



PRINCIPALS' NOTES

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"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:14

March For Life Trip

Thanks to everyone who made the commitment to go to DC this week. Although it is really a discipline and long trip for little excitement it communicates to the country that we value the Sanctity of LIFE. That is an important thing.

Music Lessons

Day three is nearly filled up. Contact us if you are interested. We are still looking to have a demonstration of instruments scheduled, but have not received that date yet.

Upcoming Music Events

Friday, March 16, 2012 The annual ACSI Choral Festival will be held at Ligonier Town Hall. The concert begins at 7:00 pm and everyone is invited to attend the performance. Mr. Merle Stutzman is the guest conductor and Kristen Lloyd and Dean Pizer, Jr. will serve as piano accompanists. Mr. Pizer is also the event chairperson. Twenty members of our high school and middle school choirs have been selected to attend the event.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

The CCS musical production "Rescue in the Night" will be performed by grades 3-12. The performance will begin at 7:00 PM. The location of the performance will be released as final preparations are made. There will also be a matinee performance on Wednesday, April 25 in the afternoon. Auditions for speaking parts will be held during school in the next two weeks.

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

The annual CCS Fine Arts Festival will be presented. Some of Mr. Zamperini's more advanced private lesson students will perform during the festival. The elementary students along with the combined high school and middle school choir will also perform. Students' artwork will be on display. The event is held at North Campus and begins at 7:00 PM.

Next Year's Enrollment

Look for additional information about next year's enrollment soon. The early registration due date is February 29th.

Calendar Highlights

January

30 ACSI 4-12th grade Creative Writing Festival

31 PTF Meeting 6pm

February

2-3 K Visit Day

3 Early Dismissal

Elem Skate Day

PS/Elem/MS Report Card Conferences

ACSI Geography Bee

4 Library Volunteer Work Day

6-7 HS Speech Meet

8-9 MS Speech Meet

17 Elementary Trip to Personal Care Home

20 President's Day - NO SCHOOL

Visit Day

Remember that we have Kindergarten visit days set up for next Thursday and Friday. This is a time for any student who wants to learn more about what Kindergarten is like to come for a day to visit. Please schedule your visit or your friend's visit with the office at South!

Also March 2nd is Bring a Friend day at Champion. The purpose of those days are for our students to bring friends to school with them to let them see what a day at Champion is like. Of course, those are days that students who are thinking about CCS would come, but also one of the goals is to help your child's friends to see that they come to a "normal" school. Many folks have no idea what a Christian school might be like.

The last community visit day is on Tuesday, February 7th with a kindergarten readiness workshop after. Although people can visit at any time, this is a time when all of the faculty stay to be available to meet with new families. Would you be willing to consider if one of the families that you think might be a good fit for Champion, would come with you to see one or both of our campuses that day? Let us know if we can help!

Basketball

Just a note that for anyone who needs to have their high school child/ren get home before the busses return to North Campus after practice, you may pick your students up at the gym at the end of practice. Contact the coaches for specific times. Look for High School Basketball playoffs to begin on the week of the 20th of February. Go Eagles!

Small Ice Rink?

Anyone who might be interested in helping the Center make a small ice skating rink/area at North Campus (in the old pond area across from the Greenhouse) let either Merle or Rachel Brant know. If enough interest, we will build a place for people to ice skate, play hockey, etc.

Volunteer Helpers

We are looking for skilled and non-skilled helpers to work on the buildings and grounds on a variety of projects. Some of the inside work is designed for these cold winter days that can help make the winter go fast, and accomplish some much needed things on our end. We have several rooms that need painted, and projects that need built. Also remember that everyone who receives any financial aid must participate in a volunteer project or be billed. Let Merle or one of the Trustees know if you can help.

Charity Benefit Auction Planning

Our planning for the charity Benefit Auction is beginning. If you have an interest in helping with this event, we would love to have some of our parents helping on the committee. Many hands make light work! If you are willing to help, there are many different kinds of things which need to be done ahead of the event. Please contact Kathy Foor at 724-455-2122 ext 110.

Illness And Medications At School

If a child needs medication administered during school hours we are required by law to have a medication form signed by your child's doctor. Please call the school office if your child needs to be given any medication following an absence due to illness. Also, please remember that your child, if they are ill, MUST be fever free, without the aid of medication, for 24 hours before they are allowed to return to school. This is a state regulation that helps in keeping the illness from spreading to others. If your child develops a fever while at school, we are not permitted to give them medication at school. You are required to come and pick your child up.

