



Cumberland Academy
of GEORGIA



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PIONEER SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

August 2011

- August 11th Meet & Greet
Parent Social/
Orientation 6 p.m.
- August 15th First Day of School
- August 17-18 Placement Testing
- August 19th Noon Dismissal
- **Summer Birthdays****
- June 20th Christian Snyder
- June 24th Denis Ribot
- July 1st Daniel Inskeep
- July 14th Brandon Moss
- August 6th Corey Pratt
- August 9th Mrs. Ellison
- August 10th Chandler White
- August 11th Nicholas Wilburgh
- August 12th Gage West
- August 16th Harrison Cora

Happy Birthday

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the academy is to provide a safe, supportive, educational environment in partnership with faculty, staff, students and parents. The Cumberland family embraces the uniqueness of every child by challenging and inspiring them to reach their full potential. Our academic and social curriculum encourages the development of life skills essential in becoming independent and self-sufficient adults.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

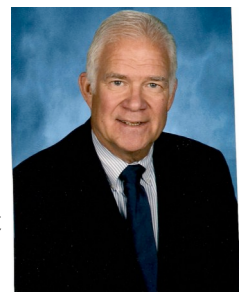
Welcome back students and Cumberland families! We have a very exciting year planned and have been very busy over the summer. We want to officially welcome our new principal, Mr. Don Sasso. He comes to us with amazing credentials. Parents, you can meet him at our **Meet & Greet/Parent Orientation on Thursday, August 11th, at 6:00 p.m.!** (Please don't forget to RSVP.) We are currently constructing our Labitat which will be used as a hatchery for over 1,000 trout eggs. I almost forgot to mention our new wing opening, our "High School Experience." Cool things are happening on our campus!!

Debbi Scarborough
Founding Director

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I am personally excited and professionally energized about joining the Cumberland Academy of Georgia family as Principal. I have had the opportunity to meet some staff members, parents and students during the course of this spring and summer and I have been impressed with the friendliness I have felt and the commitment to this school that I have witnessed. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you as we begin together in August. Enjoy your remaining days of summer 2011!



Don Sasso
Principal

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SUPPLY LIST 2011/2012

3 containers of disinfecting wipes (largest size), 6 glue sticks, 3 boxes of facial tissues
2 packages of index cards, 5 packages of pencils (12 count or higher)
2 packages of dry erase markers (Expo are best), 1 pair of classroom scissors (*for 6th grade and below*)
1 package of Colored pencils (Crayola is best, *for 6th grade and below*)
1 flash drive (attached lanyard would be nice) 1-2 GB (*for 7th grade and above*)
1 calculator (TI-30x, IIS or similar) (*for Course 1 and 2 math*)
1 graphing calculator (Casio 9750GII or similar) (*for Course 3 or above*)

Please do not purchase a trapper keeper for next school year.
Cumberland Academy of Georgia is developing an organizational system this summer for all students to use next year. It will be available for purchase at our August Meet and Greet Parent Orientation Meeting.

Please plan to have school supplies by the first day of school, August 15th, 2011.
You may bring supplies to the parent orientation meeting on the 11th. Please RSVP.

New and Used Uniform Shirts for Sale at School

We have white short sleeve Cumberland Academy of Georgia polo shirts and blue hoodies for sale at the school. Both Youth and Adult sizes are available. Polo shirts on sale for \$19.00 and dark blue hoodies \$31.00. Light blue hoodies \$27.00. Used uniforms are priced from \$2 to \$7.



CFO Corner, Valerie Siciliano

Hello, Parents! The school year is just underway and I hope you have had an incredible summer break with your children. We are excited about the new school year.

If any of you have questions regarding tuition, FACTS, SB10 or GOAL please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to help.

Speaking of GOAL, how many of you would love to receive a state tax credit at the end of the year while filing your taxes AND help a student in need of financial assistance attend Cumberland? The Georgia GOAL Scholarship Organization is just the way to do it! You can contribute to the GOAL scholarship fund, which in turn will help a child in need attend Cumberland and receive the special attention and education he/she needs. **AND YOU GET A FULL TAX CREDIT FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION ON YOUR GEORGIA STATE TAX RETURN.** You also get a charitable tax deduction on your federal return! It's a win-win situation for everyone. Please contact me for more information on the GOAL scholarship fund. It's such a great opportunity to give AND receive.

