



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

March

- 3/8-12--Stanford Achievement Tests
- 3/8--PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m., PV
- 3/12--Events Center Dedication, 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- 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 Coventry 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 for sports schedules! Go Eagles!

I'm Proud To Be at CCS

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service. . . Ephesians 4:11-13

Having just returned from a Christian school conference in Knoxville, TN, I am busy reflecting upon all of the challenges that have been issued to us as we were sharpened by the time spent with our colleagues from schools around the country. Trips to such conferences always affirm for me the unique qualities of Coventry Christian Schools. While I value most the challenges that I am given at such conferences that will help us grow in fulfilling our mission, I also value the opportunity to learn about the challenges faced by other schools. I always come away from these gatherings with great pride that I am a part of Coventry Christian Schools. The grass, indeed, is not greener on the other side. In fact, you should all know that CCS has become a model for schools nationwide in the areas of spiritual formation and curriculum development. Several times during the conference, superintendents, board members, and principals from other schools came to me with questions because they had heard that CCS could help them.

While I envy the facilities of many of these older, larger schools, their endowments and donor bases, and their football teams, I need only look at our faculty, our alumni, and our community, and I know that we have something very special. No school is perfect, and the grass always appears to be greener elsewhere, but when I compare our student achievement, alumni statistics, and personal anecdotes, it is clear that in fact, the grass just might be greener here at Keim Street and Pleasant-view Road!

When I speak with other schools, they are most amazed at the diverse careers and ministries in which our short list of alumni are already serving. For such a young school, we have a wonderful track record. In our mission to nurture each student to become whatever God has called him or her to be, we are fulfilling our calling. We have alumni in nursing, medicine, computer programming, law, missions, church ministry, engineering, pharmacy, physical therapy, business, education, music, graphic design, and many more varied ministries. Additionally, we have alumni playing college soccer, volleyball, and baseball. Our alumni are either enrolled in or graduates of over 30 universities and colleges in 10 states and 3 foreign countries. They have or are serving in mission fields on every continent but Antarctica.

It is so exciting to watch as our partnership together exponentially grows and touches the citizens of not only our community but the country and the world in the name of Christ. As I settle back in at home, I count it a great blessing to be here with you at CCS!

Junior/Senior Formal Dress Code

Last week we shared with the junior and senior girls the dress code for the formal, which is scheduled for Friday, May 28. The dress code consists of the following:

1. Dresses must extend below the fingertips when arms are extended and held at one's sides with shoulders relaxed.
2. There must be no cleavage showing at the top of the dress.
3. Strapless dresses that do not stay up or that need constant adjustment are not permitted. Dresses with straps (not spaghetti) are preferred.

If there are any doubts about the modesty of a dress, please do not purchase it. We will have sweaters and leggings at the formal to give to girls who are not dressed modestly according to chaperone discretion. Any girls who do not meet this code will be required to put on the provided clothing at the formal. I am certain we will not have that issue, but we just want to be proactive in communicating so that we are all on the same page.

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.

High School Girls' Soccer Parent Meeting, Monday, March 8

There is a mandatory parent meeting for the high school girls' soccer team Monday evening, March 8, 7 p.m., in the chapel. If you cannot make it, be sure to let Coach P know.

Schedule for Events Center Dedication, March 12

The schedule for the Events Center Dedication has been finalized. See you there!

4 p.m. Middle School Girls Basketball v. Middle School Boys Basketball

5 p.m. Faculty Women v. High School Girls Basketball

6 p.m. Events Center Dedication

7 p.m. Faculty Men v. High School Boys Basketball

Need Help Setting Up Your Firstgiving Page for the 5K?

If you need help with your Firstgiving page for the 5K fundraising effort, you can come to the Pleasantview computer lab on Monday evening, March 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Fisher will be there to help get you set up.

Running Club Starts This Week

The running club, under the direction of Mr. Fisher, will start this week. We will run Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday most weeks. This week training will be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A full spring schedule will come home this week. If your child is not doing much this spring, have him or her join the running club to get in shape. Who knows? Maybe they will form a new passion!

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.

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.

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 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.

PTO Meeting Monday, March 8

As the school year flies by, we can sometimes forget about the work that PTO is doing. PTO has another meeting Monday, March 8. Since we are just two months away from the annual PTO auction, it is more important than ever that we have high participation in our PTO meetings. Why not come out the the next meeting, Monday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., Pleasantview chapel.

Spring Play, *Our Town*, March 25-26

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.

College Funding Seminar

There will be a college funding seminar on Tuesday, March 30, 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.

Stanford Testing, March 8-12

The Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) and Otis-Lenon Scholastic Aptitude Test (OLSAT) will be administered to grades 5, 7, and 9, this week. Make-up tests will be given the following week. The SAT provides a comparative assessment of your child's academic knowledge and useful feedback to us for evaluation of curriculum and instruction at CCS. The OLSAT is a school ability test, similar to an IQ assessment. When taken in conjunction with the SAT, we can determine whether your child may be under or overachieving. Please be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep that week and that he or she eats a nutritious breakfast every day, preferably including protein and not too many simple sugars. Studies have shown that we all perform better when those physiological needs are met. While these are not high stakes tests, it is important that your child's efforts represent their best work, or the validity of the tests is compromised.

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 last week. 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!

Test and Project Calendar for This Week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th	Math quiz (measurement)				
6th	Math test		Fairy tale due (English)		
7th	Earth Science Test				Math test
8th	Science test; Algebra test				Spelling test
9th	English summa due			Tolkien exam	
10th	Lit test, Unit 5				Algebra II test
11th	Poetry Project due	Physics I test			
12th	Lit. Projects Due	Honors Lit Projects Due			