



# Secondary School News

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## Calendar of Events

### October

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

### November

11/4 Grandparents Gathering @ CV,  
9 a.m.; CCS Tech Forum Meeting,  
6:30 p.m., PV  
11/10 PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m., PV  
11/14 Open House for Prospective  
Families, 9 to 2; Report cards is-  
sued  
11/16 Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m., PV  
11/19 Market Day Pickup, 4:15 to  
5:15, PV  
11/26 No Classes, EC available; 11/  
27-11/28, Thanksgiving break,  
School closed, no EC

SEE [www.coventrychristian.com](http://www.coventrychristian.com) for  
sports schedules! Go Eagles!

## Unintended Curriculum

*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

—Philippians 4:8-9

Life presents many teachers, and most of them are not in the classroom. The most influential teachers are in the home. Some teachers are not even human. Creation has been one of the greatest teachers in my life. Of course, since creation comes from the mind of God, it is He who utilizes it to teach me. Every day of our lives we are taught—from birth to death. Regardless of who or what plays the role of the teacher in a learning experience, one thing is certain: We are taught best by being immersed in the lesson. Experience is the best teacher.

It is remarkable how much extracurricular material students learn from their school teachers in the course of one school day. What students remember most at the end of a school day is how the teachers treated them and what personal character traits were observed in the teachers that day. When reporting to Mom and Dad about their day at school, students will most often describe the behavior or casual words of their teachers more than the curriculum covered. What teachers say is not as powerful as what they do. Relationships are more engaging than formal presentation of curriculum. It is student experiences with a teacher rather than the formal teaching methods that have a lasting impact on education and behavior. The curriculum that our students most easily master is often the unintended one taught by our words and actions rather than our planned lessons. Like it or not, that's reality.

The same is true in the home. We've all heard the expression, "Do as I say, not as I do." It's the exclamation of an exasperated parent because his teenager has pointed to some hypocrisy in his parenting. We have the responsibility of teaching our children high ethical and moral standards, but then face the daunting task of heeding our own words. If we call our children to high standards but don't meet them in our own behavior, our children will probably imitate our behavior rather than heeding our words. James Baldwin wrote, "Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."

When Paul the apostle writes in Philippians 4, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you," he sets a high standard of accountability for himself as a teacher of God's people. He called himself and his followers to truth, nobleness, righteousness, purity, love-  
liness, excellence, and praiseworthiness in thought first, and then subse

quently in deed. God himself says to us, "Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy" (Lev. 19:2). As our perfect teacher, God set the example for Paul and for us as we operate as teachers of our children and students. May our words be in harmony with our actions so that we can more effectively, with a pure conscience, teach our young people to be people of character.

## School Pictures Will Be Taken Thursday, October 23

School pictures will be taken on Thursday. Be sure to plan accordingly. Your child does not need to bring any money or orders with him or her to school on Thursday. Information will come home after pictures are taken.

## Middle School Class Trips Are Here

The middle school class trips are here! The 6th and 7th grades will go to Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA for a science camp October 29-31. The 8th grade will be in Boston October 28-31. If you have not seen a permission slip/trip itinerary for your child's trip, be sure to ask him or her or let Mr. Wells know by sending him an email at [davewells@educatingforlife.com](mailto:davewells@educatingforlife.com).

## Middle School Boys' Basketball Meeting/Gym Time

There will be a meeting and an informal practice/clinic on Thursday, October 23, from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. in the gym, for all boys who are interested in playing middle school basketball. Mr. Mike Borders will be coaching the boys this year. A big thank you goes out to Mike for stepping up this year!

## High School Girls' Basketball Meeting

All high school girls who are interested in playing basketball this year should attend the meeting begin held in the library on Tuesday, October 21, from 5 to 6 p.m.

## 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.

## Opportunities to Support a Coventry Kid's Battle with Cancer

Miranda Ram-Nolte, a former Coventry Kid, is battling cancer. Her family has started a fund, "Miranda's Kick It to Cancer Fund" and has a couple of upcoming events planned. On Saturday, October 18, they will have a Miranda's Kick It to Cancer t-shirt sale at Kwon's Black Belt Academy on Rt. 73 in Gilbertsville from 1 to 3 p.m. There is also a spaghetti dinner planned for November 15 at the Trinity EC church at 250 Swinehart Rd in Boyertown. For tickets, you can call 610-322-5295 or 610-505-8405. You can also keep up with Miranda's battle and get more information on these and other events to help fight cancer with Miranda at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/mirandarnolte](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/mirandarnolte).

## Don't Forget Pizza Kit Pick-Up Day!!!

The biannual Gianni's Pizza Kit Fund Raiser is over, but don't forget to come pick up your orders on Monday, October 21. Pick up will be immediately after school until 4 p.m. Orders may be ready earlier on Monday. Please call the school to be sure if you plan to come in earlier to pick yours up. You must pick up your orders on Monday. The school cannot be responsible for keeping all of the products frozen/refrigerated.

## XC Team Goes to Districts

The inaugural HS boys cross country season continues on Friday, October 24, as the team travels to Lehigh University for the District One Championship. Be sure to let our cross country runners know your appreciation for their excellent first season. So far they have enjoyed victories over Pottstown and Church Farm and close scores with Reading, Pius, and Upper Perkiomen. Their last regular season meet is against The Hill School on Friday, October 17, 4 p.m., Brookside Country Club.

# Upcoming Academic Assessments/Projects:

## Middle School

Day	5th	6th	7th	8th
Monday		World Cultures test	Math test	
Tuesday		Math quiz; Bible test		Bible test; Science test
Wednesday		Spanish test	Bible quiz	
Thursday				
Friday	Bible quiz; Eng. test	Spelling test	Spelling test	Spelling test
Monday, 10/27				Johnny Tremain test, Essay, Short Ans. due

## High School

Day	9th	10th	11th	12th
Monday	Presentation due	German test; Bible memory verse	Literature quiz	
Tuesday	English test; Spanish quiz	Algebra 2 test, ch. 2		Chem II test; A and P test; Spanish quiz; Sociology test; Bible test
Wednesday			Spanish quiz; Am Gov test	Literature quiz
Thursday	Geometry ch. 2 test; German vocab test	Literature quiz; Spanish quiz		German vocab test
Friday	Bio test; Spanish test		Literature quiz	
Monday, 10/27				Spanish quiz