



## Upcoming Events

**March Photo Contest**  
**Spring Break**  
**Annual Accreditation Survey**

## Note to 2017 Graduates

We will offer an official graduation ceremony in June if at least 15 students plan to attend. We typically hold the ceremony in Cape Canaveral, Florida, or Orlando. Please contact Mrs. Z by email ASAP if you want to attend.

All graduates must take the SAT or ACT exam. Be sure to register with [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) as soon as possible. Our ETS code is 102311.

**Keep on track.** Make sure you finish 2nd semester work by the end of May and have completed your 100 hours of community service as well!

CEA will send transcripts free of charge but you must be in an email, with name of school and address. Send requests to [mrsz@christian-educators.com](mailto:mrsz@christian-educators.com)

# Plagiarism:

## A very serious offense with online schooling

Plagiarism is any time you use work and claim it as your own. For approximately 90% of the assignments you should not use ANY outside resources. They should be **completely** your own thoughts, and can be written just from lesson materials. Occasionally, you will have research assignments that you need to look at outside sources for, but there are two important pieces to remember:

1. IF you use the exact words of a source, you must put those passages in " " marks AND include a citation. This is how you give the author credit. Direct quoting like this should be used sparingly, not totaling more than 10-15% of any paper because it should still mostly be made up of YOUR ideas.
2. Most of the time, you'll use information from a source, but want to reword it in your own words. YOU STILL MUST CITE THE SOURCE, because it's not your original idea. You must reword it thoroughly, not just change a few words. The best way to do this is look at the source, think about what it says, then put the source away and write your thoughts so it's completely reworded. Then put a footnote (or parenthetical reference, whichever citation style is being used) and list the source there to give the author credit for their ideas.

**If you are unsure about whether an assignment should use research or not, or if you are working on a research assignment and are not sure how to cite things, please email your teacher.** We want to help you understand these assignments and how to properly cite your information! Please note there are serious consequences, including failing the semester for more than 2 offenses. Take this warning seriously!

**Do not use outside resources or cut-and-paste any source.**

## Semester Transcripts & Report Cards

**Wow!** Semester report cards have all been mailed this week! Many students have finished their 1<sup>st</sup> semester courses. Please remember, we want all students to start 2<sup>nd</sup> semester work by the 6<sup>th</sup> of February in order to finish before June 15<sup>th</sup>. We hate to see anyone working over the summer, including teachers!

**Please note: If you do NOT finish the semester, the transcript will show**

**INC or "F" UNTIL you finish ALL semester work.**

## Spring Break

**March 24-April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Students are able to work in both Apex and Gradpoint. Please note the business office will be closed this week.

## Kindle Fire Winners

In March, we will run a photo contest. Start preparing pictures of your favorite things to do during Spring Break.

### Kindle Fire Winners

There were so many great entries, that it was difficult to just choose two! Here are the two winners, and a short excerpt from each of their pieces. We received lovely pictures and entries!

Kindle Fire Winner: Karlee W.



The shapes of the cookies make me cheer.  
The icing, the sprinkles, and décor galore,  
For it is time to get creative and explore.

Kindle Fire Winner: Kristin S.

"This season is a magical time  
To keep throughout the year  
To celebrate our friends and family  
No matter how far or near  
  
So as you wrap your gifts so carefully  
And place them beneath the tree  
feel the warmth that Christmas time can bring  
And sing Carols joyously"



**In April, CEA will set up the annual "Survey" required by our Accreditation. We will ask all students and parents to complete the survey. In addition, we ask that everyone write a personal testimony, or short paragraph on how you like CEA or how we are helping you meet your education goals. Look for it in the March issue.**