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Dear Alumni and Friends of Coastal Christian School,

We are excited to let you know that Coastal Christian School is forming an Alumni Association; we would love for you to be a part of it.

Some of the goals of this Association are:

**To let you know what is going on at your alma mater.** Exciting things are happening at CCS: thanks to the Lord, and the hard work and dedication of the school's administration, the new campus on Oak Park Road is just a couple of years away. The water well is in place and pumping more than 70 gallons per minute. We have conducted environmental tests and recently submitted our building application to the county! We would love to keep you informed about the building process and other happenings at CCS.

**To let you know what's going on with your fellow alumni and former teachers.** It's so easy to lose touch with classmates and friends once you graduate from high school. And it's so nice to reconnect! We'd like to help make that easier by letting you know what's going on in the lives of other CCS alumni, and how to get in touch with them.

**To recognize alumni's career achievements and community services.** Since it began in 1971, CCS has had 29 graduating classes and now has almost 300 alumni. These alumni are now involved in education, mission work, law enforcement, armed forces, ministry, small businesses, and many other things. Once the CCS Alumni Association gets going, we would like to recognize these achievements with Alumni of the Year awards.

**To assist with reunions and homecoming activities.** We would like to be a resource for those of you who are planning class reunions. One of our future goals will be to plan Annual Homecoming Weekends, which will be a time for all former students and teachers of CCS to reconnect with friends and former teachers.

In order to meet these goals, we will be sending out quarterly newsletters about Coastal Christian School, its alumni, and former teachers, students and parents. Please look for your first edition on the back of this letter.

You can also go to our Web site, [www.CoastalChristianAlumni.com](http://www.CoastalChristianAlumni.com) to start reconnecting with CCS and your fellow alumni. If you have any questions, please email [info@coastalchristianalumni.com](mailto:info@coastalchristianalumni.com).

If you are on Facebook, we have a Facebook group you can join: Coastal Christian School, CA Alumni & Friends, to help you reconnect with old friends and classmates.

Thank you! We look forward to making you a part of CCS's Alumni Association!

In His Love,

Coastal Christian School Alumni Association

P.S. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter through e-mail, please send a blank e-mail to [newsletter@coastalchristianalumni.com](mailto:newsletter@coastalchristianalumni.com). Thank you!

## Coastal Christian News

The 2008-08 school is underway at our alma mater, and exciting things are happening, including:

- The school is planning its 1st Annual Fall Dinner and Auction! It will be on Friday, November 14th at the Edwards Barn in Nipomo, and will include a sit-down dinner, musical entertainment and both silent and live auctions! Please call the school for more information: 489.1213.
- Our Girls Varsity Volleyball team were the Coast Valley League champions last year, and they're off to another great season! They are currently ranked Number One in the Coast Valley League, with an undefeated league record.
- The students at CCS recently raised more than \$2,000 in the school's Annual Coin Drive. The money raised will be used to mail the Operation Christian Child boxes the students fill for Samaritan's Purse.
- Christian comedian Brad Stine gave a free, standing-room-only concert for the community on October 17. A love offering was taken for Coastal Christian School.
- CCS's Juniors and Seniors are raising money for their European trip in the spring of '09.
- The school's Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 4th at New Life Community Church, if you would like to come be blessed by the students of CCS!

## Featured Alumni

**Mike Towery (Class of 1986):** I am currently married to Petra Towery. We met and were married in Germany. Yes, she is German. We have one son, Marc. He is attending Glendale Community College in Phoenix, AZ. He is pursuing his Associate in Applied Science. He should graduate in May 2009. He wants to be a mechanic.

We have one daughter, Katarina. She is 13 and in the 8th grade. My wife homeschools her. She plays varsity volleyball for the Hope Christian High School Lady Eagles. She sings in the teen choir and is faithful to go on visitation every Saturday morning with her mommy and daddy.

My wife and I sing in the choir and help in the college and career class at our church, Southside Baptist Church. I am scheduled to go back to Iraq for my third rotation in February. I have been in the Army for 16 years. I am a generator mechanic.

