

# Covenant Chronicle



November/December 2009

## Upcoming Events



- 4 Back to School (Re-enrollment packets go home)
- 11 Parents prayer meeting 8:30am
- 14 Open House for prospective new families 10:00am
- 15 8th grade fundraiser "The Ultimate Date Night" 7:00pm
- 18 MLK Holiday **NO SCHOOL**
- 19 Applications accepted for siblings of current students & church members
- 26 PTF Meeting 7:00pm



- 1 Basketball/ Cheerleading Banquet
- 10 5th -8th Spelling Bee
- 12-15 Winter Break **NO SCHOOL**
- 22 3rd-8th Math Olympics
- 23 PTF/Talent Show



*"It is not enough to simply teach children to read; we have to give them something worth reading."*

*~Katherine Paterson, Author~*



Wow! Have you seen the new library? In all my years here I never imagined that we would be blessed with such a beautiful room. Parents, please come by and see all the wonderful books that your child(ren) has the opportunity to check out.

Library starts in first grade, and the classes come every two weeks. Books are due back the day before they come to library. This gives me a day to get the books checked in and back on the shelves. Parents, the book's due date is stamped in the back of the book. Returning the books on time is *very important!* If the whole class returns their books on time, the class gets Gummi Bears and they are my **STAR CLASS** for the day!

We have put over 100 brand new books on the shelves since we moved to our new location! Come check out books on 18 different Indian tribes. We have books on the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. How about books on World War I, World War II, & Viet Nam. If you love the Little House on the Prairie series, why not try the Sadie Rose series.



The book reports that the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders just completed look good enough to eat! I won't say any more, you'll have to come by the library to see what I mean.

Keep Reading!

Mrs. Burton

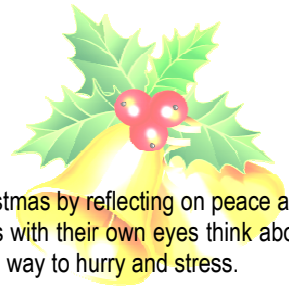


### Book Fair Results

We raised \$2797. That's about 290 new books!!! Thank you to everyone who bought a book.



## From the Desk of Mrs. Kline



God became man. He sent His son that we might have life and have it abundantly. Celebrate this Christmas by reflecting on peace and good will toward men. Slow down and enjoy the moments. What would the shepherds who saw Jesus with their own eyes think about the manner in which we remember the birth of our Savior? Peace and joy have in many instances given way to hurry and stress.

Here are some tips to help reduce stress not just at Christmas but for the entire year.

**Activities:** Limit the number of activities for your household. Andy Stanley stated several years ago that “we are experience rich and relationship poor.” God’s plan for redemption is about relationships. Our relationship with God forms the foundation for our relationships with others.

**Babysitter:** Set aside time to give to your marriage by having “dates”. Be creative in doing free or inexpensive things. Go for walks, talk, laugh and enjoy the love of your youth. Trade “sit” time with friends.

**Calendar:** Keep a calendar and mark all activities on it. Color code each family member’s activities.

**Devotion:** Set aside time each day for prayer and scripture reading. Devotion to God is revealed in how we spend our time. There is nothing more important.

**Exercise:** Regularly get your heart rate up and your body moving. Involve your children so that they develop good habits. Do not exercise near bedtimes. Your energy level will receive a boost.

**Freeze meals:** When you prepare a meal make enough to freeze for a hectic day.

**Game night:** Set aside an hour or two a week or month to play a family game.

**Humor:** Find the humor everyday. Learn to enjoy and lighten the moments. Keeping the events of life in perspective and not allowing everything to be intense is a blessing to each member of our household.

**Invest:** Take some time each day to just be. A few minutes of quiet will help everyone emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically.

**Join:** Join in helping others. Visit a care facility or retirement center and bless a lonely heart. Serve at a homeless shelter. Visit a person unable to get out.

**Keep your cool:** When the kids get on your nerves walk away. Take some deep breaths before you respond. Do not allow situations to control you. Instead of reacting, take action.

**Laugh:** Tell funny stories. Remember humorous incidents. Encourage the children to tell jokes and teach them to laugh without laughing at others.

**Music:** Music soothes the soul. Listen to relaxing excellent music.

**Network:** Seek the wise counsel of Godly people. Join a Bible study. Talk positively to other parents.

**Organize:** Organize your time. Spread chores out over the week and divide the work so that everyone is assigned jobs.

**Pray:** Prayer is a powerful tool. Prayer can make the most stressful situation bearable. Phil. 4:3 “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

**Quit complaining:** Changing an attitude of disappointment into one of gratitude changes an entire world view. Attitude affects altitude. An attitude of praise is contagious.

**Rest:** All work and no play does make for a dull family. Rest in the Lord, relax in His provisions. Getting enough sleep is vital to every member of a household.

**Smile:** Have you noticed how difficult it is to see a smile and not return it? It is easy to give and takes no extra time.

**Traditions:** Building traditions and routines not only give our children a sense of security but they cement family values and build great memories.

**Unite:** Spouses need to be on the same page. Talk and pray as a family. Work as a team rather than adversaries.

**Vegetables:** Nutrition is an important investment in your family. Include lots of water, fruits and vegetables when planning meals. Include several meals a week where the TV is off and you sit around the table as a family.

**Write:** Record your experiences. Share struggles and victories. You will be amazed at God’s faithfulness in your life.

