





Covenant Connection

Covenant Christian School News

Living for Jesus, Learning for Life, Serving with Gladness

October 4, 2010

Principal's Point

- Welcome to October! As we enter the season of harvest we are reminded of God's goodness to us. He provides us with all that we need and more! His greatest gift to us is Jesus! As a youngster a few years ago, my mom would remind me that all of our living should reflect our thanks to God. That's when I first learned the word "Thanks-living". Though we focus on Thanksgiving at this time of year, we should be intentional about living thankfully every day of the year. In what ways can you show thanks to God today?

- **Thanksgiving Chapel** . . . will be hosted by the Grade Two class and will take place this week Friday at 9:00am. Please join us for a time of Thanksgiving praise and prayer.
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive** . . . ends tomorrow! Your generous donations will be accepted for one more day.
- **Canadian Tests of Basic Skills** testing will be taking place this month in grades 3 through 8. These biannual tests compare our students' proficiency in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Research Skills with other students across Canada. Though students can't study for these specific tests, they can prepare by getting plenty of rest and by giving focused effort on each test. The tests will take an hour each morning during the week of Oct. 18 - 22.
- **Buddies** . . . At our last staff meeting, classes were paired up for monthly "buddy" activities. Here's how the classes were paired up: JK with Gr3; SK with Gr4/5; Gr1 with Gr4/5; Gr2 with Gr7. The Grade 8's will be responsible for organizing Spirit Day activities.
- **Soccer Week in Niagara** . . . takes place this week!
 - Our Senior Boys' and Girls' play on Tuesday at Broecheler Park just west of Cayuga. Team members need to be at the school before 8:00am. The boys are coached by two parents, Mr. Attema and Mr. Schilstra. The teacher representative is Mrs. Zwiers. Mr. Kamphuis is coaching the girls' team. Parents, you can expect that your soccer player will not be back in time to catch the bus home. Please try to make car-pooling arrangements.
 - On Thursday, the Grade 6 class will venture out to St. Catharines for the "Mike's Miracles Soccer Tournament". This is a "friendship tournament" involving all Grade 6 students of the 6 schools in the Niagara Region. Our Grade 6 students need to be at the school by 8:00am. Parents, you can expect that your son/daughter will not be back in time to ride the bus home. Please try to make car-pooling arrangements.
- **Busing news** . . . please note that rerouting of the Beamsville bus route begins this afternoon. A letter explaining the changes went home with your child on Friday.
Spare drivers needed . . . We are looking for people interested in becoming *spare* bus drivers. Training and all expenses covered by NACE. For more information please call Elaine VanHoorn .

- **Further music education** . . . Mr. Hutch is available to teach lessons on all brass instruments. Lessons will take place on Mondays in the portable. Call Mr. Hutchinson if you are interested.
- **October is also Fire Prevention Month** . . . we'll be practicing our drills in anticipation of the annual inspection by the Fire Marshall.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tues. (Oct. 5) – Sr Boys and Sr Girls Soccer tournaments in Cayuga
- Wed.(Oct. 6) – Pizza Day
- Thurs. (Oct. 7) – Apple Pie Making @ JKCS
- Thurs. (Oct. 7) – Grade 6 Soccer Friendship Tournament @ Beacon.



Advanced Calendar. . .

- Mon. (Oct. 11) – **Thanksgiving Monday (no school)**
- Tues. (Oct. 12) – Ed. Committee meets at CCS.
- Wed. (Oct. 13) – Cheese orders arrive
- Fri. (Oct. 22) – Cross Country Meet

PIZZA DAY on Wednesday: The volunteer schedule for the year is attached to today's newsletter. We ask that our volunteers be at school by 12:20 on Wednesday. Thanks for helping us out with Pizza Day!!

COMMUNITY IN ACTION Committee is a group of parents who provide refreshments and support at various events through the school year (Dessert Social, Grandparents Day, etc.). We are in need of a few more members. If you're interested in joining this committee or learning more about it give Claudia DeHaan a call.

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

APPLE PEELERS & APPLE PIE MAKERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOU!!!! Apple Pie Day is very quickly approaching and we need you to come and join us for fellowship and great conversation as we peel apples and roll pie dough!! There are so many ways to volunteer so PLEASE call and let us know you can help!!... LET'S MAKE SOME DELICIOUS PIES!!



NORCARD FUNDRAISER

The NEW NorCard catalogue and order form is coming home today. NACE will make 45% profit on all orders. Please make cheques payable to N.A.C.E. Order forms are due back in office by Tuesday, October 12, 2010. Any questions call Elaine Vanderlaan @ (905) 945-4493.



Bazaar News: BAZAAR IS NOVEMBER 13!!!

Mark this big day on your calendar because it is just 5 ½ weeks away! And boy do we have lots in store for you! This is sure to be a great day full of fun and fellowship. We will need your help to make this day a successful one. We will be in need of lots of great donations for the auctions, donations of new items, crafts and baked goods, whatever you can think of. Don't forget about our garage sale, the items can be dropped off at the school or we can arrange a pick up. The games that are being planned this year are great...the kids will not want to miss out! The rooms we are featuring this year are: Bake Room, Toy Room, Book Room, Produce Room, Games Room, Tea Room, and Garage Sale....etc..... Tell me where can you get your Christmas Shopping, Grocery Shopping, Children's Entertainment, Garage Sale and all 3 meals in one place??? There is only one place....BAZAAR!! ☺



Please keep our committee in your prayers as we work hard to make this Bazaar a great success!



