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Calendar of Events

January

1/23-1/27 High School Midterm Exams

1/25 Market Day Pickup

1/27 2nd Marking Period ends
Preschool progress reports issued

February

2/1-3 Kindergarten Interviews

2/6 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

2/7 MS Spelling Bee; Grandparent Gathering

2/10 Re-Enrollment Deadline; Report Cards Issued

2/14 Dads' Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m.

2/19 Board Meeting

2/20 President's Day, No School

2/21 Moms' Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m.

2/21 Boosters' Event, O'Grady's Restaurant, Phoenixville

2/22 Market Day

2/24 Elementary Creative Minds Fair, 6:30 p.m.

SEE www.coventrychristian.com for sports schedules! Go Eagles!



Creative Minds Fair

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

Why do we do it? Every year the faculty of CCS create projects that are designed to catapult parents beyond their daily level of stress to a new, highly sensitized level of stress! While Facebook was once a social medium that was attractive to me, I have been relegated to the world of un-social media in order to avoid any mention of Creative Minds Fair (CMF) in my downtime sending me into my own parental flutter of hyped up stress about the dreaded CMF.

After I finish venting as a mom, the principal in me is reminded every year that there are benefits to CMF. The whole process allows me the opportunity to demonstrate our own family work ethic, show my own enthusiasm and passion for learning new things, as well as help my child to work to the best of his/her potential. This is all while restraining myself from completely taking over an effort to make it be the kind of "perfect" that I had envisioned. There are opportunities to allow the child to lead in the give and take of ideas, predict outcomes, and plan presentation. As their age increases and the type of project changes, students are able to take on more and more, demonstrating their own academic growth, not just in subject area, but in knowing what they know and how communicate that knowledge. Seeing our children both acquire and then express their learning in a meta-cognitive God given fashion is a beautiful gift that we can easily miss in the hub-bub of time lines and cramming in neat handwriting. Our children are rapidly becoming the adults who will collect, analyze, evaluate and then act on data for every decision in their lives. We can work together as educators and parents in crafting the possibility of a faith filled, unbreakable lens from which they can view each of those decisions. And just once a year, that working together process is called Creative Minds Fair! I look forward to seeing each of you at the Creative Minds Fair on February 24.

Jill Barton, Elementary Principal

(reprinted from 2/10)

Mark Your Calendars for the Great PTO Auction

The 18th Annual CCS Auction is coming! Our auction will be held on April 14, 2012, at the French Creek Golf Club in Elverson. Please add this date to your calendars and start putting aside a little cash at a time now so you do not miss out on the biggest social event of the year for CCS parents and supporters. CCS has an incredible PTO, and this event is the key fundraiser that makes all of its work possible. Look for more information to follow in the next couple of weeks.

Concession Stand Help Needed at Basketball Games

Email Dave Snyder (patribefan@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping serve in the concession stand at home basketball games. The concession stand proceeds support our student athletes. Additionally, it's just a whole lot of fun serving and visiting with our Coventry Christian family.

Share some love with a Lolli-Gram!

Send a fun token of kindness to a student or staff member on during the week of February 13th! Use the attached Lolli-gram form to send a sweet something and message to your student, friend or staff member. The Spirit Squad is hosting this fun event and students will receive their lolli-grams during the school day.



Biblical Parenting Seminar in Lancaster, February 25

Cooperation, Consequences, and Keeping Your Sanity, presented by Jon Brady and George May will be held on Saturday, February 25, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. The cost is \$20 per adult. Light breakfast and lunch are included. Sign up online at biblicalparenting.org or call (717) 560-2341. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:30 am. You will learn practical ways to move from a behavior modification approach to a heart-based approach to parenting. It's amazing how children change the way they live when parents adjust the way they work with them. This seminar is provided by the National Center for Biblical Parenting and is a practical, biblical approach to parenting. You'll be so grateful you attended because you'll be able to use the material right away.

Phillies Fans Get Ready

Reading Phillies mascot "Screwball" heard about CCS Sports Day at O'Grady's and plans on being there that evening.

