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Calendar of Events

October

- 10/22 All School Yard Sale
- 10/24 Blood Drive, Noon to 6 p.m.
- 10/25 McPrincipal's Night, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- 10/28 PTO Harvest Fest

November

- 11/1 Grandparents Gathering 9 a.m.
- 11/3 Dare To Love Seminar, 6:30 p.m.
- 11/4 1st Marking Period Ends
- 11/7-11 Book Fair
- 11/11 Open House, 9-5
- 11/13 Board of Trustees Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- 11/14 Sports Boosters, 6:30 p.m.
- 11/16 Market Day Pickup
- 11/18 Progress Reports Due (K-12)
- 11/23 No Classes, EC Available
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday-School Closed, No EC
- 11/26 Homecoming

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

Standing on the Promises

Paul Q. Fisher, Director of Advancement

Today we celebrated grandparents. What a humbling experience it is to stand before three generations of our Coventry families and to consider the wealth of experience, wisdom, and contributions of those who have brought us to where we are today. The CCS that blesses our children today stands on the shoulders of the grandparents of our children, our grandparents, and our ancestors before them. We so often think that we are self-made. That notion fades in an auditorium of grandparents and great grandparents.

Each grandparent couple I met today represented a lifetime of promises kept. To a spouse, to a child, to a grandchild, to a community, to God. In my conversations with so many of our special guests today, I was told of God's faithfulness in keeping his promises. As I thanked and praised our grandparents, they deflected that thanks and praise to the God who has sustained them through his great promises. Their stories are varied and remarkable. They are a testimony to the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ that is at the heart of our mission at CCS.

In essence, what I was reminded of today was that our families, our school, our community, stand not on their own. They stand on a legacy of promises kept and promises in which we place our trust. We build our lives and the foundation for our children's lives on the promises of our faith. We believe that the truth does indeed set us free. We believe that in Christ, all things hold together. We believe that to find our lives, we have to lose them in the cause of Christ. We believe that the world offers attractive but hollow and deceptive philosophies but that Christ offers abundant life. We stand on these promises, and the witness of our forefathers, the testimony of their lives, gives us the assurance that we stand on solid, unshakable ground.

May God cultivate in our children a reverence for their forefathers, that they might build their lives upon the great promises to which our ancestors bear witness.

Spirit Wear Orders Due Nov. 7

Please remember to turn in your spirit wear orders by November 7. All sales benefit CCS Sports Boosters and their work on behalf of our student athletes.

Creative Writing and 8th Grade English Spend Time with Author

The middle and high school creative writing extensions and 8th grade English classes will be traveling to Alvernia University to spend some time with author A.S. King. This event is a part of the Greater Reading Literary Festival.

College Fair Planned for Juniors and Seniors

Permission slips for the Christian College Expo and Financial Planning Seminar in Plumbsteadville on Tuesday, 10/25 must be turned in by Tuesday, October 18.

Mark Your Calendar for Homecoming

Mark your calendars for CCS Homecoming on Saturday, November 26, 2011. Gym uniform orders will continue throughout the school year. See the website for the order form.

Spanish 2 and 3 Classes to Reading Terminal Market

The advanced Spanish classes will have an authentic cultural and language immersion experience on their trip to the Reading Terminal Market on Friday, October 28.

What are those dots?

Check out the new multi-colored "stop dots" in the after school parent pick-up line. Students are directed to one of the color dots on the sidewalk, and parents pull up to the corresponding color next to the sidewalk. Somewhat silly, but helpful in directing students more effectively to aid in the flow of traffic in the afternoon!

Elementary Academic Extensions Start 10/25

Elementary Academic Extension Clubs will begin on Tuesday, October 25th after school from 3:20-4:30. Students are invited to participate in one fall club session and may pick from the grade specific offerings. This fall there are four clubs: keyboarding, nursery rhyme time, geography, and textural art. There will be a flier coming home with students on Monday, October 17, and students must enroll by Monday, October 24th.

Blood Drive on Campus, Monday, October 24

We are hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, October 24, from noon to 6 p.m. To make a donation appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org, click on "Make a Donation Appointment," and enter the sponsor code "13975." Also include that students 16 yrs and older are eligible to donate, but must have a signed Parental Consent form. House deans have these forms if you are interested.

