



# Christian Life Connect ~alumni

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*Merry Christmas*

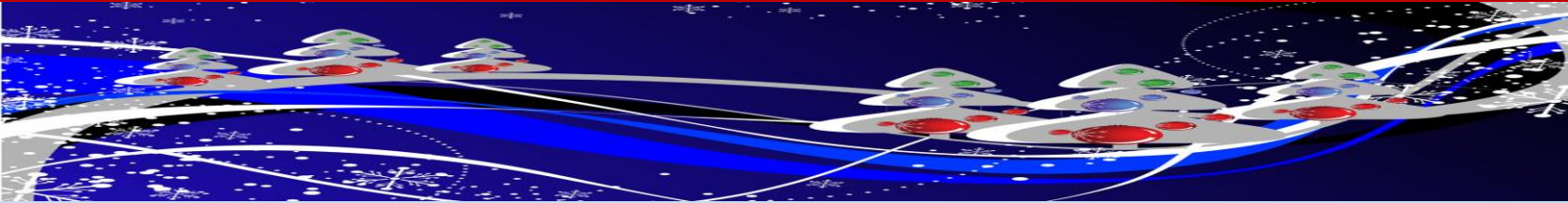
3rd Edition

## Principal's Corner

The holiday season would not be complete without the Alumni Christmas Concert. Each year, prior to this event, I always wonder who will be there. I look forward to hearing what has been happening in your lives and what you are doing. If you are able to attend this event, please join us after the concert at the alumni table. If you aren't able to be there, I would love to hear from you, please send me an email.

The new year will ring in not just 2010 but—alumni—it's time to begin planning for class reunions. This is something we haven't done in the past and with your input and help we will begin the planning process in January.

Be sure to keep your information updated on our website, [www.kclsed.org](http://www.kclsed.org).



**Danielle & Dan Cooper**

When she was a sophomore at college, Danielle met Dan. They married in 2004.

**Are you interested in a *high school reunion*? If so, please send an email to [cjsalumni@kclsed.org](mailto:cjsalumni@kclsed.org) We are looking for suggestions and volunteers willing to be on a committee to help plan for these upcoming reunions.**

## Alumni Danielle (Wending ) Cooper 2001

The fear of getting in trouble caused Danielle to walk on the safe side. The closest she came to it was by playing a joke on her mom. With Mrs. Tennyson's help, she faked a detention and almost wound up grounded for her "made up" charge. That memory is one of many fun memories of Danielle's CLS school days. She laughs when recalling her friend Nina Lopez pretending to fly as she stood on top of a table while wearing a helmet. She recalls Mr. Tennyson wearing flashy socks the girls' basketball team purchased during a shopping trip before a Buck's game. Then, there are the fond memories of senior high study hall (did anyone not like study hall?). She recalls that during this time she and her friends got more talking done than studying. "We were all interested in what was going on in each other's lives." Danielle also loved basketball and says she treasured the games where they traveled to other schools and stopped for dinner. Danielle remembers, "Mr. Powell was my coach that year, and he set an example to follow after God for all of us." One highlight of Danielle's senior year was playing at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee. She felt honored to be able to play on the same floor as professional basketball teams. Danielle has returned to teach elementary at CLS after receiving her teaching degree. She says the favorite part of her work is making a difference for the next generation. Her first graders keep her busy, and help her find humor even in some of life's most stressful circumstances. Danielle explains, "Being a teacher is a front row seat to seeing God's love in action. Just as He loves us despite all our faults, I love all of my little students."

***And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6***



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Have a Blessed Christmas,

Troy Tennyson



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(Excluding WIAA tournaments)

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## Alumni Tonya (Dezoma) Sturino 2008

Tonya attended Christian Life during junior high, and then went to a public school. But it wasn't long before she missed her old school. For Tonya, CLS and the people here felt more like family. She asked her parents prior to senior year if she could return to CLS. They agreed, and she happily graduated with her friends and extended CLS family. In June of 2009 Tonya married Justin whom she met here at CLS during seventh grade. She smiles recalling that year when she began "dating" Justin, "Back then, we called each other boyfriend and girlfriend, but we really didn't have a clue what it all meant." Some of Tonya's favorite memories are of her friends, one in particular, Rachel Henne—who played basketball—well, sort of. With Rachel's permission Tonya shares that her friend although tall, was not the best basketball player and it was funny to watch. To this day, Tonya and Rachel laugh when reminiscing about those clumsy basketball memories. Tonya has fond memories of choir and still loves to sing. Her favorite class was Mr. Zurbuchen's Chemistry class where Tonya received the award for being the "Most Cheerful." (It is no surprise that her friend Rachel was also in this class.) Recently, Tonya moved to Texas where her husband Justin is stationed at Ft. Hood. Justin is a soldier in the United States Army. In Texas, Tonya has also enrolled in Central Texas College. One of her passions is natural, alternative medicine. She spent last summer reading and learning everything she could about this subject. This passion has prompted her to further her education with plans of becoming a doctor.

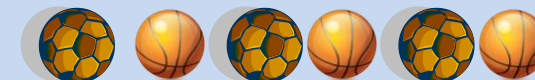
## Tonya and Justin Sturino



God Bless America



## Coach Alan Krass



When I first began working at Christian Life, seven years ago, the school was smaller. Man has it grown! In a way, we've lost that small school feel, but when students come together in sports—there is a camaraderie and togetherness that erupts when our teams take the court or field. There is nothing like it. Growth has allowed CLS to move from the SWISS conference to Midwest Classic. There are 22 schools in the new conference. Amazing! Since coming here to CLS, we have added tennis, cross country, JV soccer, JV baseball, and freshman basketball. Does anyone remember when the 2006 girls' basketball team was the underdog and came through to steal the win? Or the 2007 girls' soccer team being the number one seed and winning the regional championship—awesome! The best part for me as a coach is seeing players come in as a freshman and learn the game, perfect it, and go on to play in college. It's fulfilling to see that happen. I'd like to tell the alumni not to be strangers. We need you guys! We would love to see alum in the stands cheering on their school and supporting the kids as they compete. When asked what advice I could give to alumni, it would be this: Pay attention in college—when the fun is over—you will need that knowledge. Alumni, I have a request from you: this past September doctors discovered a cancerous tumor in my younger brother Karl's brain—he's only 29. He is recovering from surgery and having radiation treatments. Would you pray for Karl and our family as we weather through this storm? I appreciate any and all prayers. Looking forward to seeing alumni at our games: [www.midwestclassicconference.org](http://www.midwestclassicconference.org)

[CLS Sports Schedule](#)



Alan, his wife Jenny and their son Kevin.