



# COUNTRY DAY

## CONNECTED

### JENSEN'S JOURNAL

We've got this! We can manage the next five weeks of remote learning. Thanks to your helpful input, we are working to strengthen the remote learning program to make it even better during the final month of school. Together, we can do this, and even learn some new things along the way.

Yesterday, I shared a [Seesaw video](#) with the primary students with an empowering message about developing greater independence during May. The video is a positive reminder that "they can do it!" The road to independence can be challenging, particularly for those with perfectionist or anxious tendencies who prefer perfectly paved, predictable paths. Becoming more resilient will help these students adapt to accidents, missteps, and imperfections along the way. Those who live comfortably on open terrain and take a more free-spirited and nonsystematic approach to life will need to identify parameters, systems, and accountability measures to help them stay on course. Regardless of where one falls, to become more independent, we must give ourselves the benefit of the doubt that "we can do it!" Trust coupled with repetition and practice will help pave the road to success.

There is a fine line between hovering and being hands-off that teachers, and now you, have to navigate as we prepare students for the next grade level. We must understand what students are capable of doing when left alone. We can be somewhat surprised when children remember to do something on their own, such as return on time or complete a chore unprompted. I encourage you to identify one or two things you would like your child to do more independently. Your child's teacher might have a suggestion or two. Together, set a plan of execution and then sit back and let it play out. Remember, independence means you are not in control. If you set your child up for success, overlook failures, and practice patience, children will find success because they can do it!

As always, I am here for help and support if needed.

### WHAT'S TRENDING

## Spirit Dress Day



Celebrate Cincinnati Country Day by wearing spirit wear  
during your day of remote learning on

**Monday, April 27**



Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/764638681>

Meeting ID: 764 638 681

Monday, April 27  
8:00 pm

# Books & Conversation

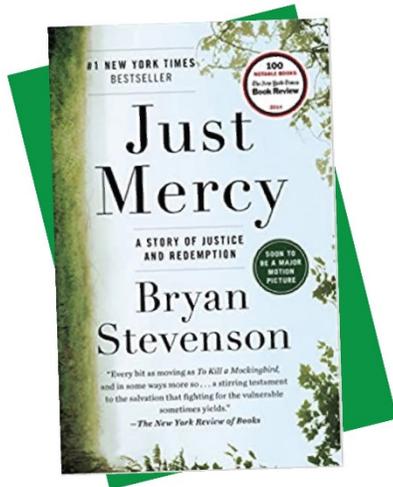
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Welcome to the fourth edition of Books & Conversation. Join fellow CCDS parents and faculty each quarter as a CCDS staff or faculty member leads us through one of his or her top literary picks. There's *bound* to be something for everyone (pun intended).

Join CCDS faculty member Angela Barber-Joiner to explore *Just Mercy*. Bryan Stevenson's #1 New York Times bestseller reflects on his life as a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinkmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever.



Tuesday, May 12  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Video Conference

(You will receive a zoom video link after you RSVP.)  
Bring your own drinks and snacks!

Angela Barber-Joiner, graduate of Xavier University, earned a BA in Education and a MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Angela is a 15-year teaching veteran at CCDS and the Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. In her EDI role, she oversees efforts to foster a climate and culture that promote the growth and success of all students. Angela is a life-long learner and a passionate advocate for promoting the social and emotional intelligence in her students and their families. Outside of school, Angela provides therapeutic services and is a board member at Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health.

Nat Tracy-Miller can provide digital copies of *Just Mercy* to faculty and students. Please contact him at [tracymn@countryday.net](mailto:tracymn@countryday.net). Joseph-Beth is shipping, and [Bookshop.org](http://Bookshop.org) is sending profits to shuttered independent stores in the zip codes from which people buy.

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