

Academy Accents

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This week, **November 16-20** is
Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

Report Cards

Enclosed in your student's folder is their 1st quarter Report Card. A letter is attached from Miss Pinard, along with a notice with which to provide parental verification that the report card has been received. Please sign and return this form to us ASAP. You may also note there if a parent-teacher conference is necessary.

**Thanksgiving
Break**
November 25-27

Student Council Elections

Over the past few weeks Mr. Dave McDonald has been meeting with our Junior and Seniors during a lunch period to discuss the value of a Student Council. Their conversations have been fruitful to the point that they led to the holding of student elections this week!

Early last week (4) students – (2) potential Class President/Vice President teams – presented their platform through prepared speeches to the high school students. The running mates included Alex Loomis for President and his VP Jessica Lloyd, and Seth Purtell, with his VP Ian Nemiccolo.

Each team talked about their vision for their potential role as student leaders, and how they would hope their peers would see them as their representative before the faculty and staff.

Then, this Friday, November 13, we ran ballot elections. The winners were announced --- congratulations to Alex Loomis and Jessica Lloyd. We look forward to seeing how you begin to flesh out your ideas and build some strong student leadership at CCA this year.

NWEA Testing

CCA is pleased to announce that students in grades 1-6 will be taking the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Assessment) this next week. This assessment tool will guide the school in the areas of reading, math, and language. It will be taken three times a year annually and will enable the Academy to measure progress and to meet individual as well as group learning needs in a more systematic process.

Please see the links on the last page to access more information regarding the *Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Basics Overview* (Northwest Evaluation Assoc.).

1st Quarter Feedback Survey

Please take a moment to access the Parent Feedback Survey. We provide this link for you here in Accents each week, as well as on the right side bar of our homepage so you can provide ongoing input. In addition we like to provide a quarterly reminder to take brief moment to fill it out with any comments or suggestions that you'd like to share.



Our EL top summer readers had a fun pizza lunch!

Lost and Found

Please note that we have many items in the Lost and Found. There are several, sweatshirts, shirts, coats, pants, sneakers, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc.

If you aren't sure where the Lost and Found is, you will find it in the large armoire in the Great Room, to the left of the CCA Kitchen door.

Please note that unclaimed items remaining after **November 20** will be donated to charity.

Thanksgiving is Coming!

As you know by now we will be out of school for a few days during Thanksgiving week: Wednesday to Friday, November 25-27. We hope families are able to enjoy these days together.

Prior to leaving there will be class parties for the teachers and students to celebrate Thanksgiving together. Further details about these events will be forthcoming from your student's teacher.

Family Night for Pre-K to Grade 6: November 20

On **Friday, November 20**, the Pre-K through 6th grade will be hosting a special Family night. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM. Students are asked to **arrive by 5:50 PM**. Each class will feature a special theme with activities for both parents and children to complete together, which in some cases will include special snack items to enjoy.

The dress code for the children is the regular school dress code. In order for teachers to put the final touches on their classroom and parents to pick up children and have time for dinner before the celebration time begins, **Quest will end at 4:00 p.m. on November 20**.

Parents who have more than one child are invited to visit the classrooms of their children for shorter periods of time in order to make the rounds for each class. Grandparents are also invited to attend. Younger siblings will need to remain with the parents and then attend the classroom specials accompanied by the parent. The class themes for the evening are highlighted below.

PRE-K: *Fiesta de Familia and "These are a few of my favorite things..."*

Come celebrate our families through games, as well as coloring, and even learn some Spanish. Please bring your favorite pictures of your family to share!

KINDERGARTEN: *Colonial Day Children*

The Kindergarten class will be doing activities that were common to the children in colonial days. They will be "shopping", making a horn book, and decorating some Thanksgiving cards that will be given to residents in a nursing facility.

FIRST GRADE: *Stone Soup*

The First Grade will be making stone soup. Along with that we will be making a community quilt designed by the families in First Grade. We will see how each are unique but God has places us together to form our classroom community.

SECOND GRADE: *Pow Wow*

The second grade class will be wrapping up their Native American unit and celebrate by creating a Native American necklace, designing a skin story, playing the Iroquois sacred bowl game and the hidden object game. Come and guess how many pieces of Indian corn candy are in the jar.

THIRD GRADE: *Fall Showcase: Make it, Take it and Donate it.*

Come enjoy an evening of games, goodies and giving! Join the Third Grade and you will witness an abundance of sights such as; fantastic curriculum projects, Math Monkey Multiplication relay, Funnel Cakes from scratch, a donation station for our friends at the REACH program, writing stations and you can even use your imagination as you complete our very own Class Madlib, to name just a few. It's going to be a night to remember, so don't miss it! We will be making, taking and of course asking for you to donate as the season of giving is once again upon us. We are all looking forward to seeing you!

