



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

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

12/29-Alumni Fellowship

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 Ex-
ams

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!

Taking Back Our Lives

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you get up."

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Talk about them when you sit at home? When was the last time you sat at home with your family? For most families, the typical day consists of several separate lives running in every direction, but never running together. Sitting is out of the question. Walking also rare. We run. School, work, church, youth group, sports, lessons of all kinds, shopping, friends' houses. . .the list goes on. While in the car together, eyes and hands are glued to the cell phone, the iPod, the DS. When the family finally does cross the threshold at home, everyone races to their own screens--tv, computer, cell phone again. In our culture, families share space but not time. Homes but not hearts. Rooms but not relationships.

When Moses recorded these scriptures, he could not have imagined the lifestyle of 21st century American families. The typical Israelite family members would have worked side by side farming, ranching, herding. They would have prepared meals together, eaten them together, and sat around the hearth together afterwards. When going to the tabernacle, synagogue, market, or well, they walked. The time was passed in silent thought or in conversation. Conversation was plentiful. Silence was common. Sitting and walking were routine.

While times may have changed, God's commands remain the same. How are we to teach our children if we do not slow down? How are they to hear us if we do not pull them away from their headphones, computer screens, video game consoles, cell phones, and even friends? When will we ever sit, walk, and talk together if we don't sometimes say no to sports, clubs, and activities that rob us of precious time with our children? Nowhere in scripture do we find God imploring us to make sure our children try everything, reach their potential in some recreational activity, or have it better than we did. We are simply told to truly share every day with them and to teach them along the way. This requires genuine relationship. What are you doing to build relationship with your children today? What have you taught them about God and his will for their lives today?

Let's redeem the time God has given us with our children. It is passing so fast, and we'll not get it back. May we use this Christmas season to slow down and begin habits of togetherness. May we commit to slowing down, to walking, and even to sitting in 2010.

Sports Awards Thursday

The sports awards ceremony is scheduled for this 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. Please turn in your RSVP with your payment by Tuesday. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per student.

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.

Ski Club Planned

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.

Creative Minds Fair Work Underway

Please be sure to ask your child about the Creative Minds Fair project he or she should be working on. The fair is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, but the work has already begun. If you have not already seen the timeline of interim due dates for the project, please ask your child. Every year there are students who miss the deadlines along the way to the fair. The project is worth multiple test grades and can spell success or failure for the 2nd marking period. The key to success is avoiding procrastination and meeting deadlines along the way.

Band To Play, Monday, December 14

The band will be the opening act at The Hill School Center for the Performing Arts on Monday evening, December 14, 6:30 p.m. The elementary musical will follow at 7 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.

December 18--Drama Field Trip, Spirit Day, Pep Rally

Friday, December 18, is a very busy day at CCS. The middle and high school drama classes have a field trip to the Arden Theatre in Philadelphia for a production of Peter Pan. The Spirit Squad is sponsoring a Spirit Day to get the basketball season off to a great start. The day is a blue and white dress down day and will end with a 7th period pep rally in the gym. There will be no club meetings as the pep rally will be taking the place of clubs.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday		Life science test; computer quiz	Science test	English Creative Minds Fair thesis statement and outline due, Writing assignment due
Tuesday		Math quiz; history test		
Wednesday	Memory Verse due: Philippians 2:1-7			
Thursday	Science test			
Friday	English quiz--irregular verb chart			English-spelling quiz
Monday, Dec. 14				

High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday			Sociology test--Culture	Sociology test--Culture
Tuesday		Amer. Lit. Unit III exam due; Honors Project due	Brit Lit quiz	
Wednesday				
Thursday			Physics test	
Friday				
Monday, 12/14	Worldviews Test	Worldviews Test	Worldviews Test	Worldviews Test