LIBRARY NEWS

Saturday February 4 will be our library work day. Bar code labels have been made for each book. These need to be applied to every book in our library before we can begin to take advantage of the technology, so we will appreciate as many hands working on this as possible. Lunch will be served, so please let us know if you can come so that we can plan for you. Work will be going on from 9:00 to 5:00 at both campuses. Please let Mrs. Foor know which campus you will plan to help with this important work. 724-455-2122 ext. 114 or email at kathy_foor@champion.org.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Youth Volleyball

Ryan Keller (youth leader at the Buchanan Church of God) along with Josh Brown (youth leader at Kregar Community Church) have youth volleyball every Monday night at Indian Head Community Center from 6:00 – 8:00. A \$3 donation is requested to help cover the cost of renting the community center. Each night includes a prayer time, a short devotion, and the fun of playing volleyball with local youth from a variety of churches.

Discovery

We are nearing the end of the six weeks period. All parents need to schedule an observation with Mrs. Lane. Please make sure you are keeping up with homework. Thanks!

Preschool Blessings

Hello Preschool Families!

Can you believe that it is January? The weather sure doesn't feel like it! :) We're busy as ever in preschool as we continue to learn and to grow each day. Please be checking the Center calendar and teacher newsletters often to remain up to date on the latest happenings here at the Center! Also, please remember that we are in winter so there may be snow delays or cancellations. We follow the Connellsville School District so if they are on a two-hour delay, so are we. If they are closed, so are we. If they dismiss early, we also dismiss early. For preschool, the mornings classes will begin at 10:00 on two-hour delay days and run till 12:00. Please keep in mind that the parking lots and things may not be cleared out so arrival is between 10:00-10:15 those days. If school is dismissed early, there is NO afternoon preschool. Thanks!

Lastly, just wanted to remind you parents that our second community visit day and kindergarten readiness workshop is coming up on Tuesday, January 17th so please invite your friends and family who may be interested in Champion Christian School. The Kindergarten Readiness Workshop is for any parents whose child will be moving on to kindergarten next year. It will begin at 7:00 PM at South Campus. Along with this, our kindergarten readiness screenings will begin in February.

Thanks parents! God bless your weekend!

Ms. Jen and Ms. Danah

P.S. Thanks parents for all of your prayers. It's great being back here in preschool again. The Lord truly is the great physician! Ms. Jen :)

ELEMENTARY NEWS

YEAR END TRIP - MEADOWCROFT VILLAGE

The date of our end of the year trip will be on Friday, May 25. This is (currently) the last day of classes. Of course the last day often changes if/when we have to make up snow days. I do not expect our trip date to be moved. It will be a full day. We are going to Meadowcroft Village in Avella, PA. It is a historical experience which includes a Native American and 18th Century Village. We are all quite excited about this trip and strongly encourage everyone to mark it on your calendars. Details will be sent home in February.

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One Kindergarten Under God

Hello parents, The Bible verse for this week was "Z". Next week's verse is "E". Show and share will be Wednesday, February 1st. Please remember that they may bring one item to share with the class. The children did a great job with the poem for the Speech Meet. Thank you for helping them practice at home. Students also continue to practice their books and lists for reading. The materials should stay clipped into their folder. They will not move on to the next item until it is read fluently to me. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please let me know.

Ms. Sarah sarah_hayes@champion.org

Elementary Spanish and Sign Language

We have started to learn the many sounds of the alphabet.

THE BUSY BEES (First Grade)

First grade is moving along nicely in this new year. We are excited to learn new things and eager to be doing our best. In reading, we are in the fourth reader and learning about the Model T car along stories about the dentist and Daniel Boone and his settlement. The children are working well with oral reading, but extra practice is always very important to the development of a good oral reader. For our math- we are learning about fact families with addition and subtraction and why they are related. Please remember to study the addition and subtraction fact families as time permits. We will have a math test later this week. Our new Bible memory sheets are out and the children can begin to memorize those selected verses. Thanks in advance for doing this for me. This week, I sent home a sheet concerning the report card meetings for Friday, February 3 in the afternoon. If you haven't already returned them to me with a time, please do so and thanks.

Please remember to pray for our class each day as we journey the school day!

