

Thursday, August 1

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our fall sports teams as they begin their athletic seasons (Cross Country, Soccer, Girls Tennis, Volleyball).

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: This year we will focus on the theme "Love in Action" using 1 John 3:18 as our scripture. May we all take an active role in loving each other as we prepare to return to school.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: At the time of writing (July), the Barr family is expecting their first baby. There are many serious health concerns to be negotiated. Pray for peace for the family regardless of the outcome. Mr. Barr is our middle school Bible teacher.

Friday, August 2

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for our students at the Washington Community Scholars' Center as they wrap up their summer term in Washington, D.C.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.: While the summertime brings rest and relaxation for students, teachers, and some office staff members, our entire Facilities team is hard at work, cleaning classrooms, maintaining landscaping around the school and making upgrades to our campus. We say a prayer of thanks to our incredible Facilities team who work hard all summer while we relax and play, to ensure that Rockway is ready for our students on the first day of school!

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray for refreshment and renewal as faculty and staff prepare for the school year. Also pray for wisdom for the administration as they encounter challenges.

Saturday, August 3

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We lift up the EMS faculty as they prepare to head back to school.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for the health and safety of all those participating in summer camps.

Mennonite Education Agency's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA – Anabaptist Biblical Institute): Pray for the new IBA Study Center at Iglesia Arca de Salvacion, Uspantán, Guatemala, and their tutor Juan J Toj. Pray that their studies will be of personal blessings. Pray that God's wisdom and patience will be with the tutor as he teaches this group of students. Pray that this leadership training ministry in their church will bless the congregation and community.

Sunday, August 4

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for incoming first-year students at Bethel College and their families, as they prepare for this major life transition.

Freeman (S.D.) Academy: Please pray for our enrollment efforts and new initiatives, for fundraising and staffing challenges.

Monday, August 5

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our MBA students who are beginning their classes this week. By advancing their knowledge and skillsets, may they make a difference in their lives, in the management of their organizations, and the well-being of their communities.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray that any remaining open positions will be filled and that everyone will experience a sense of anticipation and hope for the upcoming year.

Tuesday, August 6

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for new graduate students who are participating in seminary orientation courses this month. May they sense God's Spirit guiding their growth and learning, and may their interactions with faculty members and fellow students encourage and inspire them.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for our students as they return to campus and settle in for the next semester.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Please say a prayer as SCA prepares for the coming school year: schedules, construction, and traffic flow.

Wednesday, August 7

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Young children find the outdoors a wonderful science adventure as they explore bugs, worms, plants, soil, etc. Pray that as they enjoy God's creation they develop a desire to know the Creator.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for the leadership of The City School.

Thursday, August 8

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for AMBS's various departments and teams as they gather this month for their annual planning retreats.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Pray for our summer reading groups. Ask God to be with our staff as they meet in small groups to discuss their professional development books. May they use this new knowledge in the classroom to help our students grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for a great start to the school year, and for a spirit of unity and flourishing.

Friday, August 9

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray, in this time when it seems only academic skills are valued, that young children may encounter caring adults in their early childhood centers who will also attend to their spiritual, social, emotional, and physical needs.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Our strategic planning committee is launching a new building proposal to house our rapidly expanding student body. Pray that it is well received and that God provides the funding to make it happen.

Saturday, August 10

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As we open our Middle School and welcome 6-8th graders to our school for the first time this year, pray they all experience a joyful learning environment where all are known and loved.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for unified leadership. We have new school board members and a new Middle School/High School principal. Pray that we work well together and lead our school in a way that glorifies God.

Sunday, August 11

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our newest, youngest students as they meet their new teacher and begin their CCS career at the Kindergarten Open House tomorrow.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for the many new Hillcrest Academy faculty, staff, and board members, that they will feel confident and a sense of togetherness and support.

