



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

May

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

5/23--Sports Awards, 6 p.m., PV

5/24--Spiritual Emphasis Day

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

5/28--Junior/Senior Formal

5/27-6/2--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!

Anchored by Hope

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

Hebrews 6:19

The most recent unit in the high school Comparative Worldviews class explored issues of life such as abortion and euthanasia. As we sought to learn about and develop conclusions regarding the moral nature of such acts, my aim was to do so with compassion. Jesus was consistently compassionate with those who had no hope in their lives. He came to give abundant life--a life built not upon fear and insecurity but upon certainty.

The New Testament writers use the term “hope” to refer to a certainty which is built upon knowledge of and confidence in the nature and promises of God. A common contributing factor to sin is hopelessness. When an unwed mother chooses to end the life of her unborn child, hope is absent. When someone wants assistance in ending his own life, hope is absent. Bringing it closer to home for everyone, when we do not tell the truth, it is because of an absence of hope. When we cheat, our lack of hope paves the way. When we depend on the affirmation and approval of others or the escape provided by some substance or activity, hope is nowhere to be found.

The writer of Hebrews says that hope serves as an anchor for the soul. It keeps us grounded, firm and secure, in a violent tempest of deception, materialism, instant gratification, and entitlement. When we know who God is and we trust his promises, we can choose right behaviors, live simply and with contentment, deny desires that would harm us and others, and seek to serve others rather than to be served. The hope that Christ gives us provides not only a reason but the means for living an abundant life that would otherwise not be possible. When we live without hope, we resort to sinful, damaging behaviors that promise relief or satisfaction but deliver only more despair.

With this understanding, we seek to teach our students not to judge those whose lifestyles they cannot condone and do not understand but rather to recognize that such lifestyles are the fruit of hopelessness. People without an anchor for the soul will resort to almost anything to try to find hope or at least an escape, a brief respite (even if a delusion) from hopelessness. The majority of our students were born into a privileged life filled with hope. One of the purposes of our high school mission trips is to help our students begin to imagine what it might be like to live without hope so that they will look with compassion on others and will seek to bring to them the hope found only in Christ. If you have not

spoken to any of the students who went on the mission trips this month, be sure to do so. They have encouraging stories to tell. May God equip us and direct us as we partner together to provide an anchor for the souls of our children. May He lead them to do the same for their children and for those God will lead into their lives.

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.

Sign Up for Fall Sports Now!

Sign-up sheets for the fall season have been posted on the bulletin board outside the office. It is important for all interested students to sign up now since we are making schedules and commitments for the fall now based upon those lists. High school students, you have made us so proud by stepping up to form our varsity baseball and girls' soccer teams. We can't wait to cheer you on in boys soccer and in the Events Center for girls' volleyball. We're looking to field cross country at any level in which we have at least six committed students. For the last two years, the high school boys' cross country has represented us well with victories over both public and private schools and strong performances at district championships.

Middle school students are the building blocks of our athletic program. We need the dedication and humble efforts of our younger students to help build our program into a league powerhouse. We urge all middle school students and their parents to take advantage of every program CCS has to offer. Start your 2010-11 school year off by joining a team now.

Sports Awards Banquet, May 23

The sports award banquet for all middle and high school winter and spring sports will be held on Sunday evening, May 23, 6 p.m., at the Pleasantview campus. A light dinner will be served. All athletes and their families are strongly encouraged to attend as this is an important time to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of both individuals and teams. Invitations with more details will be coming home this week.

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

Band Concert

The spring band recital is just around the corner on Tuesday, May 25. 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 The Hill School at 7 p.m.

Building of Hope Donation Days

The Building of Hope, a food pantry and clothing room located behind the school at the Pleasantview campus, is an outreach of the Chesmont Church of Christ, which meets at the Pleasantview campus of CCS. Its doors were recently opened to the public for the first time. Eight families were served. To continue to help those in need, supplies must be continually restocked. The church has asked if the school would partner with it in its efforts. To help out, you can bring donations to the drop-off boxes near the office and the chapel. Items needed include: toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, shampoos, conditioners, bath soap, detergents, fabric softeners, light bulbs, trash bags, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, etc. If you have any questions, contact Becky Lee at 484-942-3185. This special drive runs through May 14, but donations will be accepted indefinitely.

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.

Biology Class to Philadelphia Zoo

The high school biology class will be traveling to the Philadelphia Zoo on Tuesday, June 1.

Academic Awards Ceremony, June 2

The academic awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Honors will be given to the top student in each major academic discipline at each grade level. Those honored will receive a commemorative pin.

Dorney Park June 3--Did You Earn Your Trip?

The Coventry Challenge fundraiser has been a great success this year, supporting our annual fund to the tune of \$36,000 so far. Are you a part of that success? No doubt you have seen the communication that has been coming home or through email from Debbie Beck regarding your opportunity to earn a trip to Dorney Park on June 3. To be eligible for this trip, your family must raise a minimum of \$150. We will also be giving a free ticket to each family for every \$150 that they raise. Please remember that the Dorney trip is a reward for those who meet that \$150 level of achievement. It is meant to be a way to say thank you to those who stepped up to support the annual fund. June 3 will be a regular school day. We will only be sending the necessary teachers to Dorney to provide chaperones for students whose parents are not attending. All other faculty will be in school teaching classes for the rest of the student body. June 3 is not a day off, and any absences must be for an excused reason. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Beck at debbiebeck@educatingforlife.com.

Test and Project Calendar for This Week

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change, but we hope to provide a reasonable guide each week to what you can expect in the coming days.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th					
6th					
7th	Math test				
8th					
9th			Worldviews Test		
10th			Worldviews Test		
11th			Worldviews Test		
12th			Worldviews Test		