FOURTH GRADE: *Homelessness in NH*

We have a special speaker from the Salvation Army coming for Family Night. She will share with us how we can help people in need during the holidays. We will also share some of our own holiday traditions.

FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE: *Operation Christmas Child*

The fifth and sixth grade classes are so excited about Family Night. We have been hard at work promoting Operation Christmas Child with skits, posters, and public speaking. The collection for the boxes is this coming week, **November 16-20**. On Family Night we will have a special time of packing and praying for all the boxes to go all over the world!

Parents of these students will be able to pack, and pray over shoe boxes for needy children and then we will have some yummy refreshments and Spanish songs that the students have learned. Come out and enjoy an evening of blessing releasing the power of hope, love, and Jesus to a child across the world.

1st Grade Visits the Discovery Center

Our 1st grade stumbled into a great opportunity during a morning visit to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (formerly known as the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium).

Soon after arriving Miss Gnann realized the date she had randomly chosen for them to visit was actually a very special unveiling day at the Center. On that day they revealed a collection of unprecedented mural-sized images of the Milky Way's core. Only a handful of museums across the country were selected to receive them.

The kids enjoyed the morning very much and were even photographed and printed up in the Manchester *Union Leader*.



Below are some of the pictures our chaperone-parents took – some very similar to those the Union Leader actually printed!



Thanks to our parents who went with us that morning -- Erika Frick, Jen Lamoureux, Barrie Daigneault.

Chapel Summaries

PK/EL : NOVEMBER 3

This week Mrs. Becky Domeny was back with us. She shared a special Chapel called "God Chooses Life" which encourages us to celebrate the God's vision for us to live life to the full.

In our culture, particularly during the recent Halloween season, it is easy for us to inadvertently fall into making light of and laughing about symbols of death. Mrs. Domeny shared about a man in the Old Testament named Ezekiel who had a vision.

In his vision he saw a Valley of dead bones through which God impressed a vital truth about salvation: God does not make bad men good; He makes dead men alive! (Ephesians 2:1, and vs. 4-5)

We are enjoying Mrs. Domeny's enthusiasm for the Bible and what can be drawn out of the passages and taught to children with a relevancy for their lives.

If you would like to learn more about her ministry, you may access a link to her website on the last page. Thank you Mrs. Domeny!

PK/EL: NOVEMBER 10

This week we had a visit from Mr. Bill Paige, a Lieutenant Colonel, and husband of our very own Mrs. Paige. He shared briefly with us about the value of appreciating the soldiers and Veterans who we know.

Mr. Paige's talk was followed by a couple moving video presentations highlighting those who have sacrificed for our country – for our freedom.

The last portion of the morning Chapel was reserved for Mrs. Peters to handout the certificates to our ³/₄ Soccer Team, to celebrate their season for a moment.

MS/HS: NOVEMBER 12

Josh Owens is the Associate Pastor at Faith Community Bible Church in Loudon. He came to talk with our students about how "Pet Sins Become Killer Monsters", providing examples of how easy it is to wander

towards sin, especially in the life of a young person.

Josh then explored how simple it is to convince ourselves that we can overcome the sin later if we only "try it once" now. The reality he said is that it always begs for more. There is no such thing as "just one time" with sin. It takes hold and we become a slave to it, finding it gets easier each time to fall to it. We need to always be on the alert to sin's deception.

What Josh shared was incredibly poignant, true, valuable for not just the young among us to hear. He was honest, straight and forthright with what the students deal with every day when it comes to temptation and how to deny it a foothold.

Thank you to Josh for coming and speaking the Truth – even on some hard topics. We look forward to having him back again!

MS/HS: NOVEMBER 13

Our long awaited visit with Caleb Winship happened on Friday as he came to share his story of how God can plant dreams/aspirations in us which in their fulfillment, are meant to be used to further His Kingdom. Caleb has seen this truth become a reality in his own life through skateboarding.

He urged the students to cling to the Truth of who we are in God's eyes, to believe is always active in our lives, and that He has a plan for us no matter what. The example of Gideon was used to display a man without a sense of his own value to others, and how God invested confidence in him by speaking to him about the truth of who he is - as God's vessel/servant.

We are very thankful for what Caleb shared, particularly since it came from the mouth of a fellow young person, who himself has tested the truths of finding who he is, and what he is meant to do in his life by trusting God to provide that clarity.

Thanks Caleb for coming to speak to us. Your sincere and genuine connection with God is so evident and contagious. (Caleb is a Sophomore at Northeastern University studying Interational Business Admin.)

PLEASE NOTE

In light of the fact that next Friday is the PK/EL Family Night, we will have **Jeans and Pizza on Thursday, November 19**

Richard Brown House Food Drive

The Pre-K Class will be working with the Richard Brown House again this year for their Service Learning Project. The Richard Brown House is a Senior Community located in Loudon which provides affordable housing for local seniors.

