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Calendar of Events

December

12/24-1/1 Christmas Break

12/29-Alumni Christmas Reunion

January

1/1--School Closed

1/11--PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., PV

1/17--Teacher In-Service, No Classes

1/19-22--High School Semester Exams

1/22--Prospective Family Open House, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1/22--2nd Quarter Ends

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

A Gift List for Children

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(Mr. Fisher's dad)

I went over my gift list for the children. I checked it twice. Yep, it's a good one. No check is needed, no cash or plastic. Yep, it's a good list. All that is needed is my heart vulnerably opened, my mind, soul, and body unselfishly given, at times to the point where it seems there is no more of me to give. Wait a minute, maybe a check or cash or plastic list is better after all. No, this is THE list, the GOOD one.

Gift one—LOVE! I know, this is obvious, or is it? Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34b). "As I have loved you," the love seen on the cross. That is what my children need from me. Unselfish—doing what will help my children grow up with self-respect, knowing they are loved, learning to respect others, developing faith in Christ—love is unselfish. Unconditional—treating my children with kindness and goodness, patience, forgiveness, compassion, humility, without concern as to how pretty or athletic or smart they are—love is unconditional.

Gift two—RESPECT! I must be aware of the importance of each child as an individual. Respect means treating my children with every courtesy and consideration I give to others. They are children. They are not inferior creatures. Children are not our play things or pets. So to give respect I must be considerate of their feelings and their emotions. Do not belittle them. Encourage them.

Gift three—ACCEPTANCE! God's love is seen in this—"while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). God accepts me where I am, as I am. He patiently bears with me, teaching me, encouraging me, helping me become what I can be. Every child is different than the rest. They are different in sex, age, maturity, personality, interests, the rate of physical, mental and spiritual growth. One never gets into trouble. Another gets into trouble all the time. Each one needs to know she is accepted for who she is. "If only you were like your brother!" She is not her brother. She needs me to accept her.

Gift four—LISTENING! Love, respect, and acceptance, are all present or are all absent in the way I listen to my children. Listen—get on my child's eye-level, listen in order to hear, to understand, to be able to patiently respond. Listen—hear my child's concerns, respect his feelings, listen through, do not interrupt.

Gift five—TIME! Time with my children. Time—sitting down at the supper table, actually talking, laughing, listening, not rushing. Time—going on a hike, playing a board game, throwing a ball. Time—as a family working together around the house, playing together, worshipping

God together. Time—listening, talking. Time—when I place being with my children ahead of things I would rather be doing. Time—interacting with my children.

Gift six—DISCIPLINE! “The Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in” (Proverbs 3:12). It is so easy for me to see discipline only as punishment. It is much more. Discipline is all that is involved in teaching and guiding my children. My goal is to lead my children into adulthood as people who are able to make choices, to be wise in their behavior, to live responsibly in relationship with others.

Gift seven—FAITH! The most valuable gift to give my children—faith in Christ. Reading the Bible and Bible stories to them, praying together, singing songs of faith, worshiping God together. Purposefully living a godly life, being an example of following Christ, allowing my children see Christ in me.

Yep it’s a good list. But a check or cash or plastic list is so much easier. No, this is THE list, the GOOD one. Lord, help me find these gifts and to abundantly give them.

Students Give to Children’s Home of Reading

The student government association and Ambassadors are working together to bring some fun to children at the Children’s Home of Reading. The student government association is asking students to bring in toys for the children at the home. All donations must be received by Monday, December 21. A dress down day was held on Friday, December 11, to raise additional funds for the project as well. Student government members will deliver the toys on Monday, December 21, between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If your child is in SGA, a permission slip will be coming home later this week. The guidelines for donations were shared in chapel. Ask your child about the project today.

High School Chorus to Sing for Residents at Colonial Woods

The high school chorus will sing at Colonial Woods assisted living center on Tuesday, December 2, 10 a.m. The chorus will travel by bus, leaving the school at 9:15 a.m. and returning for lunch at the school. Look for a permission slip to come home and be sure to get it back to us by Tuesday.

Alumni Christmas Reunion, December 29

The annual Alumni Christmas Reunion is scheduled for Tuesday, December 29, at 7 p.m. at Cutillo’s Restaurant. Faculty, staff, and alumni are all invited for an evening of fellowship and catching up on what’s happening in each others’ lives and at CCS. The cost of the evening will be \$10 to cover the banquet room, appetizers and soft drinks being provided by Cutillo’s. Spread the word and plan to join us! Please RSVP to debbiebeck@educatingforlife.com.

Christian College Trip Planned

We encourage all students to investigate Christian college options. We have several good universities in Pennsylvania that students can visit fairly easily with their families, but every February, we take interested students to at least three Christian colleges outside of our area. This February 15 through 19, all interested juniors and seniors are invited to go on a trip to Harding University, Freed-Hardeman University, and Lipscomb University. If you are interested in this trip, please let Mr. Fisher know before Christmas so that he can begin planning the trip accordingly. The cost of the trip is usually between \$100 and \$150, including all travel, food, and lodging.

More Skiers Needed

If you are interested in participating in the CCS Ski Club, please let Mr. Fisher know by Monday, December 21. The cost of the club will be between \$100 and \$150 for six outings to Bear Creek. The club is open to all CCS students, family members, and family friends. We need to have at least 15 members to secure this pricing. We are up to nine so far.

Prospective Family Open House, Jan. 22

Remember to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our open house on January 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our open houses are efforts to introduce our school to families that might be considering Christian education. While we are open to visitors every day, we find that having an open house event usually is more likely to prompt

visits and new enrollments. If you are enthusiastic about CCS, you are a part of our admissions program! Get busy inviting folks to our open house!

Semester Exams 2 1/2 Weeks Away!

It is hard to believe, but we are almost halfway through our school year. This means semester exams for high school students. It's time to get on Renweb to make certain your child is finishing strong and to start prompting them to prepare for exams, which are 10% of final grade for every high school class.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday				Physical Science test
Tuesday	English test	Math test; Science test	Earth Science test	
Wednesday	Math test; Soc. St. test; Drama characterization test	CMF Final draft paper; Drama characterization test	Drama characterization test	Drama characterization test
Monday, Jan 4				
Tuesday, Jan 5				
Wednesday, Jan 6			Math test	

High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday	Biology test	CMF final draft paper due		
Tuesday			Physics test; Trig test	Chem II test; Calculus test
Wednesday			<i>Macbeth</i> Act I Quiz	<i>Storni</i> quiz, World Lit.
Monday, Jan 4				
Tuesday, Jan 5				
Wednesday, Jan 6				