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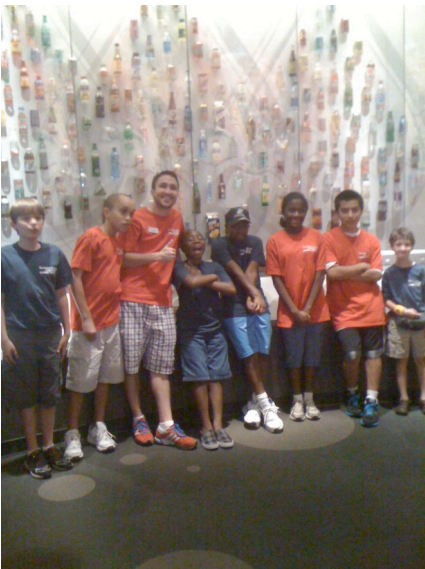
Cumberland's Sizzling Summer Camp!

This summer Cumberland Academy of Georgia held a summer camp, which was divided into four one-week sessions. During each session students participated in socialization activities such as having appropriate conversations, group chats, and practicing a weekly camp song. For two hours each morning campers switched academic classes—Math and Language Arts. In Math class, Mr. Watson worked with the students on his/her remediation focus skills, making change, counting money, fractions and word problems. In Language Arts class, I worked with the campers on reading, vocabulary and the writing process.

Campers also participated in such Art activities as collage making, drawing and/or coloring a mural, blending with oil pastels, etc. On Wednesdays at camp, campers discussed how to navigate the Internet safely and the proper way to socially network. On Thursdays students visited a restaurant and ordered their food as well as paid for their meal. While at the restaurant students practiced appropriate conversations as well as restaurant etiquette. In addition, students also participated in a Spanish lesson that covered various Spanish vocabulary words and phrases. Coach Henck led the campers in a plethora of PE activities throughout the week as well.

Friday was our most exciting day at camp because each week we went on a field trip! The four field trips enjoyed by all were The World of Coca-Cola, Zoo Atlanta, Fernbank Science Museum and Perimeter Mall. At the World of Coca-Cola our campers loved the tasting room where they each tasted Coca-Cola products from around the world! During our time at Fernbank, campers visited the traveling mythological dragons. While exploring Zoo Atlanta our campers visited all of the exhibits including pandas, reptiles and elephants. Each student had a wonderful time at camp and I was **thrilled** with the progress each camper made academically as well as socially. I am already looking forward to next year's camp at Cumberland Academy of Georgia!

Nina King



FYI...

***Cumberland Academy of Georgia is on Facebook!** The page is titled Cumberland Academy of Georgia and the school crest is our profile picture. The page is filled with pictures from class trips this year and it's a great location to share information about our school with other parents!

*Cumberland Academy of Georgia will once again partner with Mt. Vernon Presbyterian School for Nathan's Driving School Teenage Driver Education Programs. For more information and to register, please go to www.mvpsdrivereducation.com.

*You can support the library through "Birthday Book Club." This allows parents, friends, and grandparents to have an opportunity to make a contribution to the library in honor of your student's birthday. See Terri Brooks for more information.

***Summer office hours:**

Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:00

Wish List

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| * LCD Projector | *Large Color Copier |
| *Xbox 360 Games | *Digital Camera |
| *Dolly Hand Truck | *2 Nunchuk Wii Controllers |
| *Blinds, Lighting and Carpet for the High School Area | *Picnic Table |
| *Sectional Sofa for the High School Area | *Outside Bench |
| *Mac Computer for Yearbook | *Oreck Vacuum Cleaner |
| | *Metal storage shelving |

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Be sure to pick up some cards located in the side lobby. Please give cards to your friends and family. The school receives a percentage of every sale scanned!

Admissions Corner

We have a lot of new students joining us this year! We are excited to have our largest enrollment ever. It's been really fun to see the new friendships form during summer camp weeks.

I know we all hate paperwork! I remember having to complete it for my children; however, it's a necessary evil. Please complete and return the parent packet information as soon as possible. We must have all of those items prior to the beginning of the school year. Also, remember to provide current immunization records (or a signed waiver) and current ear/eye/dental forms. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Terri Brooks, Director of Admissions
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