



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

October

10/27-10/30 Middle School Trips

10/30 Events Center Ground
Breaking, 3:45, Pleasantview

November

11/3 Grandparents' Gathering, Cov-
entry, 9 a.m.

11/3 Christian College Fair/Trip

11/4 Picture Day

11/6 First Quarter Ends

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

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

Speaking the Truth in Love

¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

--Ephesians 4:11-16

In meditating upon this passage from Scripture, it occurred to me that there were some excellent applications relevant to our school community. In its original context, the passage is speaking about God's church, which is made up of many of the members of the CCS community. Even if that were not so, the principles taught in these verses can be applied to any community or organization that desires to mature and reach excellence. God calls us to use our gifts to help each other to become mature, which he defines as becoming like Jesus. He also teaches us that by speaking the truth in love (It is implied that he means to each other.) we can build each other up, both individually and collectively, until we grow to maturity. We all have a responsibility in this process of maturing. I'm calling us to accept that responsibility. Each "part" of our school "body" must do its work. If any "part" fails to contribute, then the whole "body" suffers and its growth is stifled.

While there are many integrated, interdependent roles that must all be carried out with diligence for our school to continue to mature in its striving for excellence, I am only going to focus on one in this week's letter. Parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, and students all have one very important job in common, regardless of their unique respective roles: to speak the truth in love to one another. I am so thankful for members of our school community who have made a habit of speaking the truth in love to each other. I'm thankful for parents who regularly give me honest feedback and evaluation, both positive and negative. I'm thankful for students who conscientiously express their ideas and concerns with me. I'm thankful for teachers, parents, and students who tell the difficult truths to each other when those difficult truths must be heard for growth to occur. Sometimes the truth is simply en

lightening. At other times it is encouraging. Still, other times the truth is painful to hear. Yet the truth must be told if we are to reach maturity in each of our roles in not only our school community but in our lives.

Yet it's not just telling the truth that Paul call us to. He call us to do so "in love." In other words, we share openly and honestly with each other because we care enough to do so. We tell the truth in love when we tell it to those who need to hear it because we want them to benefit from it or those they serve, work with, or live with to benefit from their realization of the truth. When the truth is not told in love, but out of vindictiveness or pride, good is rarely accomplished.

I have admonished the teaching staff in the secondary program to be diligent about sharing openly and honestly with parents in all communication, including the assessment and grade reporting process so that our students can grow to intellectual and spiritual maturity. I now admonish students and parents to share openly and honestly with teachers and administrative staff so that we may better help students mature. It is important that we receive critical evaluation from those whom we serve and with whom we work. We cannot possibly see all of our weaknesses and strengths without your help. My prayer is that educating for life at Coventry Christian Schools will be a team effort fueled by speaking the truth out of love for our young people!

Events Center Groundbreaking Friday, October 30!

The long anticipated groundbreaking ceremony for the Events Center will be held this Friday, October 30, 3:45 p.m., at the Pleasantview Campus. The Spirit Squad, chorus, SGA President, Saarah Hussain, school officials, and community dignitaries will all be present to celebrate this momentous occasion with our students, parents, and community. We want everyone to come. The event will be over by around 4:30 pm., and there will be refreshments served so that we do not have to miss the proverbial after school snack. Please RSVP by emailing Lynda Hamilton-Kirk at lyndahamiltonkirk@educatingforlife.com.

You Came Through!

Thank you to all of those who donated to help students go on their class trips. It has been a testimony of your faith and love and has brought glory to God and a smile to the faces of our students and their families. Please be praying for both the safety of our middle schoolers as they travel to Black Rock Retreat Center and Boston and for the effectiveness of the trips themselves as you spend time in prayer this week.

CCS Blood Drive, October 26

If you registered for the blood drive, don't forget to show up! The time has come! You can also email colleengawlas@comcast.net or debbiebeck@educatingforlife.com to confirm your time.

SGA Laser Tag Outing Planned

Come join SGA for a fun night of unlimited Laser Tag games at Laser Quest in Reading, PA. The event is open to all grades 5-12. **Cost:** Around \$30 per person **When:** Nov 13th, 2009 **Time:** 9:45 PM- 8 AM. SGA needs payments by November 6. Because we need your word, there are no refunds. As a general rule, you may not charge any payment to your account. Arrive at the Pleasantview campus between 9:45 and 10 PM on November 13. Pizza and drinks will be provided for the whole night. All students must ride the bus. Please bring snacks to share. If desired, you may bring sleeping ware, since there will be time to rest. SGA needs 30 or more students to come, so if you are interested, please sign up in the office before October 30th, 2009.

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:

Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday	Spanish test	Computer test		Science test--open book; Algebra I test
Tuesday		Math test; Science test	Science test	
Wednesday				
Thursday	English test			
Friday	Memory Verse due-- Philippians 2:2-3			
Monday, 11/2				

High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday	Worldviews test due	Wordviews test due	Worldviews test due	Worldviews test due
Tuesday		Algebra 2 test		
Wednesday				
Thursday		Chemistry test		
Friday	Geometry test			
Monday, 11/2				