wisdom; knowledge and understanding come from His mouth" (Proverbs 2:6). The Creator of the heavens and earth was so gracious and merciful that He gave us creation AND His Spirit-breathed Word to impart wisdom to us! The Word of God is called the sword of the Spirit, and God Himself has provided His truth to us. Rev. Billy Graham stated, "He has given us His precious Word because He wants us to know Him, love Him, and serve Him. Most of all, He gave it to us to convict us of our sin against Him and repent and receive Him as Lord."

PAC UPDATES

- PAC meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month. Don't forget that PAC meetings count towards Deeds for Dollars
- The Cookie Mix Fundraiser was a HUGE success! We sold 211 jars and raised over \$2,000! Thank you to all who purchased these jars.
- PAC was able to bless the staff by adding \$1,000 to the Staff Christmas bonuses.
- "A" Honor Roll breakfast has been expanded to include our Knight's Award recipients. The 2nd quarter breakfast was held in the first week of January, right after Christmas break. Honor Roll Breakfast is held each quarter.
- PAC provides lunch for staff during parent/teacher conferences
- Box Tops for Education is fully digital this year. Don't forget to download the app and scan your receipts

The Divine Wellspring of Educational Truth

By Mr. John Bryan

MS/HS Bible



Education has been the conduit for the transmission of knowledge and wisdom across generations. A contemplation of the origins of educational truth leads the Christian to the understanding that God serves as the ultimate source of all knowledge. God is the wellspring from which educational truth flows.

Christianity views the scriptures as the repository of divine knowledge. The Bible is revered as the source of moral, ethical, and intellectual guidance. The truths in this text form the foundation of educational principles.

The Bible reveals the laws that govern the natural world as a manifestation of God's creation. By studying the intricacies of the universe, individuals gain insights into the mind of God. Sciences such as physics, biology, and astronomy become pathways to discovering educational truths laid out by an all-powerful creator.

In Genesis chapter 1, God declares, and worlds are formed. In this declaration, God reveals himself to be the creator of language and communication. All languages have as their origin the creative work of God. Literature, grammar, and speech flow from His creative utterance, and humanities engagement in these disciplines is a reflection of His image.

The Word of God provides moral and ethical frameworks shaping human behavior. Biblically based education, then, is not just an accumulation of facts but a process of moral and spiritual development. The divine inspiration present in biblical doctrines forms the bedrock upon which Christian education is established, instilling values that promote character development.

All educational disciplines derive themselves from God's first creative act in Genesis 1. Science, mathematics, literature and the arts and humanities are all a reflection of His perfect created order. Christian education, therefore, is established with the understanding that the study of these disciplines is not to an end, but rather a means by which believers serve, honor, and come to know God more deeply. Christians can draw from this divine wellspring of educational truth.

Help Our School Grow

- Annual Clay Shoot Fundraiser is coming up April 27, 2024. Sign up as a team, or sponsor the event
- Future infrastructure goals include upgrades to the HVAC system, and a small gym to accommodate our sports programs, and for PE and recess during inclement weather.
- 2024-2025 Sports Team Corporate Sponsorship. Your contribution helps our athletes represent our school and our communities.



CWCS INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

- Since Academic Year 2019, CWCS Enrollment has grown 24%
- Projections indicate a continued increase in desire for Christian Education
- Partnered With Rivers Church (Delta) to Start Second Campus
- CWCS is working toward the development of:
 - Multi-use space: Gym, Auditorium, Commercial Kitchen
 - New Elementary Education Building for K4-4th Grades
 - 3 Classroom Addition to Accommodate 5th-7th Grade Growth for 2022
- Existing Infrastructure is more than 20 years old and renovations necessary
- Development of Lower, Middle and Upper School Curriculum Focus

Coming Soon: 4th Annual Clay Shoot

Start getting your team together and practiced up for the Fourth Annual Clay Shoot, coming up on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at Black Canyon Wing and Clay in Delta, Colorado. This will be a double-elimination tournament, with teams of 5 people each. Entry fee is \$1,000 per team, with lunch included for all shooters. Shooters must bring their own gun, shells, and ear/eye protection. We are also looking for event sponsors. If you or someone you know is interested in forming a team or sponsoring this event please contact Maddelon Bransom at 970-249-1094.



