



# The Eagle Express

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## Calendar of Events

### December

12/16-17 A Christmas Carol, K-12 production, 7 p.m. both days  
12/20 Choral and Band Concert, K-12, 7 p.m.; Moms' prayer meeting, 8 a.m.  
12/26-12/30 Christmas Break; No Classes, EC Available  
12/29 Alumni Gathering at Hoffmans, 6 p.m.

### January

1/3 Grandparents Gathering, 9 a.m.  
1/10 Dads' Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m.  
1/15 Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.  
1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-No Classes, EC available; Teacher In-Service  
1/17 Moms' Prayer Meeting, 8 a.m.  
1/20 Open House for Prospective Families, 9 to 11 a.m.  
1/23-1/27 High School Midterm Exams  
1/25 Market Day Pickup  
1/27 2nd Marking Period ends  
Preschool progress reports issued

**SEE [www.coventrychristian.com](http://www.coventrychristian.com) for sports schedules! Go Eagles!**

## Checking our Motives: Why Do We Pursue Academic Success?

“. . . We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. . .

Colossians 1:9-10”

Why do we invest so much in our children's education? Even at Coventry Christian Schools, the answers vary greatly. For some, there is great concern that the family's values are supported by their children's teachers. For others, there is a culture they are looking for that they cannot find in other schools. For most, there is a belief that their children can get a “better” education at CCS than in other schools. The most common concern of the majority of parents usually has something to do with making certain that their children will be able to compete at the next level, whatever that is. They want them to get into the right college so that they can get into the right graduate school so that they can get into the right career so that they can make more money and have more prestige so that they can live a better life. A Google search of political rhetoric surrounding the aim of American education leads me to this conclusion: our collective aim is to make students more competitive in the global marketplace.

We are supportive of this end, but for far different reasons than the politicians proclaim. We recognize that those who compete well have great power and influence that can be wielded for the benefit of our neighbors and for the glory of God. We believe that excellence should always be the aim of Christian scholars and professionals so that their work reflects well upon their Creator. Conversely, we also believe that God is glorified when the same people fail, lose, and stumble with grace and dignity. We do not throw out success and competitiveness for the sake of living humble lives of faith. Rather, we believe that success and competitiveness can provide the perfect opportunity to demonstrate humility and faith. “To those who have been given much, much is expected.” These words of Christ compel us to remind ourselves and to teach our children that their motive for being successful must be so that they can bless others and bring glory to God. If they achieve much, much is expected as they live selfless lives in thanksgiving toward God.

What we do not support is academic and professional success for the sake of feeding our own ego or that of our children. As the apostle Paul prayed, we pray for our students that they will use their successes in scholarship to better live lives that please the Lord. He develops their minds and talents so that they may join him in redeeming their lives and the lives of their neighbors, locally and globally, to enjoy the abundant life

offered in Christ. This is the motive and the aim of education at CCS. This is why we invest so much in our children's education. If we are open to God's leading, we will find that there is much more inherent meaning in learning for the sake of knowledge and wisdom itself than we have ever enjoyed before. We will find that our children value learning for learning's sake as much as they do for the "A" or the recognition that comes with it. They will want to understand so that they can make a difference more than making a dollar. This is easy to write about and perhaps even easy to ascent to, but it is far more difficult to remember when we face the day-to-day pressures of earning the right grades, getting the right test scores, and getting into the right colleges. Let us commit to praying for God to give us his motives for the academic success of our children.

*Paul Q. Fisher, Director of Advancement*

## Christmas Concert Tuesday!

Our Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 20th, will have performances from every musical ensemble at the school as well as some combined performances, bringing the different ensembles together. Tickets are general seating and are free.

- Concert Band
- High School Chorus
- Middle School Chorus
- Elementary Chorus (nearly 1/3 of the entire elementary school)
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade violin students

## Moms' Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Join other CCS moms on Tuesday, December 20, 8 a.m., for the monthly moms' prayer meeting. We meet in the conference room for no more than 30 minutes to pray for our families and our school community. Won't you set aside some time for this most important task?

## Shop at Five Below and Help Coventry Kids

Take the attached forms to Five Below, submit with your purchase between now and December 18, and CCS Cheer will receive 10% of your pretax total. Cheer is also helping their CCS peers with trips like the Ross Corners tournament. Buying something you could find at Five Below? Why not give to the Coventry Kids?

## Project Purpose Needs Tutors

Project Purpose, CCS's outreach program for underserved youth in Pottstown, needs tutors on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We have tutoring and mentoring needs for children ages 7 to 18. Whatever your talents, willingness, or availability, we have a place for you! Email assistant director, Rachel Kratz, at [rachelkratz@educatingforlife.com](mailto:rachelkratz@educatingforlife.com).

