



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

November

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

11/3 Christian College Fair/Trip

11/4 Picture Day

11/6 First Quarter Ends; Work Day

11/9 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pleasantview

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

December

12/4 Parent/Teacher Conferences

12/6 PTO Clothing Drive Ends

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

Speaking the Truth in Love

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Most of us know the "way" our children should go. The challenge is not to learn right from wrong, responsible from irresponsible, or diligent from lazy. We know the virtues that we want our children to live by and the character traits we long to see in them. What we struggle with is how to achieve those, how to best train our children.

Our busy lifestyles don't help. We live in the land of opportunity, and most of us want to create more opportunities for our children than what we had ourselves. It's a natural desire for a parent to have, but creating those opportunities can often come at too high a price. In the midst of the hectic day-to-day created by our drive to "provide," we often parent "on the fly" or "by the seat of our pants." It's not that we're particularly bad parents, we just parent the way that comes most naturally to us because we don't make time to plan our parenting. We parent on impulse. We don't often parent on purpose, and this too often leads to children without the strong roots necessary to grow into the young adults we pray for them to be.

This harried approach to parenting can often lead to just getting our kids through childhood or adolescence when we really desire to prepare our kids for life. Every parent should take the time to deliberately set specific goals for their children and to determine what their role will be in helping their child meet those goals. We ought to be assessing ourselves as parents and identifying growth areas or ineffective parenting that needs to be changed. Successful parenting must be deliberate and purposeful.

Time passes all too quickly. Let's not spend another day putting off improving our parenting or our relationships with our children until tomorrow. May God grant us the discipline to make the time to reflect and plan and the discernment to make wise choices in our parenting. May He ever remind us to purposefully plan to parent not by convenience, but by principle.

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

Have Some Time Friday Evening?

This Friday, November 6, we will be working on some chores, maintenance, and fall cleaning projects after school until about 9 p.m. Any members of our CCS community that would like to come lend a hand are encouraged to do so. We will have a to-do list at each campus. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to paulfisher@educatingforlife.com so that I can include you in any preparation emails.

Dollar Dress Down Day for Annabella LaVacca

Annabella LaVacca was born on Friday, October 23, and is at Al DuPont Children's Hospital. She underwent heart surgery on Thursday, October 29. Her mother, Deborah, served as a wonderful kindergarten teacher for CCS for six years. We would like to give back to Deborah and her family in their time of need. Bring a dollar or more on Friday, November 6, and dress down in honor of the LaVaccas. Please continue to pray for little Annabella and Brian and Deborah.

Christian College Fair Tuesday at Plumstead Christian School

All juniors and seniors who are interested in Christian colleges are invited to travel to Plumstead Christian School on Tuesday, November 3, with Mr. Fisher. Any students wishing to go must RSVP by the end of the day on Monday, November 2. The trip is during school hours, and all students will be back for regular dismissal time.

Wednesday Is Picture Day

Wednesday, November 4, is Picture Day! Don't forget to dress appropriately for your pictures and to complete your order forms.

Invite Your Friends to CCS!

We have periodic Open Houses every school year to remind us to invite our friends, family, and neighbors to come see what CCS is all about. Our next Open House is November 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you know someone who might be interested in enrolling their children at CCS or a student who might be interested in our school, invite them to come see us on November 13.

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 (perhaps on the 4th, parent-teacher conference day), 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!

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.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

Attention Middle School Parents and Students: With three teachers out this last week on class trips, the test and project calendar is certainly missing some events.

Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday	Math test	Math retest		
Tuesday				
Wednesday				English test (ch. 17)
Thursday				
Friday	Philippians 2:4 memory verse due; Reading test			Spelling quiz
Monday, 11/9				

High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday	English parables quiz			
Tuesday		Creveaocour Quiz, Am. Lit.		
Wednesday	English Intro to Lit. test		Ch. 2 test (trig)	Gigamesh/Ramayana Quiz (World Lit)
Thursday	Science quiz	Unit II Colonization exam (Am. Lit.); Am. Lit. Honors project due		Chem 2 test
Friday	Vocabulary quiz		Brit Lit. Honors Project due	Moses quiz (World Lit)
Monday, 11/9				Honors Project due (World Lit.)