JARS, JARS, JARS

Only 17 more school days to get those Jars in!! Can't wait to see what class bring the most in...who will it be??? Can we beat last years grand total of 581???

WILLING WORKERS

We are serving a dinner on October 29 for the Grimsby Life Center to be held at Smithville Christian High School and need some of your help. We require volunteers for food preparation in the afternoon and serving in the evening. If you can help us out that day please contact Tina Kooiman.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE POD

This program started last year with a donation of a one year lease of a POD in which we stocked sports equipment from our NACE families (they earned "points" as a credit toward future purchases). Although it is not a fund raiser there is a \$2.00 fee on purchases to cover insurance. Presently we have items such as skates, some hockey equipment, and a variety of other items. We need your participation to keep this program going. The POD will be open for the month of October. In November we will assess the program to determine if we would like another year's lease on the storage pod. Donations for credit are still being accepted. To come "shop" the POD or for more information contact the school and ask for Mr. Kingma.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Calling all parents of teens and pre-teens . . .** You are invited to the first in a series of informative and helpful talks for parents, presented by **Smithville Christian High School**. Peter Jon Mitchell, senior research analyst at the Institute of Marriage and Family Canada in Ottawa, will be speaking about the importance of families in raising healthy teenagers. His talk, entitled ***Family Ties: How parents help young people navigate the teen years***, will present the latest research on what makes a family successful, and he will be sharing what teens themselves are saying about the importance of their parents. Read more about the upcoming speakers who are part of the series and read an interview with Mitchell on the school's website at www.sdch.on.ca. Follow the links on the bulletin board. Mitchell's talk is on Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Don't miss this encouraging and helpful talk. Mark your calendars for all four events and invite your friends.
- **Piano Lessons at CCS . . .** Mrs. Sharon Rodriguez teaches piano lessons at CCS on Tuesday (in addition to Mrs. Buursma who is here Wed. - Fri). Mrs. Rodriguez taught at Wellandport Christian School and is now teaching a number of students here at Covenant. She has a few openings; if you are interested or would like more information call the office.
- **Music For Young Children (myc.ca) . . .** is a great after school program for beginner musicians. Sessions involve small group learning (3 to 6 students) and the presence of one parent or guardian. Each lesson runs for about an hour and each student will have a piano or keyboard. If you are interested or know of someone in the community who would like to come to the school for lessons on Mondays at 3:30, please call the office.

CLASSROOM CORNER

JR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. PRINS:

- Our fall hike will be postponed to Friday, October 15 weather permitting due to the Thanksgiving assembly to be held **this Friday**.
- Thus far the students have been introduced to the names and sounds of three letters. It is exciting to see the improvements they are making in forming their letters.
- Making patterns will be our focus in math for the next while.
- This week we meet Miss Incredible Inventor "li". Please try to remember to have your child bring something with the letter of the week on the date specified on the calendar. They love to participate in this activity.
- Scholastic book orders are due Friday, October 8.



SR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. DEBOER

- Greetings from Senior Kindergarten! I hope you all received the new October calendar and a copy of the kindernews last week Wednesday. I forgot to include a reading record sheet along with the October package. It will be coming home with your child today in his/her communication bag.
- This month we will be going to the library, beginning this Thursday. So look for a library book in your child's bag at the end of this week. A class book is now in circulation this month. It is entitled, "Chicka Chicka Boom, Look Who's in our Room". The children are very excited about it and can hardly wait to take it home. This class book will also be accompanied by a book and tape combo. Please remember to send all three items back to school the next school day, as they need to be sent home with the next student on the list.
- Since we are beginning our new thematic units on the "Patterns of Time" and the Autumn season, your children will soon be bringing home some apple art and work they did in September.
- A BIG THANK-YOU to all of our many volunteers that came along on our apple orchard trip last week Thursday. Thank-you!! We absolutely LOVE our parent volunteers! Have a terrific week!

GRADE 7 - MRS. RAMSEY:

- On Friday, the students will have a Science test. This test will include all the material from our Ecology unit. The students have received a review page. They should be sure they know the information that pertains to those questions.
- By next week we should be ready for a Math test.
- Spelling: Lesson 5 this week: assignment is due on Thursday, test is on Friday.
- Memory Work: The Lord's Prayer

GRADE 8 - MR. KINGMA:

- This week – A number of students are working at recesses to get caught up on a variety of assignments, reading points etc. Please check with your child to see how they are doing in this regard.
- Tuesday – Sr. Boys and Girls Soccer Tournament: PLAY HARD, HAVE FUN, REPRESENT US WELL!!!
- Wednesday– Literature Quiz: Parts of a Short Story
- Thursday: – Literature Quiz: Parts of a Short Story
- Friday – Memory Work: Ephesians 4:25-32 (Here it is, as promised)
– Spelling Test and Assignment: Unit 5
– **Food Drive**: As discussed in class we would like to bring in a monetary donation of approx. \$4. We will then be picking up food from Giant Tiger in Smithville. This store has agreed to maximize our money and contribute additionally.

