



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

November

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

December

12/4 Parent/Teacher Conferences

12/6 PTO Clothing Drive Ends

12/10 Sports Awards, 7 p.m., PV
Gym

12/15 Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.

12/17 Drama Showcase, 7 p.m.

12/18 Drama Field Trip

12/24-1/1 Christmas Break

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

Words Matter

*"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing
in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."*

Psalm 19:14

All science and social science textbooks published by secular companies make very interesting suggestions explaining how language developed and the origins of language. They are fanciful conjecture that never quite satisfies the inquiring mind. Our social studies books are no exception. Here is a quote from a sixth grade textbook we used to use:

"Before they learned to talk, early people simply made sounds, or pointed to objects, to express meaning. Hand signals were probably used for common things such as water, food, animals, and weapons. Gradually, because of new social needs, sounds and hand signals were no longer enough. The development of language was a great human achievement."

In fact, Adam was created already using language to communicate with God and with Eve. God spoke to them both from the moment they were created, and Adam used language to name the creation around him. Mankind did not create language. It is not a great human achievement. It is a gift from God. As the only species created in his image, we have the gift of language.

This gift, like other gifts from God, comes with the expectation that we will be good stewards of that gift. Aside from salvation, which comes to us through the Word, there is no greater gift than the gift of language. With it we enjoy relationships, we make our living, we are entertained, we change lives--for both the better and worse. Without language, the difference between man and beast would be obscured.

Language is one of those characteristics of man that points to his being uniquely made in God's image. It is because language comes from God and not from the human mind that we must use it with such reverence. Unfortunately, it is with language that we also most often sin and defame the image of God in our lives. James would write that with the tongue we praise our God and father while then turning aside and cursing our brother. The psalmist prays in Psalm 19 that the words of his mouth and the mediation of his heart would be pleasing to God. This is my prayer for myself and each of us as we work in the lives of young people. We can use this powerful and unique gift for the good that God intended language to accomplish, but it will take his Spirit and his grace to equip us in our efforts. May our language be a positive force in the lives of our students and children, and may we set a good example in putting it to use.

Sports Awards Coming

The sports awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 7 p.m., in the Pleasantview gym. Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate the accomplishments and spirit of our interscholastic sports program. Cross country, volleyball, and soccer teams will be recognized and individual awards will be announced. There will be refreshments provided. Whether you have children in the sports program or not, come out and celebrate CCS. Stay tuned for more information to come..

11th Grade College Planning Begins This Week

The first of a series of college planning seminars will be held this week. All juniors are required to participate in the program. Topics will include college research and selection, career counseling and research, the application process, navigating the admissions process, interview skills, writing seminar (SAT and application essays), SAT preparation, and introduction to SAT preparation resources. The seminar will consist of weekly meetings held during the school day. Contact Mr. Fisher for more details.

How Are Those College Applications Coming?

In September of 2008, a college planning calendar was distributed to all juniors and their families. Have you been using yours? Do you know where your child should be in the college application process? A senior meeting was held this week with our guidance counselor, Tom Schillow. While all seniors were given college application calendars and expectations last school year and have completed our college planning course, it appears that many have been sluggish in getting started. The time is now! If you need assistance or have questions regarding college selection and applications, please make an appointment with Mr. Fisher as soon as possible. Early decision deadlines are coming and going as this newsletter is printed. While many applications will not be due until January and even February, many are coming due now. All seniors should have taken the SAT at least once and preferably twice by now. Let us know how we can assist you in securing the right higher education opportunities for your child.

Concession Stand Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with the concession stand at our home basketball games. Mrs. Selena Knepp has agreed to chair the concession stand effort, but in addition to volunteers, she needs folks to donate some items to help make the concession stand a success. The following items are needed: baked goods, small plates, bowls, spoons, napkins, drinks, and hamburger/hot dog rolls. Please email (lenabean38@comcast.net) Mrs. Knepp or call (610-367-6560) her if you can donate something or would like to volunteer your time.

More Details about the PTO Used Clothing/Linens/Toys Drive

As promised, here is more information regarding this easy opportunity to support our PTO as they support our children. On Sunday, December 6, a truck will come to the Pleasantview campus to pick up the following items:

- Wearable used clothing (for all ages)
- Shoes
- Belts, pocket books, purses
- Linens, pillows
- Stuffed animals
- Hard toys

The PTO/HSCA will receive a donation for the total poundage of our donations (.13 per pound for clothing and toys and .15 per pound for shoes). All clothing items must be in well-tied plastic bags. Shoes must be in separate bags, and hard toys must be in boxes. Donations may be dropped off on Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, December 6, 1 to 3 p.m.

Secondary Chorus Concert, December 15

The secondary choral concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15. Come out and enjoy music that is certain to get you into the Christmas spirit. Mrs. Baumgarten and the chorus students have been working hard and are eager to perform before a large crowd!

Drama Showcase, December 17

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the fall drama showcase, which is sure to be a blast. The drama students will be performing on Thursday evening, December 17, 7 p.m., at Pleasantview.

Parent/Teacher Conference--Sign Up Now

With progress reports coming home November 20, conferences are scheduled for December 4. Be certain to plan ahead so that you can get off of work to come speak with your child's teachers. An appointment reservation form was attached with this newsletter. Be certain to return your form as soon as possible so that we can confirm an appointment time that will work for you. Simply write your last name in the boxes that correspond to the teachers you would like to see and the times you would like to see them.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

Middle School

| Day | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th |
|---------------|--|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Monday | | | | |
| Tuesday | | Math quiz | Earth Science quiz | Phys. Science test |
| Wednesday | Reading test ("Diver and the Dolphin" story and vocab) | | | |
| Thursday | | | | |
| Friday | Social studies test | | | Alg. I Ch. 3 test |
| Monday, 11/23 | | | | |

High School

| Day | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
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| Monday | | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | |
| Wednesday | Worldviews Test | Worldviews Test; Am. Lit Quiz--Tall tales, regional humor | Worldviews Test | Worldviews Test; Moliere Quiz, World Lit. |
| Thursday | | | Trig. Ch. 3 test | |
| Friday | Biology test | | | Calculus ch. 3 test |

| Day | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
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| Monday, 11/23 | | Alg. 2 test, ch. 3 | | |