THE STARS (Second Grade)

Our Math Test will be on Tuesday. If you have not make a report card conference appointment please let us know when you are able to come in. We will be starting our new reader next week. We are also trying to have each student read and complete a quiz for an accelerated reader on a weekly basis. Students should be reading those books at home each evening for 10-20 minutes. It is helpful for them to read aloud and discuss what they have read. Accelerated readers are marked with a blue sticker on the binding.

Dare to SOAR with 3RD AND 4TH GRADE!

Wow! Half of the school year is already over! It is so hard to believe! Report card meetings are being planned for Friday afternoon, February 3. Please return the request for an appointment by tomorrow if possible. I will look forward to our time together to discuss your child's progress. On the morning of the 3rd we will have Skate Day at the Indian Head Community Center. Students may bring skates or roller blades to use, as well as any safety equipment they use. We will have balls, jump ropes and other toys to use. Our Spelling test tomorrow is on Unit 20. Next week we will be tested on Unit 21. Our language test on research skills will be next Wednesday. Students will have a practice test on Friday to help them prepare. We will complete Our new chapter in history is about the Civil War. Our test on energy will be tomorrow. Next week we will be learning about light and sound. We are continuing to work on graphing skills, but are also working of multiplication facts. Students have flashcards for facts to 5 this week. Next week we will add 6-9. Our test tomorrow is on Chapter 8A. Our Bible lessons this week are about the Good Samaritan. Thank you for your faithful prayers for our class. May God bless your family this weekend!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUST AND MENTIONS

MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE EXTENSION : 104

MS Important Dates To Know!

Spelling Bee - February 23rd. Practice words will be sent home this week.

Science Fair - March 19th, 20th, and 21st. More details to follow in the near future.

Speech Meet - February 8th and 9th. Poems have been sent home with all students.

Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences - Friday, February 3rd. Please call the school office to schedule an appointment. Other days are available upon request.

High School Happenings

High School Mission Trip

The high school mission trip date has been changed. We have a wonderful opportunity with EFCA TouchGlobal. This is an outreach of Trinity Church in Covington, Virginia. Trinity is a part of Evangelical Free Church of America. They have crisis response teams in several disaster locations. We will be joining them in Louisiana to continue the relief for Katrina. We are planning to leave on April 28th and will return on May 4th. We will be sending out more information next week.

Speech Meet

The speech meet will be held on Feb. 6th and 7th. All students need to memorize a passage from a published work which can include Bible memory verses. The time is 3-5 minutes for 9th and 10th and 5-7 minutes 11th and 12th. Most of the students have selected their recitations and should be working on memorization.

Report Cards

Report Cards for the first semester will be sent home by mail next Wednesday, so parents should receive them Friday or Saturday. Please let us know if you do not receive a report card by that time.

Attachments:

Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day

As we come up the Holiday that celebrates love for each other, let us not forget the ultimate love that has been given to us freely by God. Some passages in the Bible that show us this are:

Psalms 136:2, John 3:16, 1 John 4:10. Please read and pray about these verses.

The original Valentines Day, February 14th, was to honor Juno, who was believed to be the Queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. On February 15th the Feast of Lupercalia started. During this time period the teen boys and girls were kept separate. On 14th of February they practiced a custom called Drawing. All the Roman girls names were written on a slip of paper and the young men would draw out a name. That couple would then be together throughout the festival. Sometimes, the couple would chose to be together for the whole year, and some even married.

When Claudius II became Emperor of Rome the country became involved in multiple bloody wars. Claudius was having a problem of getting men to join his army, since only single men were forced to go into the army. Claudius decided to cancel all engagements and marriages.

A Roman priest by the name of Valentine with another priest named Marius, joined together in aiding the Christians, when they desired to secretly marry each other. Valentine was caught and placed in jail under a death sentence. While in jail, people would visit and give Valentine cards and flowers to encourage him. During this time he became close friends with the jailer's daughter. On February 14, 1269 A.D. his time came to be executed. He left her a note and signed it "From your Valentine". In 469 when Emperor Gelasius declared that February 14th a holy day to honor Valentine and other saints in place of Lupercus. Instead of pulling girls names out of a box they would pull out martyred saints, and reflect on them. Not until the Renaissance of the 14th century did the customs return to celebrating love and life, rather than faith over and death.

Keep the love of Christ in your heart and remember this on Valentine's Day!