Monday, August 12

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our student leaders and athletes who are moving onto campus this week for trainings and practice. May they embrace Bluffton's mission of responsible citizenship and service to all peoples for God's universal kingdom.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray that Back to School nights this week will be filled with joy and excitement where students feel welcomed and supported.

Tuesday, August 13

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for employees of AMBS's Church Leadership Center as they plan nondegree offerings for the coming academic year to strengthen participants' faith, theological understandings, and leadership skills.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Today the faculty and staff are having the annual fall gathering. Please pray for a successful inauguration of the 2024-2025 academic year as we celebrate each other and our university theme "faith and meaning."

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.: Rockway's Office and Admin Teams are back to work after their summer break and are busy finalizing back-to-school plans for the return of students in September. We ask for prayers of guidance and renewed energy as we enter into these final days before students return to school.

Wednesday, August 14

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Dr. Henry Waters, director of choral music at Bethel College, and student singers, as auditions for Concert Choir and the fall musical take place this week.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: August 14-16 is a time for staff development at Lancaster Mennonite School. Remember them as they prepare for a successful school year and pray for wisdom and strength as they teach and model the life and teachings of Christ for their students each day.

Thursday, August 15

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray that the first day of school may be a smooth transition and foster a safe and positive environment.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for all students and employees preparing for the start of the school year.

Friday, August 16

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Pray for our new teachers and staff as they begin their journey with the Dock community today. May we be welcoming and supportive to them as they prepare for their new roles at Dock for the 24-25 school year.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: Teacher In-service begins: Pray for HMS teachers as they gather together today to prepare for the school year. May they feel God's call as they serve students and parents, may they be sustained by God's strength as they minister each day, and may they receive God's wisdom as they cultivate faith and curiosity in our students.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: School choice is on the ballot in Oregon, and would provide significant state funding to private schools with no strings attached. We would like this to pass!

Saturday, August 17

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for our students as they prepare for a new school year, especially our new students. We pray that God would fill their hearts with excitement and calm their worries. Help them make friends, enjoy the activities, and build relationships with their teachers. The CCS school year starts on August 20.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Remember Lancaster Mennonite School students and faculty as they begin the new school year on August 20. Pray that anxious students are welcomed and feel a sense of calmness and are excited and prepared for a good year.

Mennonite Education Agency's Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH – Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary): Pray and give thanks to the Lord for the four SeBAH students who graduated on May 30, 2024. Pray that they may continue to be blessings in their communities and continue to serve as leaders in their respective congregations.

Sunday, August 18

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our undergraduate students who have moved onto campus. May they embrace Bluffton's Enduring Values of Discovery, Community, Respect, and Service as they find their talent, their passion, and, ultimately, their way.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Our teachers attend in-service on August 19-20. Pray for meaningful professional development time spent together as a staff and a collaborative and productive start to the school year. Please pray for our teachers and staff as they prepare to welcome students and begin a new school year.

Monday, August 19

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Kindergarteners start school today. We pray for a day filled with wonder, excitement, and confidence.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We welcome our new faculty who join us in our mission. May they feel God's presence as they prepare for this school year.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: We have quite a few new teachers onboarding. Please pray for their adjustment to Shalom.

Tuesday, August 20

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood - Grade 8 (EC8) campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Pray for our EC8 families as they arrive on campus to meet the new staff and their teachers for the 24-25 school year. May everyone feel welcome as they enter the building and know this is the right place for their families. Be with the new families as they enjoy supper together and get to know our staff even better.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We welcome back our returning teachers. We are thankful for their continued dedication to providing a quality education as well as the love of Christ to our students.

Wednesday, August 21

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: First Day of School! Pray for HMS students, families, and teachers as we begin a new school year. Our theme for the year is "Let your light shine" (Matthew 5:16). May all of the HMS community shine brightly as disciples of Christ.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Today is the first school day for students. Please pray for students as they anticipate and begin the school year, that they would feel a sense of welcome and belonging.

