



Conestoga

Chronicles

Conestoga Christian School
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Upcoming Events

Mar. 16	ACSI HS Fine Arts Festival
Mar. 17	5 th Grade Visit to MS
Mar. 20	Pancake Breakfast
Mar. 24	Grandparents Day
Mar. 25	4 th /5 th Grade Musical
Mar. 29-Apr. 1	Achievement Tests
Apr. 1	3 rd Quarter Ends
Apr. 2	Easter Break

Directory Addition

Please welcome the Eldredge family and add the following address to your directory:

Dan and Linda Eldredge

Ashlyn DeTitta (8)
10 Western Ave.
Parkesburg, PA 19365
610-836-2920
lindaeldredge@hotmail.com

Snow Make-Up Days

The snow days that were missed will be made up on Monday, April 5, the day after Easter, and Wednesday, June 9, at the end of the school year.



Conestoga Christian School Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 20, 2010
7:00 AM – 11:00 AM



3 Jumbo Pancakes
2 Sausage Links or 3 Bacon Strips
Choice of Juice, Tea, Coffee or Milk
Cost: \$7.00
(Children 2 and under – no charge)

To purchase tickets:

Tickets are available for sale in the high school lobby everyday from 8:00-8:30 and 2:30-3:00, or families may send an envelope to school marked "Pancake Breakfast" with this information:

- Name of the student purchasing the ticket(s)
- Grade
- Number of tickets
- A check for the total amount – made payable to CCS

Those sealed envelopes can be given to the homeroom teacher or the receptionist in the school office. Tickets will be sent home with your student.

Service Areas that will need your help:

Ticket sellers ~ Event set-up ~ Food preparation
~ Clean-up ~ Event break-down

Please contact Ken Thompson to assist with the Pancake Breakfast!

Call Ken at 610-286-3052 or email:
krthompson5@comcast.net.



Look for Re-enrollment Materials

Re-enrollment materials went home by kid-mail on Tuesday, March 9. Packets included new tuition for 2010-2011 and re-enrollment materials. Remember, families who re-enroll by March 31 enjoy the **early enrollment fee of \$100** per student.

Additional Student Applications filed by March 31 also enjoy the early enrollment fee.



Spaghetti Dinner

The dinner to raise funds for netbooks for a mobile computer lab is scheduled to take place on **April 29**. We are still in need of more volunteers to serve in the following areas: marketing and advertising, set up, serving, hostessing, and clean up. We have our cooks in place but more kitchen help could be used as well. A meeting of all **volunteers** is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 16, at 6:30 pm** in the school library.

Please tell your extended family members and neighbors to be ready to come out and enjoy a freshly prepared delicious spaghetti dinner. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have questions, contact Cynthia Detwiler at momof5gods7@dejazzd.com or 610-636-2055. Thank you and please be in prayer for this event.

Label Deadline Extended

Is that envelope of Race labels still sitting on your counter? Surely you don't want to miss the opportunity to support CCS in this fundraiser. There is still time. **Return Race labels on Monday, March 15.** Thank you.

Grandparents Day – March 24

In order for Grandparents Day to be a special day for our guests, we are in need of parent volunteers to help in various areas – registration, building greeters, refreshments. Whether you can help all day or for just a few hours, please contact Pam Gable at 610-286-2967 or dpgable@dejazzd.com.



As you make plans for the day, we would like to remind you of the policy concerning transportation. If you want your child to ride home with his/her grandparents, a note from the parent/guardian will need to be submitted to the school office by that morning. If you want your child to leave with a grandparent before 2:00, a pre-planned absence form needs to be submitted at least one week in advance. For your convenience, a **form is attached** which may be completed and returned to the office.



Lights On !

You are the light of the world.

A city on a hill cannot be hid.

Matt 5:14

Race for Education

Race Workers needed

Even before actual Race Day, workers are needed to prepare for this important fundraising event. *(It will take all of us to make that \$43,000 goal!)*

Patrons are needed soon to assist with

- Labeling letters
- Stuffing and sorting 3500 pieces of bulk mail
- Processing Race donations

If you have an interest in any of these tasks, contact Mary Louise in the Development Office ASAP.