I don't know if I have a favorite memory from CCCA. The first basketball game I played I forgot my shorts and had to play in my warm up pants. That was against Valley Christian in Santa Maria. Charlie Dietrich was going to start, but he was late, so Coach Wickstrom started me. In 1985 we had a home basketball game at Paulding gym, and the cheerleaders made signs for all the players. I will never forget walking in and seeing "Macho Mike" and "Bucking Bill". That was funny then and it is funny now. I want to know who decided to call me macho? Mrs. Doty got a good laugh out of Bucking Bill. I am glad I went to CCCA. God bless the Conquerors.

**Kristin Bockhahn (Class of 1998):** After graduating from CCS, Kristin Bockhahn attended Pensacola Christian College. She is now teaching 3rd Grade at Coastal Christian School! Here are some of her favorite CCS memories:

Spiritual Emphasis was always my favorite time of year in Jr. High and High School. I loved the chance to get away from everything in the world and focus on my spiritual development. It also gave me a glimpse of my teachers in a whole new way. It was very cool to see the more "relaxed" side of them and get to know them a little more.

Once, when the volleyball team was heading to a game (I forget where) Mrs. Sano took us all aside and asked us to call her by her first name. We were kinda shocked until she explained why. It seems the coach on the other team had been calling her by the wrong name for years, and she didn't want to embarrass him by correcting him directly. I never found out if her "gentle hint" worked, but I still remember that day!

I don't remember a lot of day to day specifics from elementary school, but I do remember some small, random things, like singing in chapel, the smell of my third grade teacher's hand cream, swinging on the bars and getting horrendous blisters, collecting sticks and making forts and cities in the dirt by the big oak tree in the back playground, and (from way, way back) climbing in the Kindergarten tree house.

## Lost CCS Alumni

Paul Broberg (82), Hugh Cherry (82), Brian Aquino (83), Jerre Dudley (83), Shawn Mundt (84), Jeff Searles (84), Janell Caoile (85), Brian Jansen (85), Donna Heath (87), Ann Myers (87), Brian McKenzie (88), Merri Sjaan Lundberg (88), Shauna Thorpe (89), Mike Caston (90), Cynthia Ellis (90), Joey Penaflo (92), Angela Skaggs (92), David Hooper (93), Chris Bowen (93), Trina Leornas (94), Kathy Miller (94), Brian Anderson (95), Abigail McKee (95), Russ Newman (97), Gabriel Morales (97), Anne Horn (98), Karl Caperton (98), Lucas Schmid (99).

If you know any of these people, can you send their contact information to [info@coastalchristianalumni.com](mailto:info@coastalchristianalumni.com)? Or ask them to visit [coastalchristianalumni.com](http://coastalchristianalumni.com) and leave their info. Thank you!

## Newest CCS Alums!

Congratulations to CCS's Class of 2008: Colleen Bartlett, William Benson-Sinclair, Alison Bognuda, Elizabeth Bognuda, Shonna Davis, Bethany Dee, Alison Lippincott, Gretchen Milligan, Rachel Myers, Rachelle Myers, Markus Sano and Christy Power! Six of the grads are now attending the four-year universities Bio-la. George Fox, Corban, Westmont, and Hope International. Four are attending junior colleges, and two are in the mission field.

## Oak Park Campus

Okay, so many of you may say, "They've been talking about the new campus since I was in school!" But you might be surprised to hear how close CCS actually is to building its campus on Oak Park! Here's the latest news from CCS's Project Manager: "We are finishing preliminary floor plan layouts for all buildings and are beginning to define the exterior elevations. We need to establish building heights, massing, fenestrations (windows, etc.), materials and colors. The site plan is continuing to evolve slightly as each building becomes more defined. Our consultants have completed the sound/noise study, a draft copy of the traffic analysis is to be presented at our next meeting, and the arborist report is in progress. We submitted our application to the County in August. We should have our planning approval (Conditional Use Permit) by the end of the school year. At that time, we can submit construction drawings for building permits."

Go to the school's Web site ([coastalchristianschool.com](http://coastalchristianschool.com)) to see what the new campus will look like!

