



Secondary School News

Coventry Christian Schools

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Calendar of Events

April

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

5/13--Secondary Chorus Concert, 7 p.m., PV

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

5/16--Board of Trustees Meeting

5/21--Sports Awards

5/24--Spiritual Emphasis Day

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

5/28--Junior/Senior Formal

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

5/31--Memorial Day, School Closed

June

1-2--Senior Finals

2--Academic Awards, 8 a.m.

3--Dorney Park

4--Secondary Picnic

11--Promotion, 6:00 p.m.

Senior Commencement, 7:30 p.m.

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

Humility: A Foundation for Strong Community

“Be united in your goals and in the way you think. In whatever you do, don’t let selfishness be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Don’t be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too.”

--Philippians 2:2-4

In so many ways this passage of scripture, which is part of our theme passage this year, will speak to our high school students this week as they go on their mission trips and backpacking trip. These words will be at the heart of the lessons learned by the freshman as they work together to accomplish the common goal of completing their thirty mile trek through the mountains. They will be the epitome of the heart with which our sophomores, juniors, and seniors labor to provide homes for others who have less than they. It is in response to these words that the teachers and parent chaperones give up the comforts of home and perhaps their vacation time to go and work on behalf of others.

It is easy to live and think as a community when we go on special trips that remove the day-to-day struggle against the almighty self. It is easier to play saint for a week than to treat others with humility and compassion every day at work, on the road, in the crowd, and even in our homes. The sense of community that is fostered on these mission trips is a wonderful, powerful phenomenon that blesses each participant, but it is not only on mission trips that this can be experienced. God intends for us to live in a community in which we consider others before we consider ourselves, in which we are of like mind on all of the things that matter most, and in which pride sits in the back seat and humility in the driver’s seat.

School is a breeding ground for conflicts. Conflicts between peers, between teachers and students, between teachers and parents or even administration and parents are bound to happen. The degree of our success in resolving conflicts with each other is directly proportionate to the degree of humility that we practice in our conflict resolution. In fact, although we might often disappoint each other or disagree with each other, if humility is practiced, such occasions need not lead to conflict. And when conflicts occur, they would be productively resolved if we would simply (though it’s not simple to do!) put the apostle Paul’s words into practice. “Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves.” It is my prayer that we will grow in the grace of humility as we follow Christ’s example. Our community will be stronger for it.

Chorus Concert May 13

The middle and high school choruses will perform on the Pleasantview campus stage on Thursday evening, May 13, 7 p.m. Come out and support our students and be inspired by their selections. If you have not attended any of our performing arts events this year, be sure to come out to this one as it is the last show of the school year for the secondary students.

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 is attached to this newsletter email. You will need to complete and return that form within a week of receiving it to guarantee your requested time window.

Spiritual Emphasis Day, May 24

Monday, May 24, is Spiritual Emphasis Day. Every spring, Ambassadors, our student-led Christian fellowship group, plans and leads this fun and edifying event out at Camp Manatawny. Permission slips will come home the week before the event. All students in grades 5-12 will report to school as usual but will go by bus to the camp in Douglassville and will return to school for bus dismissal.

Promotion and Graduation Changes

For years the secondary grades have been holding the annual promotion and senior commencement exercises at Pottsgrove Middle School. This year we have moved the events to the new Events Center. Please note and spread the word to friends and family who will be attending on June 11.

Event to Support Haitian Orphans

The following announcement is from Glad Tidings Church in Wyomissing (just west of Reading), where some of our students and their families worship:

We have something incredible, divine, and life changing that we would like you to be a part of! Right now, there is still an overwhelming amount of damage and catastrophe that is effecting millions of people in the country of Haiti due to the earthquakes they suffered not too long ago. Today, we can find many of the orphanages overcrowded, with many children left homeless and subjected to extremely dangerous environments. No matter what your background, philosophies, or outlooks are - these numbers are just not right. Central to understanding Jesus is knowing that there is a new life that can happen right now in the midst of this one. Tomorrow does not need to be like today for the children of Haiti. As we follow Jesus, we can help be a part of the hope for tomorrow for so many. On May 2, Hope For Tomorrow is hosting an event in the GT Worship Center at 6pm, that will do just that. We will be hosting a concert with Seventh Day Slumber, an extremely talented christian band that just released a brand new worship album called, "Take Everything.", featuring many of our favorite worship songs as a church. Songs like, Mighty to Save, Everlasting God and How Great is Our God to name a few. Tickets for the concert are only \$10. This, however, is only the beginning to what we hope to accomplish on this night. This night is not about the concert as much as it is about the cause. Proceeds from this concert will go to purchase relief homes for orphans that are still being effected by the earthquakes in Haiti. Through the purchase of these tickets and through "Hope for Haiti," the campaign to raise over \$20,000 dollars for these relief shelters, you can help be a part of giving someone new life. \$2275 will buy one relief home. \$569 will sponsor one room that can hold six children. \$95 can sponsor one bed. As we are always thankful for the good gift that God gave to us, we can be that good gift to so many people. The story of Jesus revolves around him going to a broken world and showing them that they are worth dying for. Right now, we can follow Him in that. Hope to see you on May 2! To purchase tickets, go to:

<https://hopeismoving.ticketleap.com/buy-tickets/charities-and-fundraisers/hope-for-tomorrow-presents-seventh-day-slumber/west-lawn/D101DF2B-85A1-46D2-9643-7B48C4F578C>

Test and Project Calendar for This Week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th			English test- pronouns		Math Test; Phil. 2:2-II due
6th	Computer test	Math quiz	English quiz--open note		Science test
7th			English Summa Due, p. 412	Spanish quiz (re- take)	
8th					Bible test
9th	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!
10th	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!
11th	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!	Class Trip!
12th					