



THE COVENANT SCHOOL

KNIGHTLY NEWS

January 27, 2012

Dear Covenant School Families and Friends,

I'm so proud of the academic achievements of our students! I enjoyed reviewing the report cards and reading all the positive comments from the teachers. Our students are encouraged to give their best efforts to attain the learning objectives, and the teachers reinforce effective study skills every day through their instruction and the students' skill practice.

Our students are active learners, participating in multiple forms of academic activities throughout the day: traditional whole class instruction, group assignments, paired practice, independent practice, centers, experiments, writing workshops, learning games, computer exercises, online research. Our teachers use various instructional methods that engage all students--visual, auditory, tactile, and kinesthetic learners. Our students are challenged to process information and think at higher levels, moving from comprehension to application, analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of the information.

Recently, one of our sixth graders, Zac Gammons, visited MBA, which his family is considering as his next school. Zac attended several seventh-grade classes including a science class, in which the students were taking a quiz. Zac took the quiz along with the seventh graders, and he was the only student in the class to make an "A"! Zac told his mother, "The quiz wasn't difficult for me, because we've already covered that topic in Mrs. Short's class." Our students are excelling at their next schools, because they are challenged here every day to be diligent learners and thinkers!

***"We're lovin' it at Covenant!"
---Dr. Graham***

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED ACADEMIC HONORS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER

HEAD OF SCHOOL LIST:

Fourth Grade

Ella Burton
Mary Grace Gower
Maria Manning
Michael Morrow
Sarah Parks
Sophia Silvestri
Solomon Smith
Betsy Spurgeon

Fifth Grade

Jonathan Brown
Dan Ervin
Mary Joffrion
Sophie McKenzie
Jacob Taylor
Hunter Whitley

Sixth Grade

Rachel Brown
Zac Gammons
Giggs Lithgow
Suzanne Short
John Spurgeon
Gwyneth Walker

HONOR ROLL LIST:

Fifth Grade

Honor Roll:
Grey Arnold
Grace Gilbert
Avarie Rasmussen

Sixth Grade

Ashley Crafton

BOX TOPS WILL BE COLLECTED FEBRUARY 1st

Covenant parents, students and staff, please send in all Box Tops no later than Tuesday, January 31st. Box Tops will be collected the morning of February 1st, and class totals will be announced in next week's Knightly News. Remember, the more we collect, the more money we'll raise for cool new state-of-the-art gym equipment!!

—Allison Musso

Moms in Prayer will meet Thursday, February 2, at 2 p.m.

AN EVENING TO CHERISH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012 6:00-9:00pm



This special evening is only a few weeks away! Please return your ticket order form and payment (check made to The Covenant School with "dance" in the memo line) as soon as possible. Dads, if you have not returned your pink personal message card for your daughter's invitation, we need those ASAP. Please help us thank the wonderful businesses who donated food and beverages for the dance: Starbucks in Green Hills, Sam and Zoes, Missy Roten's Cakes, and Publix in Belle Meade.

LUNCHROOM HELPERS NEEDED

Lunchroom volunteers needed! We have many open spots in the lunchroom this month. We have also added the username and password to the interactive calendar on the website to make logging in even easier! Please consider donating one hour of your time to help Mrs. DuPree in the lunchroom this month! Click here to sign up: <http://www.thecovenantschool.com/parents/lunch-menu-and-helpers/> !

Please Follow The Dress Code!

A dress code contributes to an optimal learning environment by reducing classroom distractions and by eliminating student concerns about clothing choices. The dress code policy supports our school mission; by following the dress code guidelines, students demonstrate their love of God through their obedience, their respect for the school community, their self-respect, their cooperation, and their sense of fairness. Students who follow the dress code should remember that obeying the rules is the right choice, even though others may sometimes violate the code. Please check your child's clothing each morning to be sure that it complies with the dress code. Laying out your child's clothing or asking your child to select his/her own clothing the night before will help. Separate uniform clothing from other clothes is another tip to avoid violations. These are some of the most common dress code violations to avoid:

- Bracelets, rings
- Navy tights/leggings; leggings that are shorter than ankle-length
- Missing crest badge on the formal sweater or blazer
- Sweaters, vests, jackets that are not in dress code
- Incorrect shoes
- Missing belt (if required)

The Covenant School teaches our children a respect for rules, authority, and the community, and we appreciate your support!

Dear Parents,

The Night of Knights Auction Committee has decided on our annual school-wide project to be auctioned off the night of our event and need your help collecting certain "found and recyclable" materials to send to school with your children. The students will bring their materials in a bag to their classroom, labeled with their name/grade and use these materials during art class for the creation of our masterpiece.

These materials include anything that could be rolled into small cylinder shapes, such as fabric, paper, felt, carpet strips, pliable plastic, thin patterned cardboard (that can be rolled) and the like. Pre-existing shapes, such as cardboard toilet paper rolls are good, too. Anything colorful and unique is appreciated. The colors we're focusing on the most are various tones of white, brown, blue, yellow, beige, and some black. Please feel free to be as creative as you like!

Once these materials have been assembled, we will work with Mrs. Thompson during art class the month of February. We're aware some children will not be able to bring materials and will provide extra in the classroom for their use.

Please have your child bring their materials by **February 3**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Catherine Holt-Evans at ae Evans3412@aol.com. We're so excited about this year's art project and appreciate your assistance! Thanks so much!

Mary Catherine Holt-Evans
Solicitation Team Leader
Night of Knights, 2012

2012 Auction Update

It's big. It's bold. It's almost here! Mark your social calendars for the second largest fundraiser of the year! Our annual "Night of Knights" dinner/live/silent auction The Covenant School PA. With Windsor Mikos serving as Dinner Chair, this night is going to be a huge success for the school, and a fun evening for our parents!

Our event will be held Saturday, **March 31st, 2012 @ Richland Country Club. Tickets are \$50.00 per person.** Sponsorship opportunities are available if you choose to have **Reserved** seating for you, or your party. Sponsorships are a fabulous way to promote your business, or practice, and there are levels **starting at \$200-\$2,000**. Please email/call Abby Goff for information on sponsorship opportunities/packets at abigail.goff@me.com /615.414.7878.

Auction donations

If you or your business has an item or service you would like to donate to our event, please contact Mary Catherine Holt-Evans @ ae Evans3412@aol.com , or Abby Goff @ abigail.goff@me.com by February 3rd. We will be receiving items after this date, and those items will be printed in the addendum passed out the night of the event.

Attention:

Thank you for all your hard work on the grade baskets- a best seller at our event! Please keep in contact with your Room Mom/Parent Volunteer regarding turn-in for **your specific grade**. Your Grade Basket Team Leader is Angelia Young. She can help you with any questions you may have. We try to avoid duplication of themes, and have many ideas (if your grade has not decided on a specific one just yet) **If you are a Room Mom/Parent Volunteer for grade baskets**, please turn in your "theme" and some sort of description **by February 3rd to Angelia @ angeliay@comcast.net . Baskets are not due for completion until March 12th.**

Our children are creating masterpieces in art this year, and as a class, they create a one-of-a-kind piece for the live auction. Patricia Gilbert is our Class Art Project Team Leader, and will be overseeing the creation of these items. If you are a **Room Mom/Parent Volunteer for the Class Art Project**, please return a description of your project to **Patricia by Feb. 3rd ptgilbert@comcast.net . Items are not due for completion until March 12th.**

Thank you for your continued support for our school!