

JUNIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER

West Covina Christian School

May 2010

ASB ACTIVITIES

Our school year is almost over. I would like to thank the ASB on their accomplishments this year. Our goal was to raise funds towards purchasing a school bus. We raised just over \$5,500. We will also be contributing towards the newly built wall which will display the school's name. Our end of the year activities will include a Jamba Juice Sale, Bake Sale, and Twins Spirit Dress Day.

By popular demand the votes are in for our Jr. High Social theme. For 2010 it will be "Techno". Get your Neon colors out and get ready to have some fun. The social will be on May 7th from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. in Anderson Hall.

Special thanks to the following people who helped support ASB. Mrs. Alipio for her donation from the Barnes and Noble fundraiser. Also for making extra goodies for our bake sales. Mrs. Kile for your expertise with fliers and newsletters. Mrs. VanderWende for all your assistance throughout the year.

Best wishes to all our 8th graders, its been a memorable year.

ASB Advisor
Mrs. Rodriguez

GENERAL INFORMATION

Graduation Parties

W.C.C.S. sponsors a reception held in Anderson Hall immediately following graduation. All other parties are strictly private affairs. They do not have school sponsorship or approval. Neither does the school release names, addresses or phone numbers of families. We recommend that you apply your family's standards in deciding whether a party will be appropriate for your graduate.

Parents of 8th Grade Graduates

Remember that the same haircut/dress code regulations apply for graduation as apply on a normal school day. If you arrive at graduation out of dress code standards you will not be allowed to participate. Don't put yourself, and your parents, in that embarrassing situation.

GRADUATION ETIQUETTE

Eighth Grade Graduation is an evening worship service at Bethany. We want to invite anyone who would like to worship with us June 13th. You do need to be aware, however, that it is a Worship service. Many graduations have people whooping, with catcalls and other loud or boisterous clapping and cheering. This would be extremely inappropriate, since graduation is a worship service.

We also ask that, once seated, unless there is an emergency, that you stay seated throughout the service. Please do not bring anyone who cannot sit the couple of hours.

Our desire is to glorify God in every way. The entire evening is centered around God's Word, what the students have learned, and their talents. We look forward to the reverent atmosphere needed for their presentation. Graduation starts at 5:00 p.m. sharp!

Students must be here at 4:15. There will be an opportunity to have their pictures made individually in their cap and gowns on Sunday afternoon.

Graduation Rehearsals

We are now in our final rehearsals. Please do not pull your students from rehearsals for appointments. Please check the calendar for dates and times.

Eligibility

Please review your handbook for questions about eligibility for end of the year activities - graduation and ditch day for 8th grade and end-of-year party for 7th grade. We've worked hard to keep you informed and there should be no last minute surprises. Please cooperate by complying with all established rules. Students should be at school for all merit trip days.

Staff

Deadline For Fees

IMPORTANT: All fees - tuition, day care, etc. - must be paid by May 14, 2010. Your child will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if fees are not paid-in-full.

Graduation fees were due in August.

Summer School

Please consider having your child attend summer school. It is 4 weeks, 4 days a week Monday thru Thursday 8:00-12:00, June 21 through July 16.

It is an easy way to do a little brushing up or to work on English and math skills. It is not for remedial work only - opportunities are also provided for working ahead.

In the past, we have had several students who returned voluntarily (by their own choosing) because they felt it was such a worthwhile, and even enjoyable time.

Eighth graders have an opportunity to do their rough drafts for their essays-"Why I Want to Go on the Historic Study Tour" and other written assignments connected with the notebook such as the cover page paragraph. Teachers will be: Mrs. Phillips-English, Miss Hyde-Math

Jr. High Choir Reid

Our Jr. High Choir will be performing in the Spring Musical on May 20th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. We would love to have the junior high parents attend! See you there!

SUBJECT INFORMATION

Bible 8th Grade

For the month of May, the 8th grade will be practicing for graduation in lieu of Bible.

Graduation is a spoken choral presentation of scriptures they have learned this year, so we feel it is a guarantee they have "hidden these verses in their hearts."

Practice includes how to march in, where to sit, as well as the verse presentation with all their talents of singing, piano and dance incorporated. Grad practice is not a time to take students for appointments, or high school interviews, please!

HISTORY PHILLIPS

U.S. History

As the notebooks are graded, they are to be taken home immediately. I'm just getting started.

