

Conestoga



Chronicles

Conestoga Christian School
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Upcoming Events

Sep. 3	No School
Sept. 6	No School
Sept. 16	Back to School Night/ Parent Meeting – 6:15 pm
Sept. 30	Picture Day

A Letter from the Administrator

Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start for the new school year. After a quiet summer it was good to feel the surge of energy that came with the arrival of the students. This morning (Wednesday) I met our first class of students and their parents in the new Little Conestoga Preschool. Please pray for this new ministry of CCS. I am now looking forward to meeting with the middle school and high school students as they have their first chapels today. The students will be challenged to identify ways they can show the love of Christ to one another. Our prayer this year is that every student will grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ and their understanding of what it means to love and serve others as they follow His example.

Serving together with you,
Susan Yoder
Administrator

New Families to CCS

Please welcome these new families to CCS as you have occasion to meet them:

Curtis & Carol Hoke Abby (gr. 8)	Elverson
Bruce & Sandy Wrigley Steven (gr. 11)	Coatesville
Victor & Heather Colon Christian (gr. 4) Spencer (gr. 2)	Coatesville
Brian & Ruth Jackins Ben (gr. 9)	Elverson
David & Deb Brown Austin (gr. 8)	Reading
Eric and Victoria Bohn Aubrey (gr. 8)	Reading
Linford & Bernice Weaver Lindsey (gr. 3) Collin (gr. 2)	East Earl
James & Kimberly Ford Nicole (gr. 5) James (gr. 4)	Honey Brook
Steven & Noelle Diehl Jeremiah (gr. 3)	Mohnton
Glenn & Sharon Hartz Zachary (K)	Morgantown
Dawn Benitez Ammanah (gr. 1)	Morgantown
Yury & Olga Karpitzky Andrew Hanchett (12) – <i>actually returning to CCS for a senior year in the US</i>	Denver

Welcome Back to CCS

We are glad to have these families return!

Matt & Dawn Lambert Laura (K) Peter (gr. 5) <i>new to CCS</i>	Morgantown
Eric & Melissa Needles Joey (gr. 9)	Honey Brook
Adam & Heidi Lenhart Noah (K)	Elverson
Earl & Tina Martin Tanner (K)	Honey Brook
John & BJ Reilly Stephen (gr. 11)	East Earl

Make a Big Impact in a Little Bit of Time

Volunteers are still needed to supervise the elementary lunchroom from 11:30-12:30. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact Mr. Gascho at 610-286-0353. Leave a message if you cannot reach him in person or email him at

wayne.gascho@conestogachristian.net. A few volunteers offering one or two days each month can give teachers freedom from lunchroom responsibilities several days each week.

Another opportunity to help out at school is to assume responsibility for the upkeep of the aquarium in the lobby of the elementary building. If this is an interest of yours, contact Mr. Gascho for additional information. Keeping the aquarium clean and running properly will not only be a great asset to the fish but a wonderful gift to all the fish fanatics who stop by the aquarium to watch their finned friends at play.



Newsletter items

Remember, if you have any submissions for the newsletter, they need to be emailed to Deb Urbano by the end of the day on Wednesdays at deb.urbano@conestogachristian.net.

Class Baskets...Parents Needed

As we start back to school for another year auction planning is going on behind the scenes. Once again we plan to provide class baskets for our auction...so...parents are needed to assist with this process. If you are interested in coordinating or assisting with the creation of your child's class basket please contact Stacey Martin at (717) 445-0045 or ksmartin4@frontiernet.net for more information.

Refrigerator Needed



CCS is in need of another full size refrigerator on campus. Do you have an idle refrigerator in good condition with a separate freezer compartment and at least 15 cubic feet of space inside? Your donation

would be put to good use here. Contact deb.urgano@conestogachristian.net

Homeroom Parents 2010/11

Homeroom parents are still needed in **Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grades**. Contact **Cynthia Detwiler** at momof5gods7@dejazzd.com or 610-913-0158 if you can help serve a teacher in this way.

Homeroom parents are volunteers who help in the following areas:

1. Celebrate teacher's birthdays,
2. Help with any classroom parties
3. Help with fundraiser lunches to raise money for the class
4. Collect money for the class basket for the annual auction
5. Most importantly, pray for and give encouragement to your child's teacher.

Prayerfully consider what you can do.

Mr. Brower's Guidance Corner

SAT

Seniors who took the SAT in the spring should be planning to take it again this fall. There is evidence that by taking this test over you may improve your scores by as much as 50 points. The day of the first test this year is Saturday October 9. The deadline to register is September 10. Apply online at collegeboard.com and be sure to include our CEEB number 392-747 when you apply. The testing centers for October are Bishop Shanahan, Coatesville, Conestoga Valley, Downingtown West, Garden Spot, Governor Mifflin, Hill School, Owen J Roberts, Pottstown, and Twin Valley high schools. You may take the SAT at any location. All seniors planning to attend a college next year should take the SAT this fall. The next testing date is November 6.

While at the College Board website, it would be to your advantage to look up the practice questions, practice tests, and the question for the day. The more you familiarize yourself with the test, the higher your score will be so practice, practice, practice.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

High school students who need to make a change of classes should see me to begin the process. Beginning September 7, I will be in the Guidance Office Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 9 to 3. The last day to make a schedule change will be Tuesday, September 14. Mr. Hepler is responsible for the 5th period electives. To make any elective changes, you must see him.

SENIOR INTERVIEWS

I shall be meeting with the seniors individually beginning the next couple of weeks. Seniors should be looking into which colleges they want to consider for next year. We will discuss this when we meet.



Music Notes

- ♪ All middle school students should have received an info sheet about this year's middle school choir. Parents please read this information and help your child remember to return the response form.
- ♪ Students in grades 1-8 and interested high school students received a packet about the new instrumental program for this year. Parents should be sure to check it out!
- ♪ IHL members: anyone interested in auditioning for this year's IHL Vocal Ensemble should sign up on the bulletin board outside the music room.

Upcoming Screening

One of the services provided by Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 is assisting CCS teachers in completing math and reading screenings to aid in identifying students' strengths and specific instructional needs. This screening is done at the beginning of the school year and, in addition to aiding teachers in their instructional differentiation, is used to determine students who are eligible for IU services.

All students in grades **K-2** will be given DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills).

In grades 3-8, the following screening will be administered to students who received IU services last year and students referred by CCS teachers:

Grades **3-5**: 4Sight to screen reading and math competence

Grades **6-8**: 4Sight to screen math competence

These screenings will be done during the first month of school. If you have any questions concerning these screenings, please contact Miss Whisler, Director of Assessment and Reporting, at 610-286-0353, ext. 113 or anita.whisler@conestogachristian.net.



**Save This Date: September 16
Back to School Night – Parents Meeting
Look for more information to come!**

TRADE NEWS

Upright Piano.

Free for the taking Please contact Jo McKemey at: fefita51@gmail.com.

Computer Services Discount

Karl Beiler ('02) of Karl Beiler Computer Services, a local provider of reliable and affordable computer repairs, virus removal, data backup and recovery, installations, and more, is offering a 10% discount to families and alumni of CCS for their first service when they present this ad. For more information, visit BeilerComputerServices.com, or call (484) 798-0220.

Small Refrigerator

For Sale: Cube style small refrigerator perfect for college dorm. \$25 Contact ginnie.lodge@conestogachristian.net Pick up at school.