



Secondary School News

Coventry Christian Schools

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Calendar of Events

January

1/11--PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., PV

1/17--Ski Club Trip

1/18--Teacher In-Service, No Classes;

1/19-22--High School Semester Exams

1/22--Prospective Family Open House, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Kindergarten Info Session, 7 p.m., Coventry Campus

1/22--2nd Quarter Ends

1/24--Ski Club Trip

1/31--Ski Club Trip

February

2/2--MS Spelling Bee, 7 p.m.

2/5--Progress Reports Issued; Ski Club Trip

2/12--Re-enrollment Deadline; Prospective Family Open House

2/14--Ski Club Trip

2/15--President's Day--School Closed

2/21--Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., PV

2/25--Creative Minds Fair, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

Building the Right Culture at CCS

"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. . . Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."

1 Corinthians 3:9, 16-17

At CCS, our mission is not only to partner with Christian families to build up God's temple, his church, but also to share our faith with those who may not yet be members of God's church. These two components of our mission are sometimes at odds with each other, but if handled with prayer and wisdom, they actually sharpen each other. The better job we do building up our Christian students in their faith, the more effectively they share their faith with their unbelieving peers. The presence of unbelieving peers makes it possible for our young Christians to be challenged to grow in their faith and their witness to the world. As teachers, we cherish teaching the Gospel of Jesus to young people who have not yet heard or accepted it. I would not have it any other way. Still, it is a delicate balancing act. If those who do not profess faith in Christ also adopt a lifestyle that is contrary to Christ, they can become a stumbling block to young disciples of Christ. At CCS, we strive to maintain an authentically Christian student culture in a learning community that does not shun those of different belief systems.

Of course, it is not always the unbelieving students who become the stumbling blocks to Christian students. As a Christian ministry founded upon biblical Christian principles, we are obligated to protect the culture of our student body and school community. This means that when parents and students who profess faith in Christ engage in behaviors that bring reproach to the name of Christ and to the name Coventry Christian, we must confront those cultural problems with loving firmness. Likewise, when unbelieving students or their parents live lifestyles that contradict the morality embodied in our school name, we must be swift to lovingly correct the attitudes and behaviors that threaten the effectiveness of our ministry. This is the same principle that the apostle Paul was speaking to in the verses from 1 Corinthians quoted above.

This week I have had to address some student behaviors that bring reproach upon the name Christian and that undermine the influence we seek to have on all of our students and their families. These behaviors were primarily outside of the school day and off of school property, but they are of no less concern to me. I wanted to take this newsletter as an opportunity to remind students and parents that any behaviors or lifestyles that are not consistent with biblical Christian living are taken

seriously by our faculty and administration. Because of our obligation to honor the trust placed in us by parents who chose a Christian school because they desired a Christian culture for their children, we will always make it our business to address and discipline shameful and destructive behaviors that occur outside of school.

Please take this opportunity to speak with your children about their obligation to represent Coventry Christian Schools at all times. Please know that we expect your parenting to reflect Christian morality and wisdom regardless of your personal faith or lack thereof. Parents are the key to Christian culture at CCS. Students are simply an expression of the parenting they receive. This is a sacred trust that we place in your hands and in the hands of your children just as you have placed your sacred trust in us as we partner with you daily on behalf of your most precious treasures.

It should not need to be said that we expect the same of ourselves. We need you to hold us accountable as well. May God help us to form a partnership that builds a God-pleasing culture at CCS.

Blood Drive January 12

A blood drive is scheduled for Tuesday, 12, at the Coventry Campus. Please call 610-326-3366 to sign up for a time.

Family Bowling Night, January 16

The PTO is hosting a family bowling night on January 16 at Limerick Bowl. RSVP's are past due. If you are still interested in signing up, you may contact Beth Tsakonas at bethtsakonas@educatingforlife.com to see if you can still be added to the event.

Senior Updates

A senior meeting was held on Friday, January 8, to discuss several key senior events/tasks that are swiftly approaching or already upon us. Please be aware that senior portraits will take place in February. We have secured a photographer who will provide a disc of several poses for you, with all copyrights, for only \$15. Look for forms to come home over the next two weeks. Pictures will be taken at the school, so you do not need to schedule your own appointments. The senior class trip to Mexico was moved up one week to April 17-24. Look for a detailed email regarding the trip next week.

MS Spelling Bee, February 2

Go ahead and mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, February 2, 7 p.m. This will be the time of our annual middle school spelling bee. In two weeks, we will announce the top spellers from each grade level (6-8). If your child makes the cut, he or she will be in the middle school bee. Plan on attending now!

Coventry Challenge 5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk--Some BIG Changes This Year

Goodbye Bowl-a-thon, hello Coventry Challenge 5K! That's right! The bowl-a-thon and jog-a-thon have been replaced by our 6th annual Coventry Challenge 5K. The date of the 5K/1 Mile is Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m. It will once again be held at the Pleasantview campus. Stay tuned for more details about how all of our families will be participating. This year's event has been generously sponsored by the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation, and we are committed to turning this into a great CCS community event. Last year we had over 200 participants, and this year we are looking for at least 450! Mark your calendars, start training, and stay tuned!

Prospective Family Open House/Kindergarten Info Session, Jan. 22

Remember to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our open house on January 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our open houses are efforts to introduce our school to families that might be considering Christian education. While we are open to visitors every day, we find that having an open house event usually is more likely to prompt visits and new enrollments. If you are enthusiastic about CCS, you are a part of our admissions program! Get busy inviting folks to our open house! The Kindergarten information session will follow at 7 p.m. at the Coventry Campus.

Semester Exams 1 1/2 Weeks Away!

It is hard to believe, but we are almost halfway through our school year. This means semester exams for high school students. It's time to get on Renweb to make certain your child is finishing strong and to start prompting them to prepare for exams, which are 10% of final grade for every high school class.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday	Reading test (Everglades)	Computer quiz		
Tuesday	Math quiz(improper fractions, mixed numbers, decimals)		Earth Science test; Classical Civ Summa	Classical Civ Summa; English test ("Til We Have Faces)
Wednesday		History test		
Thursday		Life Science test		
Friday				Physical Science test
Monday, January 18				

High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday			Brit. Lit. Quiz (Macbeth Act III); Physics test	Nguyen Duy quiz, World Lit.
Thursday		Anti-transcendentalism Quiz; Chem test		
Friday				
Monday, January 18				