Houses and Elementary Classes, Get Ready to Compete at CCS Sports Day

The elementary grade and secondary house with the highest participation in the CCS Sports Day at O'Grady's will enjoy an ice cream party, compliments of Mr. Ray Coffey.

Mark Your Calendars--CCS Sports Day at O'Grady's

Join us on Tuesday, February 21, for CCS Boosters' Night at O'Grady's Restaurant in Phoenixville. This will be an evening of celebrating CCS and our sports teams. CCS Sports Day will be the biggest fundraiser the Boosters will conduct this year. Great gift baskets will be raffled, there will be face painting for the young and young at heart, and Talon, the CCS eagle, will be there in person--or bird. O'Grady's is giving back 10% of the entire day's proceeds to CCS athletes! Thank you, O'Grady's!

Boosters has been actively supporting CCS athletes for two years, providing basketballs, soccer balls, first aid kits, senior recognition gifts, trophies, and new uniforms. They are also planning a new concession facility for the Events Center. You can help Boosters by planning to enjoy a meal with your family and the CCS family at O'Grady's on February 21. You can contribute to the fundraising baskets by contacting Traci Hoffman. Teachers and house leaders can rally the other students. Athletes can meet and greet customers at O'Grady's on CCS Sports Day. Regular customers enjoy meeting CCS athletes at this very special event.

If you have any school spirit at all, plan to be at O'Grady's. What a wonderful way to celebrate each other and to express our love for our student athletes and their dedicated coaches.

Project Purpose Needs EVEN MORE Tutors

Project Purpose, CCS's outreach program for under-served youth in Pottstown, needs tutors on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 We have a place for you! Email assistant director, Rachel Kratz, at rachelkratz@educatingforlife.com.

Shop at GIANT and support CCS PTO--Here's How!!

Did you know that shopping at GIANT can earn money for CCS every time you swipe your Bonus Card at the cash register? Currently we have 69 Bonus Cards registered, and as of the end of December our YTD total that we have earned is \$456.92. So as you can see, this program has quite a potential to earn us a large amount of money. The link to the home page for the program is <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus>. Simply visit the website to learn more and to sign up.

Events by Choral Group "Psalom:" Student Chapel and Evening of Music

This Russian, acapella spiritual ensemble will be forming for secondary students during chapel, as well as offering an Evening of Music in the chapel on Thursday, February 2 at 7:00. Admission is free, donations towards the Latvian Orphan outreach ministry called "Camp Hope" will be accepted and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Please come and support two great ministries, an hour of beautiful praises and a call to help the orphan's cause. It is sure to be a blessed night!

Secondary Test/Project Schedule

Below you will find *projected* quizzes, test, and assignments for Secondary Students (grades 6-12). We often change due dates to adjust to student needs. Please check or contact your teacher for more details.

Day	Assessments/Projects Due
Monday 1/23	6th and 7th grade spelling tests 8th grade Latin quiz 9th grade balloon powered cars due, Omnibus mid-term and Spanish mid-term 10th grade Chemistry mid-term 11th Physics mid-term 12th Anatomy and Physiology mid-term
Tuesday 1/24	7th grade Latin Quiz 9th Geometry/Algebra 1 mid-term 10th Spanish II mid-term, Omnibus mid-term 11th SAT Math mid-term, British Literature mid-term 12th Bible mid-term, Sociology mid-term
Wednesday 1/25	9th Computer mid-term 10th Omnibus-mid-term 11th Bible mid-term 12th Calculus/College Math mid-term Exploring Creation-final paper due
Thursday 1/26	8th grade Science test 9th Biology mid-term 10th Omnibus-mid-term, Algebra II mid-term 11th Rhetoric mid-term, Trigonometry mid-term 12th Rhetoric mid-term, World Literature Scientific Inquiry Final Paper due
Friday 1/27	7th Grade Science Test 9th Omnibus mid-term 10th Health and Physical Education mid-term 12th Spanish III mid-term
Monday, 1/30	