

Academy Accents

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No School
Friday, February 5

Staff Professional Development

Open House & Curriculum/Project Fair

We will host an Open House and Curriculum/Project Fair on **March 19 from 5:30-7:30 PM.**

This is a CCA community building event for families of all different ages to get to know one another and tour the facility as they peruse the class projects from grades PreK-12.

This is also a school recruiting evening inviting **Prospective Families to attend.** Please place this evening on your calendar.

Quest Closing Early March 19

In light of the fact that we will be hosting an Open House the night of **Friday, March 19, we will be closing Quest at 4:00 PM.** This gives our Faculty and Staff a chance to prepare for the event and families a chance to eat dinner before coming.

Funds Raised for Global Benefit

Thanks to the generosity of our CCA families/students we raised \$254 dollars on Jeans Day to give to Global Benefit for their efforts in returning clean water to Haiti. Because several families donated more than the requested \$1 to wear jeans, we have a substantial gift to share with Global Benefit.

Thank you so much for helping us make this donation possible.

8th Grade Cape Cod Trip

Parents of our 8th graders will find a notice in their student's folder regarding the final installment on the Cape Cod trip. Final payment is due on **Monday, February 1.**

Take Apart Center in 1st Grade

The First grade would appreciate donations of small electronics that can be taken apart -- smaller than a toaster or a DVD player. Again this year they are setting up a Take-apart Center so students can explore how things are put together and how they work.

Ideas would be phones, calculators, clocks, radios, CD players etc. If you have any of these items to give, just drop them off any time in the 1st grade room.

Kindergarten Teddy Bear Day

The Kindergarten shared a fun day on Friday this week when they brought in their favorite Teddy Bear for show and tell. The children were thrilled to share their favorite critters with each other and Mrs. Paige made it a cute celebration with some creative activities.



Spiritual Emphasis Week

Pam Brady and Matt Huffman and their special team of young people will again share in our Elementary and Middle School Spiritual Emphasis week **February 8-12.**

This team of people have ministered to our students for the past several years. Every visit they provide a time of great personal care and investment in the students, as well as a wonderful spiritual opportunity for all of us. When they are here we have lots of fun. There is always much singing, laughter and learning.

Anyone may attend the daily gatherings. The times are note below:

PRE-K THROUGH GRADE 5:

Mon/Wed/Fri – 8:00-9:00 AM
Tues/Thurs – 10:25-11:15 AM

GRADES 6-8:

Mon/Wed/Fri – 8:00-9:00 AM
Thurs.: MS/HS Chapel– 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Jeans/Pizza Days This Week

THURSDAY: Jeans & Pizza Day (\$1)
FRIDAY*: Ski Day - FREE jeans
**Optional Early Release at 1:15 PM.
Quest still available until 5:30 PM.*

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

- Apply for Affordability Funds (Financial Aid)
- Re-enrollment Event and Dates

RECURRING LINKS

- February Milk Order Form
- February Pizza Order Form
- Salwen Family - Power of Half
- Alliance Hours Log Paper Form
- Alliance Hours Log Online Form
- Academy Accents Archives
- Faculty and Staff Directory
- Parent Feedback Survey

Chapel Summaries

PK/EL: The school owns a wonderful animated series on the 10 Commandments. We showed the students a video about the importance of telling the truth. The story depicts a tale of a little boy who comes to understand the consequences to dishonesty.

MS/HS: DAVE MCDONALD

Mr. McDonald started his talk with this question to all of us: What is that thing that you would say – “I would give anything to...”

After a brief time of suggested answers and thinking on the question, Mr. Mac went on to tell the story of Aron Ralston, a young man who went rock climbing one day, and landed after a fall with his arm wedged between two rocks, unable to free it.

Mr. Mac explained that after many hours of struggling to get it loosed, Aaron naturally began to exist in this realm of though, “I would give anything to...”

Only the question was real for him and the answer was simple --- he would give anything to... LIVE. For him, “anything” meant giving up his arm.

The end of that story is that Aron had to do just that. With a simple pocket knife he cut his own arm off so that he could have a chance to live. He lived to write a book about the event (Between a Rock and Hard Place).

Like Aron, Mr. McDonald said, we are free to make any decision we want, but we are not free to escape the consequences of our decisions. Rarely do our decisions bear the weight of this one that Aron had to make, or do they?

We were asked to consider the decisions we make on a daily basis with regard to tolerating sin in our lives. Do we fully recognize the significant spiritual weight of our sin, or do we see it too lightly and move ahead without thinking.

Mr. Mac shared 2 Corinthians 5:21 – “God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God through Him.” He stressed the commitment of God to destroying the power of sin to hold us at a distance from God. He gave the most He had to give – his life. That’s a weighty consequence to God’s decision to abolish the obstacles to our being in relationship with Him.

Mr. Mac then took us to Romans 12: 1-2: “Present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in the sight of God.” He challenged each one to – over the next 2 weeks -- kneel by our bed in the morning for -10 minutes, acknowledge God, and ask Him to give strength and wisdom to us as we use our hands, legs, feet, tongue, etc. to live for Him (“Take my life – let it be”...)

The immediate reality arises when we consider that despite our greatest intentions, we will fail. It does not mean we lose position with God, only communion. I John 1:9 speaks to restores what was lost.

Aron Ralston, it was so important to him to live for his family that he cut off his arm so he could live. Is it important enough to me to live for God that I will take the daily steps to live for Him?

Thank you Mr. Mac for taking the risk to speak about hard-to-accept truths and to put the challenge of consistent time with God over the next two weeks. Many students and staff stood to acknowledge they would follow through on their commitment.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 28 Jeans and Pizza Day - bring your dollar
- 29 Ski Program Day #4 - **FREE** Jeans day*

FEBRUARY

- 4 Jeans and Pizza Day - bring your dollar
- 5 No School - Granite State Teacher's Conference
- 8-12 PK/EL/MS Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 11 Jeans and Pizza Day - bring your dollar
- 12 Ski Program Day #5 - **FREE** Jeans day*
- 22-26 No School - Winter Break

MARCH

- 4 MS Independent Reading due
- 19 Grade 4 Volcano Fair
CCA Family Night/Open House 5:30-7:30
** **Quest closing at 4:00 PM ****
- 26 Gr. 7-12 Winter Sports Awards - 5:30 PM

APRIL

- 1 Third grading period ends
- 2 No School - Good Friday
- 6-9 Stanford Achievement Tests
- 15 MS Independent Reading due (Classic)
- 16 EL Spring Concert - 6:00 PM†
- 17 HS Independent Reading due
- 19-23 8th Grade Cape Cod Trip
- 26-30 No School - Spring Break