



# Secondary School News

Coventry Christian Schools

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## Calendar of Events

### March

3/20--Coventry Challenge 5K

3/21--Board of Trustees meeting,  
1:30 p.m., PV

3/24--Market Day Pick-Up at PV

3/25-26--Spring Play, PV Gym

3/26--Blood Drive, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Prospective Family Open  
House, 9 to 5; Third Marking  
Period Ends

### April

4/2--Good Friday--School Closed

4/5--No Classes, Extended Care  
Available

4/6--Grandparent Gathering at Cov-  
entry Campus, 9 a.m.

4/9--Progress Reports Issued

4/17-22--Senior Mission Trip--Mexico

4/26-4/30--9th-11th Class Trips

4/28--Market Day Pick-UP, PV

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

## Educating for Life--What It Really Means

*"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."*

Philippians 2:13

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

3 John 1:4

"Educating for Life," our school's motto, is packed with so much purpose that might be overlooked by the casual observer. The reason: "life" is a relative term. What we mean by life might differ from what others infer from the word. The slogan, "Life Is Good" has been popular in recent years as a line of clothing and accessories marketing the slogan has been hugely successful. Judging by the illustrations embroidered and printed on those products, by "life" we mean all of the fun stuff--hobbies, vacations, simple pleasures. But what of the rest of life? Ever see a Life Is Good shirt with a 1040 tax form on it? How about a stick figure child in a hospital bed? A prisoner sitting on his cot, peering through bars? A Ugandan child hold a machine gun? The ridiculous nature of such a product would no doubt only appeal to the most cynical and sarcastic among us, yet these too are a part of what we call "life." For those whose lives truly consist of far less leisure, far less pleasure, far less stability, would the best selling products make any sense?

The answer lies in whether they walk in the truth, whether they will and act according to God's good purpose. As we endeavor to educate our children for life, we have no way of ensuring that they will be financially successful, safe from physical harm or from suffering and heartbreak. We give them the best start we can with their academic studies, we teach them life skills, we give them opportunities to develop their talents, and we try to fund or at least subsidize their early adult years. All of these efforts are good and may serve to provide for them those "Life Is Good" moments. However, their futures and outside forces over which we have no control are far too vast and unpredictable for us to manage for them. At some point, their lives, if seen as good only when they experience pleasure, will cease to be good. However, if the goodness of life is seen as being directly proportionate to the extent to which they will and act according to God's bigger purposes, even when life consists of suffering and failure, it will have purpose and goodness. For the person who wills and acts according to God's purpose, the person who walks in the truth, will find meaning, satisfaction, contentment, and hope, regardless of what life holds in store for him or her.

When we instill in our children a Christian worldview, we give them a hope-filled perspective that serves as an anchor during life's storms and a reason to continue believing that life is good. In the face of suffering, the Christian is called to be an agent of peace and healing. In the midst of failure, the Christian can trust that there is a lesson to be learned, that God has a plan to use that failure to change him or her to be more like Christ. The Christian is concerned first and foremost about the needs of others and so spends his life unselfishly, finding joy and fulfillment in meeting the needs of others with no time to wallow in self pity. The Christian can see opportunity in all circumstances, whether pleasant or unpleasant, to be used by God to spread His love, and in doing so, finds joy and purpose in even the darkest times. The Christian can always say, "Life Is Good," if by "life" she means eternal life--that life which has an eternal perspective, that life which wills and acts according to God's purpose.

When we say "Educating for Life," we mean the eternal life that Jesus came to give your children. Not just life that goes on forever, but life that is of a better quality, the kind of quality that produces unnatural contentment and joy even in the darkest chapters of life. We want desperately to help you equip your children with the worldview and habits that they need to experience the life that Jesus intends to give them. As the apostle John wrote, we have no greater joy than to hear that our students are walking in the truth. In fact, it is our greatest aim. It is what we mean by "Educating for Life."

If all of this makes sense to you, won't you pray for our partnership so that we will be faithful in this mission? If it only raises questions for you, won't you let me know. I would love to have a talk with you about our mission and what it means to you and your child. Sometimes we take for granted that everyone in our school community truly understands what we are about, but even the word "Christian" has many different meanings to different people. It is important that we have dialogue, parents and teachers, about what our goals are for your children. They are your greatest gift and your greatest responsibility. The more we share this task in a unified partnership, the more useful we will be as God's instruments for serving your children.

## Invite Families to Our Open House, March 26

All CCS families are encouraged to share their enthusiasm for CCS with their friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family in anticipation of our prospective family open house on Friday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Guests can even give blood while here as we have our blood drive that day! Open House days are for welcoming families who might some day be interested in enrolling their children in our program. Most families enroll because of word of mouth. You can help us let more families know about the tri-county area's best kept secret in education.

## Spring Play, *Our Town*, March 25-26--NEW! Spaghetti Dinner Prior to Show!

The spring drama production, *Our Town*, is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, 7 p.m., in the Pleasantview gym. Reserve the date on your calendar now for an enjoyable evening with our talented actors and actresses. Be sure to invite family and friends to join us as well. There will be a spaghetti dinner to support the senior mission trip to Mexico on Friday before the show. Look for fliers to come home early this week. Reserve your spot and enjoy dinner and a show!

## College Funding Seminar

There will be a college funding seminar on Tuesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. in the Pleasantview chapel. The seminar is for parents of children of any age. It will provide a cursory view of the college funding challenge and will provide follow-up opportunities with a consultant, Mr. Pete Dewalt, should attendees be interested. If you attended the fall session, this will be a repeat of that information. The seminar is free, but the follow-up consulting is not. Parents who simply wish to meet with Mr. Fisher to get help with the FAFSA (college financial aid) or college application process can simply make an appointment with Mr. Fisher.

## Annual PTO Auction, April 17

Be sure to mark your calendars! The annual PTO auction is a great evening of fun and celebration of the CCS community. Invitations were sent home two weeks ago. If you did not get one, please give us a call so that we can get you the information needed to RSVP. This year's auction will be held at the French Creek Golf Club. If you have not been before, why not make this your first auction? It won't be your last!

## All High School Language Students Go to Philly on Thursday

All high school language students will be going with Mrs. Ponton to the Reading Terminal Market via school bus on Thursday, March 18. If you have not seen the permission slip, please ask your child.

## 9th Grade Recipes Needed!

9th grade students and parents, please be sure to get your recipes to Mrs. Shipman for the auction project. She needs them no later than Friday, March 12.

## Blood Drive March 26

We are hosting another Keystone/Miller Blood Drive at the Pleasantview Campus on Friday, March 26, noon to 7 p.m. Call the PV office to sign up, 610-326-3320.

## Financial Aid Applications Due April 15, Get Started Now

If you want to re-enroll your child but know that you will need financial aid for the 2010-11 school year, you must go to [www.ffna1.com](http://www.ffna1.com) to complete a financial aid application. Financial aid decisions will be made in May. Aid is limited, so late applications may not be accepted. You must still complete your re-enrollment form and pay the re-enrollment fee in order to reserve a spot for your child. Financial aid applications are not considered unless re-enrollment has been completed.

## Test and Project Calendar for This Week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>5th</b>	Reading vocab quiz		Social Studies test, ch. 7		
<b>6th</b>			Science test		Math quiz; History test, ch. 16
<b>7th</b>					
<b>8th</b>			Bible test	Spanish quiz	English spelling quiz
<b>9th</b>					English vocab quiz
<b>10th</b>	Douglass, Stanton, Native Americans quiz	Chemistry I test			
<b>11th</b>					
<b>12th</b>		Alfieri/Voznesenski Quiz			