Music Notes

- ♪ IHL is in need of a church in the Williamsburg, VA, area that would be willing to host them on Friday night, April 23. If you have any contacts or suggestions, please contact Mrs. Warner.
- ♪ Upcoming performances - all are welcome!
 - Sunday, March 14: IHL Vocal Ensemble (along with 8va) at Faith Community Church in Richland, PA, 10:00 am
 - Thursday, March 25: 4th and 5th grade Spring Concert at Conestoga Mennonite Church, 7:00 pm
 - Thursday, April 8: IHL Concert Choir at Tel Hai Retirement Community, 1:30 pm
- ♪ The following instrumentalists are still needed for the pit orchestra for *Seussical*: trumpet, trombone, guitar, saxophone. If you know any musicians who would be interested in volunteering to play for the show, please contact Mrs. Warner.

Lancaster County Parents

Lancaster General Health is offering **free immunization** clinics to children in Lancaster County who do not have insurance. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

Newsletter Items

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

Mr. Brower's Guidance Corner

PARENTS OF 9th GRADERS

I have begun meeting individually with students in 9th grade to review the results of the PLAN assessment that they took in October. I give to each student his/her score sheet, an information booklet, and a test book to check wrong answers. This will help students in their classes and with future tests. Parents should look at the scores and information and ask questions.

SAT

There is a test day on Saturday, May 1, with a registration deadline of March 25. To register online, go to the website www.collegeboard.com. Be sure to include CCS's CEEB number, 392 747. The May test is given at Bishop Shanahan, Coatesville, Conestoga Valley, Downingtown West, Garden Spot, Governor Mifflin, and Owen J. Roberts high schools. Juniors should plan to take the SAT in the spring and then again in the fall of their senior year. There will be another testing on June 5.

PA NEW ECONOMY TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Two different scholarships are available through the NETS program. The SciTech Scholarship provides up to \$3000 per year for a maximum of three years. The student must be a college sophomore enrolled full-time in a science or technology program at an approved Pennsylvania college with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. The Technology Scholarships provide up to \$1000 per year for full or part-time students. For more information, go to www.PHEAA.org or call 800-692-7392.

TRADE NEWS

Camping Opportunities

Cedarbrook Camp is an evangelical Christian camp located in Denver, PA. They describe their camps as having a balance of recreational and skilled activities as well as daily Bible study. They may be reached at www.cedarbrookcamppa.org.

Three Springs Ministries is located in Morris, PA, 45 minutes north of Williamsport, PA. They have Horse Day Camps, and Horseback and Extreme Adventure weeklong camps this summer. You may get full camp descriptions or register online at www.threespringsministries.org.

Twin Pines offers various Christ-centered adult, youth and family camps at their Stroudsburg, PA, camp, conference and retreat center. For more information call 570-629-2411 or visit www.twinpines.org.

CCS Financials as of 2/28/10

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income				
Tuition/Registration Fees	\$939,518	\$960,913	(21,395)	\$1,362,377
Annual Fund/Steps of Faith	\$36,811	\$66,900	(30,089)	\$115,000
All Other Income	<u>\$149,160</u>	<u>\$147,360</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>\$215,559</u>
Total Income	\$1,125,489	\$1,175,173	(49,684)	\$1,692,936
Expenses				
Staff Salaries/Benefits	\$806,422	\$820,805	(14,383)	\$1,347,231
All Other Operating Expenses	<u>\$305,024</u>	<u>\$307,759</u>	<u>(2,735)</u>	<u>\$438,905</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,111,446	\$1,128,564	(17,118)	\$1,786,136
Income (Loss)	\$14,043	\$46,609	(32,566)	(\$93,200)

The year-to-date budget is weighted on a month by month basis to reflect the fact that both our income and our expenses are not the same each of the 12 months in the fiscal year. We have several months in the winter and spring where our monthly budget is negative, with the result that we are anticipating a loss for the 2009-10 school year.