

Junior High Newsletter

WEST COVINA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

ASB CORNER

Welcome to "2012", I hope everyone had a great Christmas and plenty of rest. Our Jr. High Christmas social was lots of fun. Thank you ASB for all your efforts. Also, extra thanks to our Jr. High teachers for supervising this event. As our eighth graders prepare for their Washington D.C. trip we are still able to squeeze in a spirit day, "sports day" on January 25th along with a bake sale.

Our ASB is preparing for future events and new ideas they will bring for the New Year. Please continue to support your ASB as they work towards raising more funds to replace our school bus. We can't wait to see the amazing things God has planned for ASB and WCCS.

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Rodriguez
ASB Advisor

TRIP INFORMATION

HISTORIC STUDY TOUR

Jan. 31- Feb. 9, 2012

Hopefully, you were able to get all necessary clothing items for the trip while they were available in the stores in Nov. & Dec.-long underwear, gloves, warm hats, etc. A neck scarf and a hat are musts.

We have a total of 42 going in all. Look for a flyer concerning staff and parents of students going on the trip meeting in soon.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HELEN GRACE CANDY SALE

The candy sale will run through Jan. 23rd. This is a great opportunity to earn money towards the Washington D.C. trip. The 7th graders can earn .25 per bar for their trip next year, while the 8th graders can earn .50 cents. A signed form must be submitted in order to get credit. Parents, please encourage your students to participate as Mrs. Phillips asks that the students earn some of the money themselves toward their trip. This is an easy way to earn it.

SPORTS CORNER

We would like to invite everyone to come out and support our athletes this basketball season. Our games, times and locations are listed below. The athletes and coaches would love your support!

Tuesday, Jan. 10th Home vs Pasadena
JV-Girls @ 3:00 JV-Boys @ 4:15
V-Girls @ 5:45 V-Boys @ 7:00

Thursday, Jan. 12th Home vs San Gabriel
JV-Girls @ 3:00 V-Boys @ 4:15
V.-Girls @ 5:45 V.-Boys @ 7:00

Tuesday, Jan. 17th Away @ Heights
JV-Girls @ 3:30 JV-Boys @ 4:45
V-Girls @ 6:00 V-Boys @ 7:30

Thursday, Jan. 19th Home vs Ontario
JV-Girls @ 3:00 JV-Boys @ 4:15
V.-Girls @ 5:45 V.-Boys @ 7:00

Tuesday, Jan. 24th away at Friends
V-Girls @ 3:00 V-Boys @ 4:15

Wednesday, Jan. 25th away at Friends
JV-Girls @ 3:00 JV-Boys @ 4:15

Friday, Jan. 27th Home vs Valley
JV-Girls @ 3:00 JV-Boys @ 4:15
V.-Girls @ 5:45 V.-Boys @ 7:00

All **Home** games are played at Cameron Park Community Center in West Covina.

THANK YOU!

We teachers are very appreciative of the gifts given by you at Christmas. Thank you for your generosity. Your children are very special people and they are a pleasure to teach. We hope you all had a great Christmas break. Happy New Year!

CALENDAR

January

- 6 Candy Sale Begins
- 9 PTF Mtg. 3:15, Room 401
- 10 Historic Study Tour Trip Mtg.
- 16 NO SCHOOL, NO DAYCARE, Martin Luther King B'day**
- 25 Candy Sale Ends
- 31-2/9 8th Grade Historic Study Tour

February

- 3 2nd Qtr. Ends
- 6 PTF Mtg. 3:15, Room 401
- 8 Report Cards
- 10 8th ONLY, NO SCHOOL, Jet Lag Day
- 13 NO SCHOOL, NO DAYCARE, Lincoln's B'day**
- 20 NO SCHOOL, NO DAYCARE, Washington's B'day**

SUBJECT INFORMATION

BIBLE

We are continuing our study of the early church through an in-depth study of the book of Acts. After learning about Peter's escape and Herod's death, we will begin studying Paul's missionary journeys and the establishment of churches throughout the Roman Empire.

History Phillips

US-8TH GRADE

We're preparing for the trip, having tests over the notebook, adding to the notebook, watching appropriate DVD's, etc.

It's difficult to know what the weather might be so, for health's sake, I encourage student's to be prepared for both warm and cold clothes wise. An umbrella is a MUST, a plastic rain poncho is also advisable-these can vary in price from .99 to \$6.00. They are handy to keep you dry. The weather is very unpredictable. Scotch guarding outerwear and shoes is a good idea.

WORLD-7TH GRADE

We are just finishing Chapter 7, The Age of Exploration. In Chapter 8 Europe Colonizes the Americas. The map test will be on South America.

Math Kiser

ALGEBRA IB-8TH GRADE

Welcome back! We are finishing chapter nine, the beginning of the study of quadratic equations and functions. By the end of the semester, we will be well into the study of polynomials and factoring, one of my favorite chapters. Next semester is filled with the Historic Studies Trip, holidays, and testing so we must keep up the momentum to finish the year well.

ALGEBRA 1/2 8TH GRADE

Welcome back! We have just finished lesson 63. We will soon be covering such topics as absolute value, using ratios to solve problems, and volume and surface area of right circular cylinders. When your student returns from the Historic Studies Trip, we will start an introductory study of Algebra I. Next semester is filled with class trips, holiday, and testing so we must keep up the momentum to finish the year well.

ALGEBRA 1A-7TH GRADE

Welcome back! We have just finished lesson 3.6. We will soon be covering solving linear equations, formulas, ratios and percents. Next semester is filled with holidays and testing so we must keep up on our momentum to finish the year well.

MATH 87-7TH GRADE

Welcome back! We just finished lesson 51. We will soon be studying ratio word problems, scientific notation, and addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of signed numbers. Next semester is filled with holidays and testing so we must keep up our momentum to finish the year well.

English Ries

7TH GRADE

Happy New Year! Glad to see everyone return from a wonderful break. Second Quarter book reports are due Jan. 27th. Please remind your students they need to finish reading their book by Jan. 20th. Each student needs to turn in his or her \$9.00 cash for his or her Roll of Thunder book.

8TH GRADE

Happy New Year! Can you believe the trip is almost here? Why I want to Lay the Wreath essay is done and the judging is complete. Winners will be announced. We are reading Daniel's Story. We will follow the book with one more writing assignment before our trip. Their "Hero" essay is due Jan. 20th.

Science Brown

8TH GRADE - EARTH SCIENCE

Since the beginning of the year, we have been covering topics in astronomy. We have just finished this unit and will begin our unit on geology. Topics to be covered include rocks, fossils, volcanoes, and earthquakes. During the Christmas break, the students should have been working on their Aviation Timeline project. They are required to pick two events (either aviation or space exploration) from each decade since 1900 and arrange them on a timeline with pictures and brief explanations. Instructions have been given already and are available on the school website. This is due January 12th.

7TH GRADE - LIFE SCIENCE

The Leaf Collections were outstanding! The students did a great job collecting and organizing them. We just finished our study of the microscope and microorganisms. After the Christmas break, we will be covering the chapter on the Human Body (Chapter 3). During the month of January, we will also be going over Science Fair instructions along with the due dates of the various checkpoints for it.

SCIENCE - GENERAL

Science homework calendars are available online. Please refer to them for make-up or absent work. For extra credit, answer the following question: Olympus Mons is a volcano almost three times as tall as Mount Everest. Where is it found? The first five students who bring me the answer will receive extra credit!