



Secondary School News

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Calendar of Events

September:

9/29-10/3--Scholastic Book Fair @ PV
9/29--Secondary Spiritual Emphasis Day

October

9/29-10/3--Scholastic Book Fair @ PV
10/7--Grandparents Gathering @ CV 9am
10/9--Grandparents' Day @ Pleasantview; CCS Technology Team Meeting 6:30pm @ PV
10/10--Grandparents' Day @ Coventry
10/13--Columbus Day – School Closed; No Extended Care; Teacher In-Service
10/18--All School Yard Sale
10/19--Board of Trustees Meeting 1:30pm @ PV
10/20--PTO Meeting 6:30pm @ PV
10/22--Market Day Pick Up 4:15 – 5:15pm @ PV
10/28-31--Middle School Trips
10/31--First Marking Period Ends

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

Keeping Our Eyes on the Ball

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Cor. 4:18

Sage advice, isn't it? When I was a kid, I remember thinking, “What else would I keep my eye on? Of course I have to keep my eye on the ball!” I was always perplexed at parents or coaches who assumed that the reason I whiffed was because I wasn't keeping my eye on the ball. That ball simply moved too fast for my eyes. That was the problem! I needed to learn how to make my eyes faster, but no one ever told me how to do that, so my baseball career was short-lived.

As if baseball wasn't challenging enough, I decided to become a Christian. As a follower of Christ, the apostle Paul gives me the sage advice, “Keep your eyes on what you can't see.” At least I could see the baseball, even if it was a blur. The challenge of following Christ is the fact that our eyes are constantly being distracted by lots of very visible targets that seem easier to connect with than the invisible baseball upon which we're supposed to fix our eyes. So we strike out often. In the quiet, reflective moments, which are few and far between, when we're on the on deck circle, or maybe even in the dugout, we can clearly envision our target: loving others, humility, submission to God's will, discipline, and we can see the rewards of victory: better relationships, stronger families, contentment, eternal life with God.

Then we step up to the plate, and those targets become a blur amidst the pressures and pleasures of life. Someone hurts our ego and we swing for pride. . .whiff! Someone has more than us and we swing for selfish gain. . .whiff! We feel unnoticed or unimportant, so we swing for acceptance and popularity. . .whiff! Strike after strike after strike ensue as we take our eyes off of the proverbial ball. In the insecurity of standing at the plate, knowing that the target is too difficult to hit, we become distracted, focusing on easier targets that require less effort to hit and give false promises of success. And we strike out.

Yet the admonition is to fix our eyes on what is unseen. The heroes in the Bible are heroes because even when following God's will seemed impossibly impractical, stupid, or even dangerous, they fixed their eyes on the unseen, the eternal promises of God, which they believed they would see fulfilled if they just kept their eyes on the ball, even when all of life's pressures and pleasures crowded their field of vision. When the crowds and the enemy and their own insecurities could have drawn their eyes off of the ball, they trusted in God, fixed their eyes on the unseen, and they hit a homerun. Let's pray together that we will set the same example of faith before our children, that they will see us trusting in God in all circumstances, making the right things the priorities, and hanging

tough in faith and integrity even when the count is 0 and 2 and our backs are against the wall. Let's keep our eyes on the ball.

Free Concerts, Anyone?

Harvest '08 is being held at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia Friday, October 3, through Sunday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Some teachers and students from CCS will definitely be going to at least one night of the event. Go to philly.harvest.org if you are interested in going and want more information. Greg Laurie, Christian speaker, will be addressing the crowds, and various Christian artists will be performing, including Kutless, Toby Mac, Mercy Me, and Jeremy Camp.

Book Fair is Coming!

The Scholastic Book Fair is here. It will last through Friday, Oct. 3 and features books for all ages. Volunteers are still needed! Call or email Cheryl Snyder for details. (cherylsnyder@educatingforlife.com)

Student Government Campaigns Are Upon Us

The 2008-09 student government campaigns will commence on Monday, September 22. Elections will be held on Friday, October 3. Students running for schoolwide office will give their speeches in a special chapel assembly on Thursday, October 2. Those running for class representative will give their speeches in homeroom this week by the schedule created by the homeroom teachers.