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New Play Structure

Over Christmas break, we were able to purchase and install a new play structure on the east side of campus. Over the course of about four days, an amazing group of volunteers came together to turn a mind-boggling pile of nuts, bolts, crates, and pieces into a beautiful, safe, play ground for our students. This is the first step in making the mini-gym a reality. Thank you so much to everyone who showed up to make this happen. Also, thank you to Eric Sorenson at Delta Timber for donating new mulch.

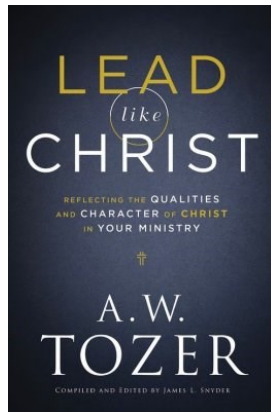
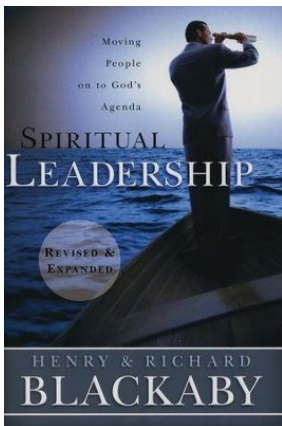
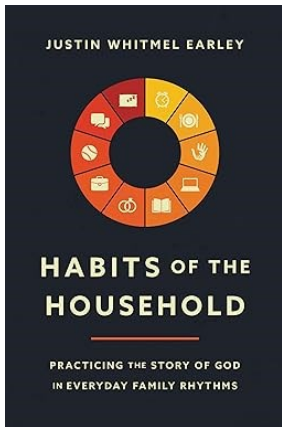


What's Next at CWCS?

- ♦ Multi-use facility: PE, Recess, Pick-up/Drop-off during inclement weather, Cafeteria, auditorium, and athletic gym for CWCS sports.
- ♦ CWCS has raised 50% of the needed funds.
- ♦ Should you wish to contribute contact Mrs. Maddelon Bransom at 970-249-1094 or email her at mbransom@cwcsmontrose.com

For Further Reflection...

What we are reading:



What we are listening to:

Dr. Voddie Baucham

<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermonsspeaker.asp>



Voddie Baucham wears many hats. He is a husband, father, pastor, author, professor, conference speaker and church planter. He currently serves as Pastor of Preaching at Grace Family Baptist Church in Spring, TX. He has served as an adjunct professor at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, TX, and Union University in Jackson, TN. He has also lectured at Southern Seminary.

Voddie makes the Bible clear and demonstrates the relevance of God's word to everyday life. However, he does so without compromising the centrality of Christ and the gospel. Those who hear him preach find themselves both challenged and encouraged.

Christian Education 101

Podcast with Dr. Deater and various guests that highlight discussions on the value of Christian education socially, academically, and spiritually for our students and our families.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/colorado-west-chris>

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The Ryan and Sally Fox Scholarship

The Foxes enrolled their daughters at CWCS in the mid 80's. Stephanie and Jennifer completed their K-12 education at Colorado West.

The Fox family did this as Christian education was a chief priority for their family. Despite facing the financial difficulties of life and private education, Ryan and Sally understood the value of Christian education and the commitment of private education. Ryan and Sally hope to provide an opportunity for those who can give financially to help support families with financial needs so they too may pursue the priority of a faith based education.

To give to this scholarship visit: www.cwcsknights.com/support

Invoice Number: " Ryan and Sally Fox"



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