



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

April

4/17-22-Senior Mission Trip-Mexico

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

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

May

5/4--Grandparents Gathering, CV, 9 a.m.

5/10--PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., PV

5/14--Parent/Teacher Conferences, No Classes, EC available--All school arts how during conferences

5/16--Board of Trustees Meeting

5/24--Spiritual Emphasis Day

5/26--Market Day Pick-Up, PV

5/27-6/3--Senior Final Exams

5/31--Memorial Day, School Closed

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

Let's Persevere This Quarter!

Senioritis. Anyone who has raised a child through graduation or who has worked in a high school knows the dreaded onset of senioritis. In its full-blown stages it is devastating, zapping all common sense, motivation, and even respect from a previously admirable 17 or 18-year-old. When high school seniors approach the finish line, they tend to slow down, to lose sight of the drive with which they started the year or accomplished so much during their previous years of schooling. Of course, senioritis is not caused by trials or stress but rather by a lack of pressure or stress. Seniors often feel they have been accepted to college, secured their grades, and earned a break. They may even begin to feel entitled after all that they have accomplished "on their own." However, addressing senioritis--that tendency to slack at the end of the school year-- at any age--is vital to building character in our young people. If they do not persevere when the pressure is off, how will they fare when the pressure is excruciating? Life will turn up the heat. Are we training them to persevere now so that when that happens they will have the character to finish strong?

It is all too easy to respond to trials by resigning from them, a response which only increases stress somewhere down the road and inhibits character growth. The Lord inspired James to write, "Consider it pure joy" when you face trials which test your faith. Such trials build our tolerance for stress and teach us to persevere, and when perseverance gets through with us, we are mature and complete, lacking nothing. The apostle Paul adds in the book of Romans that perseverance produces hope. If there is any object lesson I have learned from running marathons it is that in life just as in running 26.2 miles, when I have persevered through trial and pain before, I can persevere through even more the next time. My previous victories achieved through perseverance remind me that there is hope at the other end of the trial. The pain and stress will be temporary, and as the apostle Paul writes in Romans 8:18, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Perseverance teaches us that the greatest rewards are found in embracing her.

Embracing perseverance, rejoicing in our struggles, will bring academic, monetary, familial, and other successes in this life; more important than all of those, however, are the eternal spiritual rewards for persevering in our faith and trust in God even in life's darkest moments. The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians, "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." Our crown is the hope of eternity in Heaven with our Father. My prayer is that through all that we do here at CCS, we can support the growth of perseverance in the charac

ter of our teachers, students, and their families.

Golf Team Update

The CCS Golf team finished the week with a win over Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy and a loss to Germantown Academy, this brings our record to 2 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. Jane Hopkinson-Wood led the team by shooting 45 in each of the matches. Kyleigh Gelwicks played her first High School golf match against Germantown Academy on Thursday. Congratulations to Jane and Kyleigh. Kyleigh played very well for her first match. The team has a brief break with the senior class on their mission trip to Mexico and the underclassmen on their trips. Our season will reconvene on May 4th against The Phelps School at Penn Oaks CC and May 6th against Delaware Valley Friends at Downingtown CC. We will then close out our season with a match on May 11th against Germantown Academy at St. Martins GC and May 12th against The Hill School at FCGC.

Want to Help Improve the Sports Programs at CCS?

The first meeting of the new CCS Athletic Boosters will be held on Monday, April 26, 7 p.m., in the Pleasantview Chapel. The mission of the Boosters is to support and promote the CCS athletic activities, to promote school spirit, and to provide financial assistance to sustain and grow CCS athletic programs. Athletic Boosters membership is open to all CS parents, grandparents, staff, alumni, and parents and grandparents of alumni. At the first meeting, additional information about the organization will be provided, including information on the activities and fundraising for the 2010-11 school year. So if you have a child or grandchild that plays a sport at CCS, come on out and join the new CCS Athletic Boosters. Questions prior to the meeting can be addressed to Selena Knepp at 610-367-6560 or lenabean38@comcast.net.

Take Advantage of Pre-pay Discounts on Tuition

This is just the annual reminder that families that pre-pay tuition receive discounts according to the following schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Cyndy Schnovel in our business office.

4% discount if tuition paid in full by May 1st, 2010

3% discount if tuition paid in full by June 1st, 2010

2% discount if tuition paid in full by July 1st, 2010

Important Band Dates

The spring band rehearsal is just around the corner on Tuesday, May 25. In the meantime, practices for 4th grade and up will be held every Wednesday at 8 a.m. at Pleasantview until the concert. On the morning of the concert, the band will practice at The Hill School Center for the Performing Arts from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The concert will be that evening at 7 p.m.

9th and 10th Grade to See *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

The 9th and 10th grade English classes will be traveling to Philadelphia on Thursday, May 6, to see Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

High School Drama Students Travel to Broadway

The high school drama students are traveling to New York for a Broadway show on Wednesday, May 5.

Parent/Teacher Conferences May 14

Be sure to make plans to come to parent/teacher conferences on Friday, May 14. The day can sneak up on us and make it hard to get off of work. Please plan now for this important day. A sign-up sheet for appointments will be coming home next week. You will need to complete and return that form within a week of receiving it to guarantee your requested time window.

Test and Project Calendar for This Week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th	Spanish biography due		Philippians 2:9-11 due		
6th		Life science test; Spanish report due			
7th	Earth science test				
8th		Physical science test			
9th					Biology test
10th			Robinson, Masters, Sandburg, and Imagists quiz (Am. Lit)		Chem test
11th					Physics test; Trig test
12th					