



THE COVENANT SCHOOL

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

December 9, 2011

**Dear Covenant School Families and Friends,**

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus in this Christmas season, I am reminded of our school mission, and the importance of the mission to every aspect of the school. Our school is a ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church, created to assist the parents and their churches in educating their children from a Biblical worldview, so that the children may become more fully the people God created them to be.

Our Biblical worldview ensures that every day our students learn that all truth is God's truth and that the Word of God (revealed in the Bible) relates to every aspect of life and learning. At The Covenant School we strive for instructional and academic excellence, because we are image bearers of God and because we want to glorify God through the development of His gift of intellect. Our children may embrace their calling as image bearers of God, praising him through their thoughts, words, and actions. *"And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. . . . And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men"* (Colossians 3:17, 23).

Our children are confident in the knowledge of their identity as beloved children of God as they face the challenges of a secular culture. Our school not only prepares the students academically, but spiritually as well. The knight is our school mascot, and our children learn about the armor of God described in Ephesians 6:14-17 (the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit). Our students may redeem culture by declaring the power of God's Word and the peace of the Gospel. They may be "salt and light" to the world, and they may shine their light so that others will see their good works and glorify God (Matthew 5:13, 16)

The final statement of the mission emphasizes that our children's education here is just the beginning of their preparation for a lifelong relationship with God. The ministry of the school helps the students maximize their potential as image bearers of God and prepares them for the purpose God has for their lives. A Christian education gives children a foundation of truth in a world of relativism, offers them hope in a culture of cynicism, and provides them a spiritual and moral compass in a confused and self-centered civilization. May we continue to pursue our school mission every day in celebration of God's greatest gift, Jesus our Savior, and in service to God's kingdom.

**"We're Lovin' it at Covenant!"**  
—*Dr. Graham*



## SAVE THE DATE!

*An Evening To Cherish*

**FEBRUARY 11, 2012**

Just before Valentine's Day, this promises to be an incredible evening for all the girls at The Covenant School. It will be a time for daughters and dads (or

a father figure if the dad cannot participate) to spend time together over dinner and a dance.

Fathers, please go to

[http://www.thecovenantnschool.com/FatherDaughterDance\\_%28AllenArnold%29.m4a](http://www.thecovenantnschool.com/FatherDaughterDance_%28AllenArnold%29.m4a)

(it's on the website under "announcements") for an important audio message about the purpose of this evening...as well as your essential role.

The goal isn't simply a fun party – but rather for every girl to know just how special and cherished she is. Each girl will be invited by her dad or father figure to a special dinner of the dad's choosing and then a dance in the fellowship hall at TCS with DJ, party pictures, and more. Additional information will follow, but please save the date for an Evening to Cherish on February 11.

## CALENDAR NOTES

### "BABY IN A MANGER"

Friday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.

**Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.**

**NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE**

### TCS CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Wednesday, December 14, during Chapel in Fellowship Hall, featuring students who have participated in our Fall School Choir.

### RED AND GREEN DAY

Thursday, December 15

Wear your Christmas colors!

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

December 13, 4:45 p.m., St. Edward (home)

December 15, 4:45 p.m. at USN

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

December 13, 4:00 p.m. St. Edward (home)

### MOMS IN PRAYER

will meet Thursday, January 5th, at 2:00 p.m.

# Sharing SPREE

## The Covenant School Partners with SharingSpree.com

Our school can now benefit from great deals on SharingSpree.com! SharingSpree.com offers a main deal (just like Groupon) and two side deals that are emailed to members every day. What sets SharingSpree.com apart from other online daily deals is that they give 10% of the sales to non-profit partners. When The Covenant School is the non-profit partner of the day, 10% of all sales will go to TCS! Also, when you register, please indicate that TCS is your preferred non-profit organization. This will ensure that TCS receives credit for every purchase that you make. On days that TCS is not the featured non-profit, we will still receive 5% of the sales from every purchase made by someone who has selected TCS in their profile.

To sign up for SharingSpree.com so you can start receiving great deals and earning money for Covenant, go to

<http://sharingspree.com/Registration/?nid=c75c39ef-99bf-4f47-9b7c-87d41b46b67d>

**SHARING CHRISTMAS**

We would like to show our appreciation to our wonderful custodial and food service helpers by giving each of them a special gift for Christmas from The Covenant School parents and students. Their names are:

- Gheorghe Cruceriu
- Stela Cruceriu
- Karoly Buzogany
- Mark Warren
- Mike Hill
- Anthony McGowan

If you would like to participate, please place your monetary gift in the Christmas gift box at the school reception desk no later than December 15. Thank you!

## FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

We are doing something brand new this year as part of our on-going marketing efforts to promote our great school! **We will have a booth at the annual Dickens of a Christmas festival in downtown Franklin on Saturday, December 10 from 10am - 5pm.** Please go to this link to read about all of the activities:

<http://www.historicfranklin.com/events/dickens-of-a-christmas>.

