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Calendar of Events

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.

March

3/5-3/16 Stanford Achievement Testing, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
3/13 Dads' Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m.
3/17 Coventry Challenge, 9 a.m.
3/18 Board of Trustees Meeting
3/20 Moms' Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m.
3/21 Market Day Pick-Up
3/29 3rd Marking Period Ends
3/30 Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

On Things Eternal

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Colossians 3:3-4

"Time is filled with swift transition." This is the opening line of a song I grew up singing in church. As a child, I could not appreciate the truth of the statement. As I watch my children grow, as I watch children I first met in preschool graduate year after year, that swift transition is becoming all too real. This week I was led by God to read the book of Ecclesiastes, one of the books of wisdom found in the Old Testament of the Bible. In it, the teacher expounds upon the vanity of man; he runs down all of the paths that we take as we search for the ultimate pleasure, for the ultimate meaning, in life. The conclusion of his experiment? The whole duty of man: "Fear God and keep his commandments." He finds nothing else satisfies. Nothing else makes him feel alive. Nothing else lasts. As time marches on, I don't want to waste it on anything that will not last.

The rest of the first verse of the old hymn continues, "Naught of earth unmoved can stand. Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand." It was good to pause this week and to consider what of my pursuits on this earth will stand. What will endure? What will fill me to contentment? What am I teaching my children to pursue with their limited time here? It *is* limited. We so rarely consider its brevity. It strikes us as we say goodbye to loved ones who leave this life. It is present in the bittersweet moments as well. The graduation of our children. Their weddings. Reunions with old friends and family. All fill us with an appreciation for what was and the bitterness of what will never be again. Time *is* filled with swift transition. When the transitions sneak up on us, will we be ready for them? Will our children?

The songwriter says, "Hold to God's unchanging hand." The apostle Paul says, "Set your minds on things above." After all, that's where our lives are hidden in Christ. If Christ is my life, does my appointment calendar this week reflect that reality? Does our family schedule demonstrate it? What about our curriculum, our coaching, our discipline, and our service to one another? Time is fleeting. We do not have any of it to waste upon vain pursuits and distractions. Every moment we work together on behalf of our children, our students, must be spent on "things eternal," as the songwriter says. Let's evaluate this week. Let's not just do what everyone else is doing. There's more to this life. Let's pray together this week that we will hold to God's unchanging hand as he leads us to live lives that help our children to set their minds on things above. Let's let God redeem our time and work together for his eternal purposes in the lives of our children.

“The Amazing Race” Parent Meeting Monday, Auditions Next Week

Important Dates:

Monday, Jan 30th @ 3:15pm-5pm - Information Meeting for Parents & Students. This is not MANDATORY, but it serves several purposes. It is an opportunity for me to speak directly to parents about any questions they have and I introduce the different roles to the students and provide music and partial scripts to study for the Feb 6th Audition.

Monday, Feb 6th @ 3:15pm-5pm - Audition

Wednesday, Feb 8th @ 3:15pm-5pm - "Callback" Audition (This is a more specific audition in the event that I need to see more before casting some of the larger roles.)

Rehearsals:

Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15pm-5pm (Group A and sometimes B)

Performances:

Friday, April 20th @ 11:30am (During Chapel)

Friday, April 20th @ 7pm

Saturday, April 21st @ 2pm

Saturday, April 21st @ 7pm

There will be three levels of participation in this show:

Group A - By Audition Only (Must attend Monday, Feb 6th Audition)

Group B - The entire Children's Chorus (This is the ensemble that currently meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings.)

Group C - Every elementary student from grades K-5 (The BIG songs. These will be rehearsed during general music classes. NO ACTIVITY FEE)

Any student may audition for a featured role in the musical even if they are not currently enrolled in the Children's Chorus. However, if they are cast in a role they will be required to pay the activity fee thus enrolling them in the Children's Chorus as well. Any students not currently enrolled in the Children's Chorus may also choose to join now whether they want a role or not. Doing so will automatically include them in Group B. New students will need to pay the Activity fee of \$50 which pays for all materials. [Contact Mr. Minor](mailto:scottminor@educatingforlife.com) directly for enrollment information at scottminor@educatingforlife.com.

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.

Share Some Love with a Lolli-Gram!

Send a fun token of kindness to a student or staff member during the week of February 13th. Ask your Spirit Squad members for a 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. Contact Traci Hoffman (tracihoffman@educatingforlife.com) with questions.

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.

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 toward 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 orphans' cause. It is sure to be a blessed night!

MS Spelling Bee Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m.

Congratulations to the finalists of the class spelling bees! The following students will be representing their classes in the middle school bee on February 7. Come out and enjoy a fun and suspenseful evening, and support these young people as they compete for this year's crown.

6th Grade: Sam Lewis, Riley Minor, Jill Bedell, Christian Molfetto, Caleb DeJesus, Vivian Torres, Lexie Hallman, Mason McIntyre

7th Grade: Alex Fonder, Brennan Sheetz, Zach Evans, Abby Barton, Anna Ling, Kyleigh Gelwicks, Stevie Swigart

8th Grade: Justice Hewlett, James Lowery, Linda McIntyre, Kaylie Niehls, Liz Wetjen

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	6th and 7th grade - Spelling tests 12th Grade Sociology projects Creative Writing High School - "Unclean" poem due British Literature - Concrete Poems
Tuesday	Middle School Creative Writing - "Unclean" poem due" British Literature - 17th Century Poetry Quiz Omnibus II - Winning His Spurs - Chapt. 5-8 Quiz
Wednesday	Biology Test, Ch. 7
Thursday	Middle School Creative Writing--Memory work quiz, Proverbs 12:24-28
Friday	6th grade science test 8th Grade - Memory Verse quiz (2 Corinthians 5:11) 12th Sociology - Memory Verse quiz (Luke 14:12-14) Creative Writing High School - Memory Verse Quiz (Proverbs 12:24-28)
Monday, 2/6	12th Sociology-Quiz on pages 146-159 World Literature-Unit III Honors Project