Thursday, August 22

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan: As the 2024-25 school year begins, pray for new employees at Bethel College, especially faculty in math and music, and staff in student life and athletics.

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood - Grade 8 (EC8) campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Pray for our K-8 students as they start their first day of school for the 24-25 school year. May we provide safety for each child as they enter the building and help them to be loved and respected. Please pray also for our High School families and students for a great year ahead.

Friday, August 23

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for our senior class as they participate in a Senior Sunrise time together today, to watch the sunrise and pray for each other as they begin their final year at Central Christian School.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our entire Hillcrest Academy school community as we begin classes today, that we will come together with joy, grace, and unity.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for a smooth back-to-school week for staff (Aug. 26-30) and students (Sept. 3-6) and open house night (Aug. 28).

Saturday, August 24

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Give thanks for the new Mennonite Education Agency Hispanic Ministries – AMBS Graduate Certificate in Theology! The online program is taught entirely in Spanish and provides professionals, congregational leaders, and bivocational pastors with a foundation in theological and biblical study.

Mennonite Education Agency's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA – Anabaptist Biblical Institute): Pray for Marco Güete, director of MEA's Hispanic Ministries, who will be leading the workshop on "Daniel of the Bible" to the IBA students in Muscatine, Iowa, today. Pray for Marco's safe travels. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom upon Marco as he leads this workshop. Pray that the workshop will be a source of learning, a time for students to share, and may it be a blessing for them and their respective congregations and communities.

Sunday, August 25

Mennonite Education Agency's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA – Anabaptist Biblical Institute): Pray for the six students who have finished their IBA studies and are graduating today in Muscatine, Iowa. May they continue to be blessings to their local congregations as they continue to be active leaders. Pray that the IBA program continues to be a blessing for the Hispanic churches in the USA as it trains leaders to work to expand God's kingdom.

Monday, August 26

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood - Grade 8 (EC8) campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Pray for our early childhood students as they begin their journey here at Dock. May we help them to develop a love for Jesus.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: Welcome to our students and families! May you be blessed this school year as you learn, make friends, and witness how Jesus is working in your life.

Tuesday, August 27

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Tomorrow is CCS' School Day Out, which is a Central Christian School tradition. This will be a time to gather students, faculty, and staff at the beginning of each school year for a time of worship, fellowship, social interaction, planned games, and activities.

Mennonite Education Agency's Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH – Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary): Pray for SeBAH students as they take the course "Methodology of Pastoral Reflection." Pray that God gives them wisdom and strength to successfully finish the course. Also, pray for Professor Marcos Acosta as he teaches this course.

Wednesday, August 28

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for the steering committee of Life Enrichment, a weekly program for older adults at Bethel College, as the fall schedule kicks off today.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:

Pray for a day of fellowship as students build community and friendships during "school day out" today – a long-running tradition at EMS that happens the first week of school.

Thursday, August 29

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University students, faculty, and staff as the fall 2024 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities, and experience a world of opportunity.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for those students abroad taking part in Goshen College Study-Service Terms.

Friday, August 30

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for people who are seeking a place where they can engage Scripture and be nurtured spiritually and challenged academically — and who may be considering seminary study at AMBS. May God's Spirit guide their discernment processes.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Please pray that throughout the new school year, our students will come to more fully understand God's love for them, through the teaching and care they receive at Kraybill.

Saturday, August 31

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchen, Ont.:

Rockway welcomes its newest families to the school with our annual Kick Start Welcome on Friday, August 31! This is a time for new-to-Rockway students and their parents to meet teachers, staff, and each other before school starts on Tuesday. We pray for calm and courage for these families as they start their Rockway experience.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) is the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. Thank you for joining us in prayer. These prayer requests were gathered from across all levels of Mennonite education, from early childhood programs, primary and secondary schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools, seminaries, and MEA's Hispanic Ministries programs. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MEA works to fulfill the educational mission of MC USA. To subscribe to this monthly publication, please contact JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org or 574.343.1310.

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