



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

April

4/5--No Classes, Extended Care Available

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

4/9--Progress Reports Issued

4/10--Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Mexico Mission Trip, 5-7 p.m., PV campus

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!

The Resurrection Business

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade."

1 Peter 1:3-4

As I wrap up my training for the Boston Marathon, I am getting lots of quiet time alone on the trail and on the roads. This week alone I have spent ten hours with no iPod, no running partner--nothing but my thoughts and the world slowly waking up from the dismal grasp of winter. This quiet time during the week leading up to Easter has left me with plenty of time to ponder the new birth I have been given in Christ as I have been observing the gradual, daily resurrection of the plant and insect worlds surrounding me.

In truth, most of the world lives in perpetual winter, much like C.S. Lewis's Narnia prior to the resurrection of Aslan. Seasons of life come and go, times of joy and elation, times of painless but also joyless monotony, times of grief and fear, but always, even in the best times, there is the quiet and suppressed knowledge that all is not well. Life's pleasures are merely brief escapes from the abiding fear of the unknown and the certainty of future loss and despair. The winter of death, both physical and spiritual, is inevitable and rules the ordinary life. The ordinary life is in the clutches of death. It is bound to perpetual winter unless it finds its nourishment in the life of Jesus Christ. (Eph, 2:12)

Our cliches about spring representing resurrection and reminding us of the new life that is given to us in our union with Christ may indeed be overused, but they are still more powerful than most cliches, reminding us of the new beginning we experienced in the spring of our lives, when we gave ourselves entirely to Jesus and were buried with him in baptism so that we might be raised with him to live a new life in the spring of his Spirit (Romans 6:1-6). This new life consists of an abiding joy that is rooted in the certainty that no matter what we may suffer in the days to come, we have an inheritance that far outweighs all of our sufferings (Col. 3:24), just as we endure and even enjoy with hope the bleak days of January because of the certainty of April.

As I meditate upon the resurrection of my life by the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I long to share the hope of my inheritance with my children and my students. A winter with no spring, an Easter with no resurrection, a life with no hope--this is the destiny and life sentence of every person who lives the fallen life apart from the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am certain that I will not have much to leave my children by way

of material goods. I am even more certain that my students will get nothing from me. The only inheritance I have to give is the one I have partially received from Jesus Christ and will fully receive when this life is past. Still, if all I leave to them is the faith that has given me new life, then they will have an inheritance "that can never perish, spoil, or fade." Parents, this is the only inheritance that will matter to your children. Teachers, this is the only legacy that you will leave that will have any lasting value to your students. Students, this is the lasting mark you must make on your friends and family. As we celebrate Easter 2010, it is my prayer that we will be overwhelmed by the power of resurrection in our lives and will renew our commitment to be in the resurrection business in our families, our school, and our community.

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.

Progress Reports Issued Friday, April 9

Please remember to ask your child for his or her third quarter progress report this Friday, April 9. You can also view your child's report on Parents Web.

Female Chaperone Needed for 9th Backpacking Trip

The 9th grade girls are in need of a female chaperone for their class trip, April 26-29. You do not have to be a marathon runner to keep up with Mr. Fisher. Just ask the previous years' chaperones and students. However, you should be in good physical condition and used to hard work! Please let Mr. Fisher know this week if you are interested in serving in this way. It will be a lot of fun!

In Case You Didn't Know. . .

For many high school students, the highlight of the school year is fast approaching. Every late April or early May, our high school students go on their class mission trips. The freshman go backpacking on the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. While not a traditional mission trip, the opportunities for spiritual growth and service abound as the class faces a monumental challenge together. The sophomores and juniors serve the poor of the Appalachian region in Maytown, KY. Our seniors buy the materials, pay their own way, and give a week to build a house for a homeless family in Mexico. As these trips approach, please join us in praying for those we serve and for our students to grow in their love for others.

Financial Aid Applications Due April 15; Don't Miss This Important Deadline!

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.

Important Band Dates

The spring band rehearsal is just around the corner on Tuesday, May 25. In the meantime, there are several dates to be reminded of. Practices for 4th grade and up will be held starting Wed, March 31, at 8 a.m. at Pleasantview and every Wednesday thereafter 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.

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 four 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!

Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Senior Mexico Trip, Saturday, April 10

The spaghetti dinner that was originally planned for March 26 has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 10, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The dinner will benefit the senior class as they work to earn the money needed to buy the materials for the house they will build for a homeless family in Acuna, Mexico. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Put it on your calendar and join in this service to a family that needs our help!

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 in two weeks. 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			Bible test	Reading vocab quiz	
6th					
7th					
8th					
9th					
10th					
11th			Physics test		
12th					Dante's <i>Inferno</i> quiz