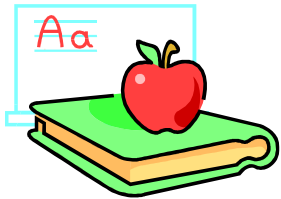
**eXamine:** What are the areas of stress in your home? Are there things that can be eliminated? Are there areas in your life that need to be simplified or relinquished? Talk as a family about the stresses in your home. If momma is stressed everyone is feeling it.

**Yonder:** Focus on the eternal. Remember that this world is not our home, we are just passing through.

**Zone:** What are the zones of importance? A Christian has a different focus than those without Christ. Rely on God’s promises and His word. Scripture never fails. Matthew 6:33: “But seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”



Have a blessed Christmas holiday. Enjoy your family and have a sweet time together.



# First Quarter Honor Roll

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Mrs. Burdine

### All A's

Jack Allen  
Grant Cartwright  
Zion Fitch  
Mitchell McHam  
Kristen Moody  
Anna Nichols  
Jackson Roberts  
Jillian Truchan

### A/B

Reese Ballard  
Addie Rose Bullock  
Nolan Canter  
Emma Snider  
Grant Walker

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Mrs. Tyus

### All A's

Bryce Acree  
Martin Combes  
Tanner Freise  
Lauren Loria  
Austin McCowen  
Ryan Wilkins

### A/B

Canaan Fisher  
Sarah Godwin  
Caleb Jackson  
Rego Jaquish  
Lee Rose Koza  
Alicia Pitts  
Bradley Rossman  
Jackson Tysinger

## 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Wood

### All A's

Gray Austin  
Cameron Cantwell

Alana-Maria Derosiers

Mattie Grace Hankal

Ben Howard

Harper Vick

### A/B

Laura Beier

Zane Hardman

Amanda Rogers

## 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Yarbrough

### All A's

Spence Johnstone

Jackson Lucas

Kayli Moody

Alex Pearson

Katie Marie Tanner

### A/B

Will Bullock

Paul Duncan

Tucker Griffith

Caroline Hobson

Kelsey Long

Jessica Peterson

Dylan Watkins

## 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Howard

### All A's

Chloe Avery

Jay Copses

Jacob Leigh

### A/B

Ethan Bohannon

Chris Canter

Josh Dunchew

Livi Graham

Kody Kington

Lauren Knott

Jason Miller

Preston Plumley

Jenny Scott

Sarah Tysinger

## 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Kington

### All A's

Cassie Acton

Chris Franklin

Davis Green

Anna Loria

Rachel Thompson

Samuel Vaughan

### A/B

Meredith Holland

Kirt Moore

Alex Plumer

Collier Williams

Joseph Worrall

## 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. K. Moore

### All A's

Matthew Campbell

Anna Kate Cartwright

Libby Hankal

Shannon Myszkowski

Katelyn Reynolds

### A/B

Zachary Griffin

Mallory Griffith

Olivia Harris

Allison Purdue

## 6<sup>th</sup> - Mrs. N. Moore

### All A's

Jessica Bowling

Katherine Godwin

Will Howard

Ansley Latting

Emma McHam

Alyssa Meeks

### A/B

Samuel Griffith

Graham Kington

Amy Spicer

## 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Flanagan

### All A's

Ellis Bowling

Courtney Long

Chandler Masters

Erin Willis

### A/B

Megan Campbell

## 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Jackson

### All A's

Rebecca Dow

### A/B

Dillon Barahona

Sarah Dismukes

Mattie Griffith

Michael Hogue

Kate Worley

## 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Mr. G. Moore

### A/B

Allison Ashworth

Rebekah Fortney

Caroline McHam

Michelle Vaccaro

## 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Westall

### A/B

Elizabeth Canter

Emily Hart Herbert

Ally Knowles

## DECEMBER

By Olivia Pearson



This is December,  
December is my favorite season.  
Snow is falling on the ground,  
Children are playing in the snow,  
And I like to play in the snow, too.  
The most important thing about December  
Is Jesus being born,  
And on Easter he died for our sins.

## Midwayschool.org News

We continue to improve the website for your convenience.

- Game schedules and lunch menus are now posted.
- We now have a link to the library so you can look for a book from home.
- Our main banner page provides a list of important dates to remember for the month and highlights what we've been up to.
- Re-enrollment and sibling application forms are now available to download from the Admissions tab on the Applications page. The links will be found at the bottom of the page.

## A Spirited Week by Elizabeth Canter



The students and staff had many crazy costumes and outfits. Monday-Pajama Day, Tuesday-Decade Day, Wednesday-Sport's Day, Thursday-Wacky Tacky Day and Friday was Blue and Gold Day. On Monday, everyone wore their favorite "PJ's" and looked amazing! Tuesday, Mrs. Griffith showed off her 80's costume with style. On Wednesday, Mrs. Westall,

the 7th/8th grade teacher, showed off her University of Alabama spirit by playing "Sweet Home Alabama" and decorating her room. Thursday, we all saw a new side to Mr. G. Moore and Mrs. Nancy Moore with their tacky outfits. On Friday, all MCCS students and staff showed their school spirit with cheers and the awesome colors of blue and gold. We love MCCS!



Don't forget to save your box tops during this busy cooking season.

### Rejoice By Olivia Harris

Rejoice! Christ is born,  
On this holy night,  
He is the light,  
Rejoice, for Christ is born.

Rejoice! In heaven above,  
Christ born of a virgin,  
In a stable without a surgeon.  
Rejoice, in heaven above.

Rejoice! For He has come  
Come from heaven to save us all.  
Saved us from man's fall.  
Rejoice, for he has come!



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