We will have a 10x10 tent in the sponsorship area around the square close to Mellow Mushroom. We will also be offering complimentary hot chocolate and Victorian-themed cookies or biscuits, as they say. And, of course, we will be providing lots of information about TCS. Each year over 50,000 people attend this event so it's a great way to reach a lot of people. In addition to our booth, some of our 4th grade students will be singing Christmas carols between 11am - 1pm, and helping us offer hot chocolate and hand out balloons. So, please feel free to stop by our booth and support the school! I will be there most of the day, along with Taylor, Diana and Dr. Graham joining me at different times during the day. This is a really fun event with different vendors, lots of Victorian costumes and entertainment.

—Tara Silvestri

## ANNUAL FUND

Thank you to all the families who have participated in our Annual Fund Drive so far! We are moving closer to our goal each day. If you have not yet had a chance to respond, please remember that any gifts received by December 31st will be tax-deductible for 2011. You can pledge or give online, with a pledge envelope, or by calling Hillary Rector at the school. We are thankful for all you do to support our school!

## BOX TOP WINNERS!

The PA is happy to announce that Mrs. Hunter's and Miss Storey's classes are the winners (a tie) of the fall Box Tops contest! Congratulations to both classes!! Together, their combined Box Tops made up 58 percent of the total turned in for the past month!!

The PA thanks ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF for your wonderful level of participation!! So far this year, we have collected 4800 Box Tops!!!



## FOR SPRING SEMESTER

TCS DANCE on Monday afternoons with Mrs. Becky Sullivan

January 30 through April 30 for Grades 1-3 at 3:00 p.m. Fee, \$120 (2 openings)

**NEW 8-week Class for Grades 4-6 @ 4:00 p.m.**

February 27 through April 30 - Fee, \$80

KNIGHT WRITERS for Grades 2-6 on Monday afternoons, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

January 9 through March 12 – Fee, \$50

DRAMA KNIGHTS for Grades 2-6 on Tuesday afternoons, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

January 10 through February 12 – Fee, \$40

MUSIC FUN! Class for 2-4 yr. olds and parent on Wednesday mornings @ 8:30 a.m.

**12-weeks, February 1 through April 25, \$150 fee includes tuition & home kit**

MUSIC STUDY: INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE & MUSIC THEORY in Piano, Violin, Cello **will expand to Monday afternoons, 3:00-5:30**

***Please let Mrs. Magyar know if your child will be continuing their INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDY in piano, violin or guitar for Spring Semester.***

*For Spring Semester, we are open to sponsoring a 60-minute PERCUSSION CLASS on Tuesday afternoons with Mr. Michael Boris, who taught a four-week percussion workshop for our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class this fall.*

***This “pilot class” would be for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Graders. 3 student minimum/6 student maximum needed for the class to be offered. Cost would be set based on number of students participating. If interested, please contact***

[mmagyar@thecovenantschool.com](mailto:mmagyar@thecovenantschool.com)

**You may pick up a list of all ENRICHMENT ACADEMY activities for Spring Semester from the circle desk.**



**STUDENT COUNCIL BAKE SALE:** The Student Council will be holding a bake sale on Wednesday, Dec. 14, Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16. Baked goods will be sold in the mornings in the lobby by the circle desk and then

at lunch time by the cafeteria. Proceeds will go to the Student Council's School Improvement Fund.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please bring individually-wrapped, school-safe baked goods (cookies, brownies, etc.) to school on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The Council members will store them and stock the sale tables throughout the sale. Thank you for helping the Student Council as we support the cause of TCS!

**FAMILY SKATE NIGHT:** The Student Council is having a Family Skate Night on Thursday, January 12th, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the Brentwood Skate Center. This is the only Thursday for most of the winter where we will not have basketball games, so we thought it was a good idea to have a fun night with Covenant families. Each skater is admitted and gets skate rental for **ONLY \$5.00!!!**. Refreshments are available at the concession stand (pay as you go). Come when you can, leave when you must --- hope to see you on the oval!



### **Uniform Reminders**

**In January we will implement the new dress code as listed in the school handbook.** Students may continue to wear navy Covenant sweatshirts, fleece, and jackets. Items that have been deleted from the dress code and should not be worn include the following: turtle-neck shirts, navy or light blue shirts, navy pants/shorts, navy vests/ sweaters, and navy leggings/tights.

### **School Closings/Delays Due to Snow/Ice**

In the event of snow or icy conditions, please check your email and cell phones for updates about school closings, delayed openings, or early dismissals. Messages will be sent through our Parent Alerts, an announcement will appear on the school website homepage, a message may be heard by calling the school, and information will be communicated to the local TV stations—Channels 2, 4, and 5. Decisions will be announced the night before if possible or by 6:00am of that day.

### **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VIDEOS**

For parents who wish to purchase a DVD of the Christmas program, order forms will be available in Fellowship Hall before and after the program next Friday, December 16. The price is \$20.00 each.



### **IMPORTANT REMINDER!**

**SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 11:30 FOLLOWING THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEXT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16. NO AFTER-SCHOOL CARE THAT DAY!**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK  
December 19-January 2  
Classes resume on January 3.**