PTO Harvest Fest Planned for October 28

Please join the CCS PTO for its 2nd Annual Harvest Fest at The Farmer's Daughter in Spring City. This fun evening of celebration and fellowship includes hayrides, a flashlight corn maze, and a bonfire. BYO S'mores! The cost of the event is \$20 per family. All money is being collected in advance and is due by October 21. Checks should be made out to CCS PTO. An RSVP form is going home with every student. If you can't find yours, simply email bethsakonas@educatingforlife.com with your name and total number attending and submit your payment to your child's teacher.

McPrincipal's Night, Tuesday, October 25

McPrincipal's night is a fun night of fellowship as CCS takes over the High St. McDonald's in Pottstown in an effort to raise funds for the Coventry Kids. Simply come by McDonald's between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. and share some time with our CCS family, and a percentage of your purchases will come back to CCS.

High School Girls Basketball Sign-Ups

The basketball season is just around the corner! High school girls' basketball sign-ups are underway. A sign-up sheet is posted on the board across from the 5th grade and Mr. Dove's room. There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in the team at 3:30 pm on Thursday, November 3, in the art room. Anyone who has questions can talk to Coaches Becky Strycharz and Dana Perich.

Book Fair Coming

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the CCS library November 7 - 11. A wide selection of books for all ages will be available for purchase while the book fair is open daily from 7:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.. Volunteers are needed to help during the midday hours from 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. All profits benefit the CCS Library. Teachers are encouraged to create wish lists for their classrooms, elementary students are encouraged to make wish lists for themselves, and parents are encouraged to fulfill those wish lists! Please plan to attend with or without your children to prepare for upcoming gift-giving opportunities! Please contact Mrs. Cheryl Snyder if you can help at 484-529-3034 or email Cheryl Snyder, our librarian extraordinaire, at cherylsnyder@educatingforlife.com. Thank you!

Dare to Love Seminar Continues Oct. 13, 20, and Nov. 3

The *Dare To Love* seminar continues on three of the next four Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This seminar is appropriate for parents of children of any age, grandparents, and even those who do not yet have children. We encourage those with children 12 and older to attend the seminar sessions with their children. Babysitting is provided for parents who need to bring younger children. Topics: Dating, Marriage, Sexuality, When and How To Teach Children about Sex and Dating, How To Navigate Media and the Internet with Children, and the concept of courting versus dating. Pete Shipman and Paul Fisher are conducting this seminar. Even if you did not make the kick-off session on Saturday, October 8, the next three sessions are open to you.

Zumba Classes Offered on Campus, Start Date 10/24

One of our CCS parents, Gail Porter, is offering ZUMBA fitness to our school. If you would like to participate in the class that is now forming, please email gporter579@comcast.net or call her at 610-633-2524. Just note in your email that you are interested in the CCS location. The first class is free, and each subsequent class is \$7. Participants can sign up for 10 classes for \$50 by purchasing a punch card. The first session is Monday, Oct. 24, 4:15 p.m., in the fitness room.

Grandparents Gathering Needs Your Capri Sun Pouches!

The Grandparent Gathering Group has decided to recycle empty Capri Sun drink pouches, which earn us \$.02 per pouch. This money will be used towards classroom needs. Please encourage our children to put their empty pouches into the designated container in the lunchroom.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

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 Bible: <i>What's In a Name</i> Essay Due 6th & 7th grammar- Spelling tests 8th grammar - Test on adjectives, adverbs and diagramming 10th grade Omnibus - Quiz World Literature - Joan of Arc Essay
Tuesday	6th Bible: Reading Check (Gen.28-33) 7th Literature: Ch. 16-20 Study Guide Due 8th Grade and Creative Writing Field Trip <u>11am - end of the day</u> 11th/12th field trip to Christian College Fair
Wednesday	Spanish 1 quiz- Review of verbs and numbers British Literature: Chaucer Poem and Chaucer Quiz
Thursday	Physics Unit 2 Test 12th grade Sociology - Quiz on 4 loves and Christian love
Friday	6th Bible- Study Guide Due 7th Bible- Reading Check (Gen.49-50, Exod.1-7:7) 12th grade- Calculus Chapter Test 11th grade-College Algebra & Trig Test SAT Prep Vocabulary quiz Middle School Creative Writing - Quiz on terms & definitions Omnibus II - Writing Assignment British Literature - Unit II Honors Project World Literature - Unit I Honors Project
Monday, 10/31	