



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

October

10/12 Columbus Day--School Closed

10/17 All school yard sale, CV

10/18 Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., PV

10/19 Spiritual Emphasis Day at Camp Manatawny; 5th Grade to Paradise Farms

10/21 Market Day Pick-Up, 6:30 p.m., PV

10/27-10/30 Middle School Trips

November

11/3 Grandparents' Gathering, Coventry, 9 a.m.

11/4 Picture Day

11/6 First Quarter Ends

11/13 Open House 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.--Invite families you would like to see at CCS!

11/15 Board of Trustees Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Pleasantview

11/18 Market Day Pick-up

11/20 Progress Reports Issued

11/25 No Classes

11/26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday--No School

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

There Are Always Consequences

"If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it; if a man rolls a stone, it will roll back on him." --Proverbs 26:27

We are surrounded by a culture that teaches us that we can choose whatever actions we want in life and not fear the consequences. All we have to do is turn on the television for any length of time and our eyes will be fed a feast of commercials and televisions shows demonstrating the virtues of products and services that can prevent us from experiencing painful consequences. Have your eating habits and lack of exercise caused you to become overweight? Don't worry, there is a pill for that. If the pill doesn't work there's an operation that will take care of the problem. Do you want to have sex without the responsibility or commitment? There's also a pill for that. Of course, if that doesn't work or other products fail you, there is a "medical" procedure that can eliminate the "consequences." Do you have a research paper due but don't want to put in the hours necessary to complete it? There's a website that can give you what you need and you'll never get caught.

I could go on and on listing the tools of avoidance that we have at our disposal--methods, devices, and people used to avoid negative consequences. As we continue to become more scientifically sophisticated, we are beginning to believe that we will develop remedies for every negative consequence of bad choices until the lack of consequences causes us to truly believe, "There are no bad choices as long as there are no negative consequences." Mankind has always lived as though there are no consequences for his actions, but then those consequences have always come back to bite us. But our God-given ingenuity has created a new world in which people are no longer physically responsible for many of their actions. So are we creating a paradise in which moral relativity will actually serve us well? After all, if we can be sure that nobody will get hurt, shouldn't we be able to engage in any behavior without thought of consequences?

The answer is, of course, a resounding, "No! By no means!" We are both physical and spiritual. Science may devise means by which we can escape the physical consequences of our actions, but man has never and will never devise a means by which we can escape the spiritual consequences of our actions. The spirit of man is deeply and irreparably wounded by sinful decisions, and no scientist, physician, or therapist can heal those wounds. The promise of Proverbs 26:27 is reliable and true. We fall into the pits we dig and are crushed by the stones we roll. Fortunately, there is a someone who can heal those spiritual wounds inflicted by our bad decisions. The apostle Peter writes of Jesus Christ, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been

healed.” Christ forged a path for us through which we may escape the spiritual consequences of our sin. The apostle Paul put it this way in Romans 6, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Students, may you trust your parents, teachers, and God when they tell you to avoid behaviors that they believe are dangerous for you. You cannot escape responsibility for your actions. If you think you can, you are deceived. Parents and teachers, may we hold each other and young people accountable for their actions, teaching them the God-given truth that they are responsible for themselves and that no action is without consequence. May we all remember that when we have fallen into our pits or been crushed by our stones that Jesus alone can heal our wounds.

Columbus Day--No Classes

Please be aware that there will be no classes next Monday, October 12, as teachers will be meeting for in-service.

Is It Really Happening?

Rumors continue to swirl. Some of you have looked in disbelief, others with uncontainable joy. Yes, there are signs--very real, physical signs--that the long awaited Event Center is truly going to be built soon. The next time you are on campus, drive to the back and see the stakes and fencing that mark the construction site. Work will be underway soon and a groundbreaking ceremony is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Juniors Take PSAT Wednesday, Oct. 14

The juniors will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14. The PSAT serves as a practice test for the SAT and gives students an idea of how they will score on the SAT itself. It will provide you with a guide for areas that will need the most preparation to improve for the official SAT in June and again next fall. Following the PSAT, students will be given information and resources for studying for the SAT itself. Students scoring in the 99th percentile will qualify for National Merit Scholar Awards. Stay tuned for more college support to come.

Yearbook Early Bird Special

Yearbook Early Bird Special! Be sure to purchase your yearbook by October 16th to receive the discounted price of \$45. You can send in the yearbook order form with a check or order on-line with electronic check or credit card at www.walsworthyyearbooks.com.

Begin Getting Ready for PTO Clothing/Household Item Drive

You may remember the clothing/household item drive that PTO held last school year. This drive raised hundreds of dollars. Just go through your closets, basement, garage, and attic, and put all of your gently used clothing small toys, and linens in your car. Drive to the Pleasantview campus during the week before Sunday, December 6, and drop your items off. No books, appliances, electronics, or media items such as movies and DVD's will be accepted, so please don't bring those. Our donations are put in a truck and weighed, and we are paid by the pound. This is a great way to get rid of things we don't want or need anymore and to help PTO as they help our kids! Look for more information as the date approaches, but begin cleaning out now!

Spiritual Emphasis Day October 19

Spiritual Emphasis Day is scheduled for Monday, October 19. All students will go by bus to Camp Manatawny for a day of classes and activities centered around spiritual and moral themes. This will be a dress down day, and lunch will be provided. Students who live close to camp may be dropped off at camp instead of school but should not report before 8:00 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$10 per student. A permission slip will be coming home this week. Please remit payment with that. If you have any questions, give us a call.

College Planning Seminar for CCS Families October 20

The first of many opportunities we will be providing to support you as your children approach their college years will be held on Tuesday, October 20, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pleasantview Campus. The seminar is free and is open to all secondary families.

McPrincipal's Night, Tuesday, October 20

Prior to going to the college planning seminar, stop by McDonald's on High Street in Pottstown. From 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., a portion of proceeds from all orders come right back to CCS. It will be a fun time of fellowship and celebration of CCS.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday				
Tuesday	Personal Narrative Due; Bible test			
Wednesday				
Thursday		Life Science Test	Math test	
Friday			Earth Science test	Bible test; Science test
Monday, 10/19	Spiritual Emphasis Day	Spiritual Emphasis Day	Spiritual Emphasis Day	Spiritual Emphasis Day

High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday				
Tuesday	Biology quiz			
Wednesday		Abigail Adams Am. Lit. Quiz	Physics test	
Thursday				
Friday	Spelling test			Cid Quiz World Lit.
Monday, 10/19	Spiritual Emphasis Day	Spiritual Emphasis Day	Spiritual Emphasis Day	Spiritual Emphasis Day