Since the Seniors are "living" on very limited income, the Pre-K has chosen to organize a school wide food drive for them. During the month of November we will be collecting food and items with which will go directly to the Seniors.

A donation box is located outside the Pre-K Room for those of you who would like to participate. In December the children will take a field trip to the RBH to deliver the food and visit with the seniors just as they did last year.

Below is the list they sent Mrs. Bishop identifying specific needs:

- Canned fruits and vegetables: (especially individual size)
- Canned potatoes
- Canned baked beans
- Sugar/ Splenda packets
- Tuna
- Spam
- Deviled ham
- Healthy soups/stews
- Pasta/rice
- Cereal (hot and cold)
- Crackers
- Juices
- Bath soap
- Dish soap
- Trash bags- kitchen size
- Tissues
- Toilet tissue



YEARBOOK DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Personal and Business Ad Space Orders AND

Last chance to order a yearbook at the price of \$25

Order forms on CCA Homepage

Thank you *in advance for joining us in the hopes of blessing these wonderful people.*

Middle School Math Team Meets

We are off and running with the Math Team. They have been practicing for several weeks already now.



This year, rather than traveling to the meet location, we will be complete the challenges here on the CCA campus. We will still offer a pizza dinner option to the students for after the meet, but it will be enjoyed right here on campus!

Here are the dates for the Math Meets:

- December 10
- January 14 (tentative)
- February 18
- March 11
- March 25
- (Snow Date or 5/6 Invitational Meet)
- April 1 (Snow Date)
- (Bow 5/6 Invitational Meet)

Book Drive for *Invisible Children*

Invisible Children is an organization motivated by the unseen war in Northern Uganda. Three young filmmakers have come together to create media presentations for the purpose of informing, and inspiring young people to help end the longest running war in east Africa. They tell the stories of real people and situations through film documentary, and then tour them around the world.

CCA Senior, Ethan Fulk, learned of an opportunity to get involved with Invisible Children and in turn invited us as a school to participate. In cooperation with Better World Books, book drives are being conducted collecting new and used books. Better World Books sells them and donates 90% of the monies to Invisible Children.

Not only is this a great chance to pass on new or used books it's an opportunity to support a great cause!

What kind of books are needed? College text books are great, new and used literary books are also needed. Books that are not accepted: Cook books, Encyclopedias, or children's picture books.

There will be a box located in the CCA Great Room where you can drop off your books. We'll keep them there for the next 3-4 weeks. We'll keep you posted about any upcoming deadlines.

For more information, e-mail Ethan Fulk at EthanF@comcast.net or the Invisible Children website in the Links section.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 20 PK/EL Family Night
- * Quest ends for Pre-K to Grade 6 at 4:00 PM ***
- 25 -27 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 30 MS Independent Reading due
- HS Independent Reading due

DECEMBER

- 11 Christmas Concert (Dress Up) - 6:00 PM
- * Quest ends for ALL grades at 4:00 PM ***
- 17-18 MS/HS Mid-term exams
- 21-1 No School - Christmas/New Years Break

JANUARY

- 8 Ski Program Day #1
- 15 Ski Program Day #2
- 18 No School - Civil Rights Day
- 21 MS Independent Reading due (Classic)
- 22 Ski Program Day #3
- HS Independent Reading due
- Second grading period ends
- 29 Ski Program Day #4

FEBRUARY

- 5 No School - Granite State Teacher's Conference
- 8-12 PK/EL/MS Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 12 Ski Program Day #5
- 22-26 No School - Winter Break

Quest Weekly Sign up Form Update

Thank you for your diligence in weeks past with the Quest Weekly Sign Up form. Mrs. Jasus feels she has reached a point now where she does not need the sign up form to be filled out. We have a consistent team of caregivers set up for the students, and good understanding of the attendance pattern so the form is **no longer necessary this year.**

MS and HS Independent Reading Projects due NOVEMBER 30

Links

Click on the blue dot-square to access the noted link. Return requested forms in your student's folder at the beginning of each week. (*=Required)
(Links also posted on our homepage at concordchristian.org.)

NEW THIS WEEK

- MAP Basics Overview - NWEA Testing Info
- McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Ctr. Press Release
- McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Ctr. website
- Invisible Children website
- Better World Books website
- Becky Domeny's website

RECURRING LINKS

- Alliance Hours Log Sheet
- Academy Accents Archives
- Faculty Staff Directory
- Parent Feedback Survey

FYI: Quest Weekly Sign up is no longer necessary

Recycle your printer cartridges at CCA

(We exchange them for purchase points)
receptacle in Miss Miller's 3rd Grade room