



THE COVENANT SCHOOL

KnightlyNews

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16. 2011

Dear Covenant School Families and Friends,

I am so proud of all our Covenant students! They have been very conscientious in their academic work, and they are exhibiting respectful conduct during class periods. Our teachers strive to establish effective study skills and student self-discipline so that the students may learn more and so that the classroom environment is engaging and orderly. We want all our children to become confident students who love learning!

At a recent Brentwood Academy open house event for prospective families, the BA admissions staff emphasized during their presentation that the students of The Covenant School are very well prepared for BA's academic program and twice they stated that our TCS students "know Christ." What a wonderful testimony to our graduates who have become successful BA students and to our school's fulfillment of our Christian mission in the lives of our students!

I believe that we fulfill our mission daily, because of the dedication and professional excellence of our faculty and staff. We are proud of two of our teachers who will be honored this weekend at Montgomery Bell Academy. Mrs. Lisa Short and Ms. Juliana Snowden have been nominated as "Most Influential Teachers" by our 2011 graduates and now MBA seventh graders, Dan Parks and Caleb Jernigan. Books have been selected in honor of Mrs. Short and Ms. Snowden for the MBA library collection. Other TCS teachers have been recipients of awards, but the true evidence of our teachers' excellence is their commitment to the academic and spiritual growth of their students. Visit any classroom on any school day and you'll see effective, caring instruction from a Biblical perspective.

Yesterday, I was very excited to find a surprise in the office, delivered to me from the Junior Kindergarten class. Because they celebrate "Thoughtful Thursday" each week, the students created a beautiful banner with encouraging words and terrific pictures they had drawn for me. Each student showed me the work that he or she had done on the banner, and I was so thankful for each of those precious children! Our JR-K teachers, Mrs. Ellen Dunn and Mrs. Jessica Buntain, help our youngest students learn how to express God's love to one another and to others. What a joy! Please stop by to see the banner displayed in the hallway outside the school office. It will make you smile!

"We're lovin' it at Covenant!"

--Dr. Graham

SCHOOL PHOTOS....yearbook pictures will be taken Thursday, September 22, immediately after chapel. Please wear sweater vests (if required.)

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS



Webster's definition of "community" is "a group of people unified by a common interest. " We are so blessed at TCS to be a community of people trying to love and nurture our family and show the love of Jesus. Sometimes we need help!

The Sunshine Committee is here to come along side our TCS families in happy times, like the birth of a child, and in sad times, like the death of a loved one, and to provide assistance. The Sunshine Committee will send notes, flowers, or provide meals! If you know of someone at TCS who needs some sunshine, or if you would like to be part of the sunshine committee, please contact Ann Moore at aeamoore@gmail.com or 554-0286.

CONSIGNMENT SALE

Dear TCS Parents,
Our last consignment sale was a success! We were able to raise some funds for the Parents' Association, which benefits all of our students. Let's keep the ball rolling! Please drop off items this Thursday and Friday in the clothes closet. All items must be tagged appropriately to be considered for sale. Our next sale will be Friday, September 23rd, immediately following chapel. This is your chance to gather nearly new clothing items for your child, as we are moving ahead into fall and looking towards cooler weather. Don't miss the chance to find some long-sleeved shirts monogrammed with the school emblem, as they are always a hit! Thanks for your continued support, and please let me know if you have any questions: ahmcgown@comcast.net or 615-828-9012.

Best regards,
Amanda McGown

COMING SOON!
FALL FUNDRAISER KICK-OFF
Learn all about it at Chapel on
Friday, October 7.

Picnic Time

Please join us for an afternoon of fun family fellowship at the
Covenant School Picnic
Sunday, September 25th, 4:30-6:00 PM.
(outside Fellowship Hall)

The Parents Association will provide the main dish and drinks. You bring your family, picnic blankets and a "peanut free" side or salad.

*Families with last names A-L bring a side dish.

*Families with last names M-Z bring a salad.

Bring you favorite treats for the
"Desert Contest"

Judging in 4 categories:

- Most School Spirit
- Best Chocolate
- Prettiest
- Wackiest

Volunteers needed!

Contact Jamie Reardon with questions, jamie.reardon@att.net or 646-0551.



The Covenant School invites you to
"Serve it Up" at the
Second Annual Tennis Round Robin
Men's and Women's Divisions
Saturday, September 24th
9 am - 1 pm
Richland Country Club
Registration deadline is Sunday, Sept. 18!
Contact Stacy Johnson at
bsw1025@comcast.net

*Proceeds benefit the faculty and students of The Covenant School.

*Co-chairs: Stacy Johnson, Ann Moore and Kelly Weninger



PARENT VOLUNTEER CORNER

A BIG "thank you" goes out to Georgia Edgeworth and Angelia Young, Hospitality Chairs for their work for our Parents' Night. The decor was fabulous and the food... yummy! Thanks, Georgia and Angelia, for your dedication to our school!

Want to get involved in our school? There are many opportunities. Contact Leigh Ann Portale (laportale@comcast.net) or Faith Murphy (chrisandfaith@comcast.net) to plug in at The Covenant School.

Want to help show appreciation for our teachers and have a flair for decor? Help decorate for the teacher appreciation lunches? Contact Ginny Elder (ginnfelder1@aol.com) or Christy Smith (sassychristy@comcast.net) to help.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

- No After-School Care on September 29 or September 30
- Parent-teacher conferences on September 30

TCS ENRICHMENT ACADEMY OFF TO A GREAT START!

DANCE CLASS, Mondays, 3-4pm has a few openings for first through third graders. We had 28 students involved in **MUSIC STUDY** on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons! Limited space is available for individualized instruction in:

Piano – 3 lesson times available

Violin – 4 lesson times available

Guitar – 4 lesson times available

There is still room for students who would like to participate in **CHESS CLUB**, Thursdays, 3-4pm

Please note change of beginning date for TCS CHOIR:

Because so many students are involved in Cross-Country, we will wait until **Tuesday, October 18, 3:00-4:00pm to begin** the TCS CHOIR. The music fee will be \$10 per student. We will use the remainder of the semester to prepare music for Chapel and to take to area retirement homes during December. *Please email mmagyar@thecovenantschool.com if your student is interested in participating.*

Please note change in time for the MUSIC FUN! Class on Wednesday mornings: This class for 2-4 yr olds (not yet enrolled at TCS) and parent will begin at **8:30am and conclude at 9:15am.**

Bring your older child/children, stay for TCS Chapel and then move upstairs to Room 207 for class. *To register, please contact mmagyar@thecovenantschool.com*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!

This past Monday was the first TCS Cross Country meet. Our runners ran well and did a marvelous job representing The Covenant School. A special congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade girls team who finished second in the middle school team standings! We look forward to another competitive race this Monday at 4:30. See you then!