

Hannah Mueller Open House Speech 2010

Hello, my name is Hannah Mueller and I am in the prep year here at Covington Latin School. First, I would like to thank you for making your way to Covington for CLS Open House. I am here today to share my Covington Latin experience with you.

Around this time last year, I was sitting exactly where you are sitting today. My parents came to open House because they were looking seriously at CLS due to all of the stories of students who did amazing things after graduating from this school. My parents weren't exploring the CLS community for me, though. They were here for my sister, Gretchen, who is now a freshman and is enjoying CLS as much as I am.

At the open house last year, students gave speeches as I am doing today. When our tour guide was showing us the school building, I was pretty impressed. Although the tour was very entertaining, I was a bit more interested in watching our tour guide interact with the other students. Everyone he passed either gave him a friendly hello or a spirited high five. This hinted to me that the whole atmosphere was friendly and is a very welcoming community.

Covington Latin School has often been compared to a family. This is not only because of its small size but because of all of the life long friendships that are made here among students and faculty.

I have always enjoyed school and the whole idea of learning. This is because of my way of making learning fun. CLS helps us to learn in an entertaining way. I can't remember a class that the teacher lectured through and everyone jumped up out of or seats right as the bell rang because we were tired of hearing the teacher talk. Instead, our teachers compare things that we already know about to our lessons. The teachers always try to answer our questions as best as they can. The home work here isn't a lot but it does challenge me and I appreciate that.

I had a lot of really close friends at my old school that I keep in contact with every day. After I took the entrance exam, I realized that I wouldn't know any one, and that, to me, was a scary thought. I had nothing to worry about, though. Every one was in the same situation as I was: no friends, a new school, and tons of worrying about wacky schedules and some very interesting teachers. As the year has progressed, I have grown very close to my fellow classmates.

If you are worried that the teachers will be too expectant of you stop worrying so much! The teachers are preparing you for freshman year. They are trying to nurture you with knowledge, not try to fail you.

The schools motto is *bonitatem et disciplinam et scientiam, doce me* when translated from Latin to English means teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge. Covington Latin School definitely does teach me these three most treasuring values. At Covington Latin School I truly believe that you can achieve, excel, and belong here.

Thank you.

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