## Spanish 2 Carolers Sing for Senior Mission Trip

Be sure to bring a little cash or send some with your child to share with our Spanish carolers on Friday, December 16. The Spanish carolers are a tradition at CCS. They travel the hallways, guitars and percussion in hand, spreading Christmas cheer. They are also collecting donations as they go for our senior mission trip and for next year's Spanish trip to Puerto Rico. Classes have the opportunity to give them a token of their appreciation to support these causes.

## Lunch Orders Due

Lunch orders for January are due Wednesday, December 21. PLEASE NOTE, students will have to pack their lunches on January 2nd as there will be no lunch service that day. The January order form is at the end of this newsletter.

## School Pictures Are Here!

School pictures will be going home with students on Monday, December 19. Parents should be on the look out for them.

## 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 & 7th grade Spelling tests World Literature - Unit II Honors Project 12th Sociology - Chapter 4 Test
Tuesday	11th Trigonometry test 6th grade science test 9th grade Biology quiz 7th grade Grammar test
Wednesday	Spanish projects due British Literature - Macbeth Exam World Literature - Unit II Exam
Thursday	6th Grade Geography Test - Mexican States and Capitals SAT Math Speed quiz 8th Grammar - Quiz on Diagramming A & P bone quiz 10th Grade Omnibus III Test
Friday	
Monday, 1/ 2/12	Happy New Year

## Coventry Christian School Lunch Form

Return by: Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

Circle **entree** choice below. All lunches include both side items and beverage.

Cost: \$4/lunch (**except Pizza day**).

Payment **MUST** accompany form for order to be processed.

Monday, Jan 2	Tuesday, Jan 3	Wednesday, Jan 4	Thursday, Jan 5	Friday, Jan 6
<b>Pack your lunch</b>  No hot lunches today	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Chicken nuggets w/ cheesy macaroni  <b>Side Items:</b> Mixed vegetables Pineapples	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Chicken parmesan & pasta  <b>Side Items:</b> Seasoned corn Hot apple slices	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Sloppy Joe  <b>Side Items:</b> Peas Pears	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Hamburger on whole wheat  <b>Side Items:</b> Green beans Applesauce
Monday, Jan 9	Tuesday, Jan 10	Wednesday, Jan 11	Thursday, Jan 12	Friday, Jan 13
<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Pasta marinara  <b>Side Items:</b> Peas Chilled pears	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> BBQ rib sandwich w/ confetti coleslaw  <b>Side Items:</b> Steamed broccoli Applesauce	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Ham & cheese on whole wheat  <b>Side Items:</b> Tossed salad Orange wedges	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J Sandwich <b>or</b> Beefaroni w/ roll  <b>Side Items:</b> Green beans Chilled peaches	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Chicken burrito  <b>Side Items:</b> Mixed veggies Pineapple tidbits
Monday, Jan 16	Tuesday, Jan 17	Wednesday, Jan 18	Thursday, Jan 19	Friday, Jan 20
<b>No Classes</b> <b>Martin Luther King</b> <b>Jr. Day</b> <b>Teacher In-Service</b> <b>Extended Care</b> <b>Available</b>  <b>No lunch orders</b>	<b>Parma Pizza Day!!!</b> ___ 1 slice ( <b>\$2.50</b> ) ___ 2 slices ( <b>\$3.00</b> ) ___ 3 slices ( <b>\$3.50</b> ) <b>Pepperoni or Cheese</b> <b>(circle choice)</b> Includes salad and fruit, beverage	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Beef & bean chili w/ rice  <b>Side Items:</b> Peas Applesauce	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Tacos w/ brown rice  <b>Side Items:</b> Corn Chilled Peaches	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Tuna salad wrap  <b>Side Items:</b> Vegetable pasta salad Hot apple crisp
Monday, Jan 23	Tuesday, Jan 24	Wednesday, Jan 25	Thursday, Jan 26	Friday, Jan 27
<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Rotini w/ meat sauce & garlic bread  <b>Side Items:</b> Corn Fruit mix	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Chicken nuggets, roll & honey mustard  <b>Side Items:</b> Carrots Hot apple slices	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Beef & bean nachos w/ cheese sauce  <b>Side Items:</b> Mixed veggies Pineapples	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Baked ziti w/ garlic bread  <b>Side Items:</b> Green beans Pears	<b>Entrees:</b> PB & J sandwich <b>or</b> Fish sticks w/ mac & cheese  <b>Side Items:</b> Vegetable pasta salad Applesauce
<b>Total:</b> _____	<b>Total:</b> _____	<b>Total:</b> _____	<b>Total:</b> _____	<b>Total:</b> _____

Additional beverages available for daily purchasing (no pre-order, purchase as needed):  
 water, iced tea (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> only), lemonade \$.25 (3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> only); milk - skim, 1%, and chocolate \$.50

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill out separate forms for each student)