We will be studying Nixon, Reagan, and the Cold War. On May 25 we visit the Nixon Presidential Library and May 28, the Reagan. Don't forget May 26 is our trip to Orange County Center for the Performing Arts to see the Lion King. We will leave the school at 5:30pm on motorcoaches and return between 10:30-11:00 pm to the south parking lot at school

World History

We have just started WWI with the starting of our last unit "The Modern World" which takes us up through present time.

At class assignment day in August money will be collected for 3 gift shops, dog tags and lanyards. We pre-order packs from Jamestown, Yorktown and the Patrick Henry re-enactment at St. John's Church in Richmond. By doing that, we get all items tax free and have more time for the historical sights. The cost is \$25. It will be added to the grad fees and field trip fees that will be collected in August. Those not going can also order the prepacks at that time.

Historic Study Tour 2011 is already in the planning stages. It is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 1 - Feb. 10. We enjoy going earlier in hopes of avoiding some of the massive crowds that descend upon D.C. each Spring. Approximate cost is \$2644 for student/Quad/Quint occupancy or \$3049 for adults with Double/Triple occupancy. If you as a parent want to room with your student and with another parent and student, both parents will only pay the student price plus \$25.

Fundraising is in full swing with selling Valentine items, sno cones, dessert at the Open House dinner, etc.. You can earn a fair amount of money towards your trip by participating in the different opportunities. Keep in mind all fundraising money goes toward the final payment to the tour company. If you decide not to go, all money stays in trip funds. The money earned should go toward the last payment in November.

If you are one of those very fortunate people who are "all ready" with cash in hand for HST2011, please keep in mind we ask the students to earn all their own spending money as they handle it far more responsibly. This summer should provide ample opportunities to earn their own money for souvenirs and personal spending money.

ENGLISH

7th grade

Thank you to all those who came to Open House! Students have worked hard this year. As we finish the year, we will continue with our weekly vocab/DOL quizzes. We are in the process of reviewing all grammar and parts of speech There will not be a 4th quarter Book Report.

8th Grade

Thank you to all those who came to Open House! Students have worked hard this year. We will conclude the year with a review of parts of speech. There will be quizzes still weekly as well as worksheets sent home to be completed for homework. Students must be able to identify the parts of speech before entering high school. I would encourage them not to miss class because they will miss out on information that will benefit them in High School.

MATH

Algebra 1A

We're into the final stretch with the finish line in sight. Your student has worked hard this year, please encourage him/her to finish well. The final chapter for the year involves solving and graphing inequalities, both on a number line and a coordinate plane.

Math 87

We have made great progress this year. We are getting into real algebraic concepts which will prepare them for next year. Some of the many topics we still have to cover are: multiplying algebraic terms, solving two step equations and inequalities, writing algebraic expressions, and surface area of right solids and spheres. Your student has worked hard this year, please encourage him/her to finish well.

RIES

Algebra 1/2

We are deep into our study of Algebra I. This month some of the topics I hope to cover are: GCF, LCM, distributive property, exponential division rules, addition of rational expressions, and complex fractions. Your student has worked hard this year, please encourage him/her to finish well.

Algebra 1B

We're into the final stretch, June 13th is in sight and high school is just around the corner. Your student has been challenged this year and has met the challenge admirably. The final chapter deals with radicals: operations with radical expressions, solving radical equations, completing the square, the Pythagorean Theorem, and the distance and mid point formulae.

Bible 7th Grade

We are almost finished Unit 5 in our study of the book of Acts. This details Paul's second missionary journey. In the next few weeks, we will be studying Paul's third missionary journey and his trials in Jerusalem and Caesarea. Please encourage the students to be consistent in saying their verses and to not wait until the last minute! (especially those with extracurricular activities who lose class time to say them).

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**SCIENCE BROWN
7th Grade**

The students did such a wonderful job on their science fair projects as there were many positive comments mentioned during Open House. Thank you parents for all the support you gave the students in completing this project. We are continuing our study on Ecosystems and Biomes as well as taking a look at the Creation/Evolution controversy to complete the year.

Sea World Update - There is a parent meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th from 6:00-6:45. Reminder flyers will be sent home with the location. During this meeting, we will go over a what-to-bring list, rules, schedules, etc. The Sea World trip is May 24-26. There is no school for 7th grade on Thursday, May 27th, however, there is school that Friday. For students not going to Sea World, an alternative assignment will be sent home the week prior.

8th Grade

The students did a great job in creating their own periodic table of elements! They were creative and resourceful with their ideas! We are continuing our study of physical science with concepts such as: motion, forces, speed, acceleration, momentum, and energy. We will conclude the year with a look at alternative resources outside of fossil fuels.

ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES AND PARENTS

Our Coaches are doing their end of the year inventory of uniforms. We still have some uniforms out, so please check at home and get them in as soon as possible as you will be charged for any outstanding ones!

Thank you,
Coach Edgemon

**2009-2010
DVD's Available**

Don't let the memories of your child's junior high years slip by...

Capture them on the following DVD's which are available for purchase through the school office. If you are interested in ordering all or one, please stop by the school office to place your order.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL - \$20.00

SPRING MUSICAL - \$20.00

GRADUATION - \$20.00

8TH GRADE

Graduation Slide

The 8th Grade students will be making a PowerPoint slide that will be shown as they walk across the platform at graduation. The slide will include the students baby picture and favorite Bible verse. We need you to send in your baby picture or if you have another picture you would prefer to use, by May 3rd so we can scan it. All photos will be return.

Thanks

May

CALENDAR

3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
4	Sea World Parent Meeting 6-7pm in the Chapel
6	National Day of Prayer
7	Jr. High Social, 7-9pm, AH
12	Progress Reports
14	All tuition, back day care, library, grad fees, etc. must be paid in full today to participate in Graduation.
15	Music Recitals
19	ASB Spirit Day
20	Spring Musical, 7pm, Sanctuary
21	Choir Trip to Skate Express
21	Jog-a-thon Money Due
24-26	7th Grade Sea World Trip
24,26,27	Grad Practice 1:30-3:00
25	8th Grade Field Trip to Nixon Library
26	8th Grade Trip to see Lion King
28	8th Grade Field Trip to Reagan Library
27	7th Grade ONLY, No School
28	7th Grade regular school day
31	NO SCHOOL, NODAYCARE, Memorial Day
TBA	JH Final Auction

June

1-4	Grad Practice 8:30 -3:00
7-10	Grad Practice 8:30-3:00
8	Yearbook Assembly 8:45-9:45, Sanct.
8	Sports Assembly 1:00, Sanct.
10	8th Grade Awards Assembly, Sanct. 1:30- 3:00
11	8th Grade Ditch Day
13	8th GRADE GRADUATION, 5PM, Sanct.
16	1/2 DAY, Last day of School
21-7/16	Summer School

Historic Study Tour 2011

There has been some confusion about the different payment options for the trip. Hopefully, to clear up the confusion, here are the various options.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

There are basically three plans under which your school group can register and make payments. Each is described below.

REGULAR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS

Registration forms and deposits are due in September and two additional payments are made, one ninety days before the trip and one sixty days before the trip.

REGISTRATION AND MONTHLY PAYMENTS

This option is available to each individual student and/or parent. It is a "check here" option on all regular registration forms. It allows each individual participant to choose between paying the regular deposit and two additional payments or paying the regular deposit and several smaller monthly payments.

EARLY REGISTRATION AND EXTENDED PAYMENTS

With this option, the trip is on the books for anywhere from twelve to twenty-four months in advance of the actual trip dates. For example, you can get your eighth grade trip on the calendar while your future eighth graders are still in seventh or even sixth grade. Parents can then make a deposit and begin to make very small monthly payments until trip time.

Individuals do not have to participate in the Extended Payment Option. When the September preceding the trip rolls around, regular registration forms will be sent automatically to school for distribution to those who would prefer to make just a deposit and two further payments.

NOTE: *The sooner all get registered, the sooner we can order our tickets for Broadway.*

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Persons wishing to register online will need the Tour Code and the Password. These two items can be found on the registration form in two places...on the bottom of Page 2 and at the top of Page 3. You will also need a credit card - they only accept Visa and Master Card. The credit card will be charged immediately for the deposit and then the balance will be charged to that same card 90 (ninety) days prior to your trip's departure date.

Next, you will need to go to the American Christian Tours website at: www.acts-tours.com. On the left hand side of the homepage is a starred section with a heading that reads "Register Online Here!". This is where people interested in registering online will enter their Tour Code and their Password. Once that is done you will be taken to your tour's homepage. Here you will find a yellow box with a heading that reads "Register Online." Clicking here will bring you into the online registration application. The tour code is TO92010A. Password 273 to register online.

The self-explanatory online registration application will take you through several pages. Each page can be printed. Once you submit your application - after a final review - a confirmation page comes on the screen letting you know that we have received your application. You also will receive a colorful e-mail reviewing your application and letting you know that within two working business days, you will receive a second e-mail notifying you that your application has been processed. If there should be any problems with the credit card or incorrect information, you will be contacted by one of our ACTS accounting department representatives.