Volunteers Needed for Work Day on Saturday, Oct. 11

Lots of volunteers are needed to help assemble new and donated playground equipment at the Coventry Campus on October 11. Work will begin at 8 a.m. The more volunteers we have, the faster the job will go and the more work we can accomplish. Parents, encourage your students and yourselves to come on out and contribute to our school community. We may have two campuses, but we are one school, and this a chance to demonstrate that sense of community at CCS!

Permission Slips for Spiritual Emphasis Day are Due

If you have not signed the permission slip for Spiritual Emphasis Day, which is being held this Monday, September 29, please be sure to sign and return to school on Monday.

Cross Country Team Defeats Pottstown

Congratulations to the high school boys' cross country team for their victory against Pottstown on Wednesday. We would like to field a girls' team for the 2009-10 school year and need to recruit boys to run as well since next year we will be losing several seniors. If you would like to be a part of this new sports team at CCS, let Mr. Fisher know. The team will be competing in the City Championships against Pottstown, Pottsgrove, Pius, and The Hill on Monday, September 29th, 4 p.m. at The Hill/Brookside Country Club.

Spirit Squad Car Wash October 4

The Spirit Squad will have a car wash from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pleasantview on Saturday, October 4. The cost will be \$5 per vehicle. There will also be hot dogs and bake sale items available to benefit Spirit Squad.

PTO Fundraisers Underway

Be sure to read the emails you will soon receive from PTO regarding the three efforts they currently have underway: KidsStuff Coupon Books, Drawn with Love, and Clothing Drive. Your child will be bringing home a KidStuff book order form this week. It will not be emailed, so be sure to ask your child for it. PTO is such a blessing to our community. Please lend them your support if you can.

Middle School Boys' Basketball and Baseball Coaches Needed

We have two coaching positions available at CCS. The middle school boys need a basketball coach for their season, which will begin at the beginning of November (practices). While we have more time to get ready for baseball, we are also in need of a baseball coach for the spring season. Please contact our athletic director, John Zaneski (sports@educatingforlife.com), or Mr. Fisher if you are interested or if you know someone who might be.

5th Grade Trip to Paradise Farm Camps

The 5th grade class will be going on an overnight trip to Paradise Farm Camps near Downingtown for a two day experience designed to improve problem solving, conflict resolution, and team building on October 20-21. 5th grade parents, please be sure to return your permission slips promptly so that Mrs. Reigner can plan accordingly.

Juniors Take PSAT Wednesday, October 15

The juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 15. The test will be given at school and is offered for free to our students as a part of our college planning program. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT. It will provide us with good pretest data to determine what kind of work is needed the most to prepare each student for the SAT, which all juniors should take in May or June. The PSAT is also used to determine National Merit Scholars and National Merit Scholar Scholarships. Students who score in the top 1% nationwide have the opportunity to earn lucrative scholarships through this program. Let Mr. Fisher know if you have any questions.

Reduce the Cost of Your Class Trips

The biannual Gianni's Pizza Kit Fund Raiser is underway. Look for the sales kit to come home with your child. All proceeds from every kit sold by your child will be directly applied to your account to reduce the cost of your class trip. All Gianni's orders are due on Monday, October 13, and orders will be delivered on Monday, October 21. Parents will need to pick up their orders at school to deliver to their customers. We will have other fundraisers to reduce class trips cost as the year progresses. Profit from those fundraisers will also be applied directly to your account.

Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday				
Tuesday		Life Science test, Ch. 3; Bible test		History test
Wednesday	Soc. St. test	Spanish test; Lit. quiz; Spelling pre- test	Bible quiz; Spelling pretest	Spelling pretest
Thursday		Personal Narrative due	Personal narrative due	Bible retest
Friday		Spelling test and wkbk L-1 due	Spelling test; L-1 wkbk due	Physical science test; Spelling test and wkbk L-1 due
Monday, 10/6		Spanish project due		

High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday				
Tuesday	History test; Spanish test; Computer quiz	Lit. quiz; Spanish quiz	Spanish quiz; Trig test	Odyssey quiz; Spanish quiz; Calc test
Wednesday		History test		
Thursday		German vocab quiz		
Friday	English test; German test	Lit quiz	Brit lit test; German test	German test
Monday, 10/6		Spanish quiz	Spanish test; Shipman Bible test	Spanish quiz