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## Valentine Carnations

You may have seen the Valentine Carnations Order Form at the front desk highlighting a fun opportunity for parents to send their student(s) a carnation with an encouraging message.

As we did last year, the CCA Booster Club is selling carnations for \$2 each. They will be handed out to the named students on Thursday, February 11.

If you would like to send a carnation to your student, a teacher, or staff person, please go to the link for the Carnation Order Form on the last page, print it, fill it out and return it to CCA. The last day to order is **Wednesday, February 10.**



## Spiritual Emphasis Week: February 8-12

Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) is on! Students are experiencing a time of spiritual inspiration and challenge from an invaluable team of speakers who will spend the week here with us.

### PK/EL

As noted in last week's Accents, Pam Brady and Matt Huffman and team return to work with our Elementary and Middle School. They bring relevant truths/stories and fun music to share with the kids. Their pattern of returning to CCA to serve in this way each year has created an environment of familiarity and trust between them and the students. Their team makes a significant impact every year.

### MS/HS

Mr. Dan Underhill will return to CCA to speak to and spend time with the High School. Dan always offers a particular relevance and challenge of perspective to the youth. As he has been here a few times before, he too has developed a unique and valuable connection with the kids here.

Please note that due to the events of the week, the schedule we will follow will be very different than the normal week's class schedule. The students have been informed about the changes ahead of time.

**SEW events begin first thing.  
On time arrival is important!**

## Admissions Ave.

### CCA AFFORDABILITY FUNDS

If your family will be applying for CCA Affordability funds (financial aid) for the 2010-2011 school year, please submit your application online now at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com). It is imperative that families hoping for assistance complete this process as soon as possible. Funds are limited, and will be granted on a first come first served basis. Families may apply using their 2008 Tax info if there has not been a considerable change in their income.

Once your application is submitted with FACTS, we work hard to have news back to you regarding the funding available to your family within a couple weeks.

### TUITION AND AID INQUIRIES

This year Mrs. Claire Roberge is handling all tuition calculation and aid assessments. Please direct all inquiries to her by phone or via email at [croberge@concorchristian.org](mailto:croberge@concorchristian.org).

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Fill out and return your Re-enrollment Packets indicating your plan for next year.
- Legacy installments are due **February 15.**

### ADMISSION PACKETS AVAILABLE

2010-2011 Admissions Packets are available for Prospective families to receive. We will be sending those out very soon to a large list of families who have expressed interest in enrolling their student(s) next year.

If current families have a friend who is interested in learning more about CCA, please email their address and other contact information to Mrs. McLaughlin.

### OPEN HOUSE/CURRICULUM 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. **Please plan to attend.**

This is also a school recruiting evening so all **Prospective Families are welcome to attend.** Bring the family, meet the faculty, review the curriculum, talk with families who have students currently attending -- it's a great night. Hope to see you here!



## To Our Volunteers

We are **daily** aware of how God has blessed us with an amazing group of Volunteers. From parents, to grandparents to alumni parents, to people who just love the CCA school mission -- thank you for your service and spirit of joy you choose through it.

*It does not go unnoticed.*

## Spring Concert Change

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS!



We have moved up the Spring Concert date to **April 9**. The start time is also a little earlier than originally planned. It will begin at **5:30 PM**. Please note as well that **Quest will close at 4:00 PM that day**.

## Jeans/Pizza Days - Feb. 11/12

THURSDAY: Jeans & Pizza Day (\$1)

FRIDAY\*: Ski Day - FREE jeans

*\*Optional Early Release at 1:15 PM.*

*Quest still available until 5:30 PM.*



## 2nd Quarter Report Cards

Report Cards went home last week in the student folders, along with a notice to sign and return identifying you have seen and reviewed the report card. If you have not already done so, please return the signed form. Thank you.

## Box Tops for Education

Mrs. Doubleday will be submitting another batch of Box Tops for Education very soon. Please bring them in by **Friday, February 19** so she can send them

in for the next deadline. This is a wonderful way to support the school with fund raising. Thank you for your participation!



## Pillowcase Dresses for Haiti

A million words of gratitude to your prayer and generosity for the pillow case dress mission we were on last week. A group of women from various churches and walks of life gathered last Thursday night to put together dresses for orphan girls in Haiti. So many pillowcases were donated (over 125 by CCA families alone) that the group has decided to continue with the mission for orphanages in other countries as well.



The group put together 30 dresses that night to send to Haiti. If you're interested in more information, or would like to participate in any way, please contact Mrs. McLaughlin.

## Glo Germ Demonstration

The children at Concord Christian Academy have clean hands and pure hearts. That's right, on Thursday, January 21, 2010 grades pre-k through 6th grade were given an in-service demonstration on hand-washing. Supplies were donated by *Glo Germ Company*.

The children all learned that germs and bacteria cannot be seen by the human eye. A demonstration using a spray water bottle showed how germs and bacteria can travel from one student to another very easily.

Water was sprayed on one student's hand then they would touch the desk, then another student would touch the same spot on the desk and showed the class that their hand too was then wet. Their hands never even touched. Germs and bacteria travel in much the same way.



The children's voices were elevated as they saw their hands under the ultra-violet light with the "glowing germs" from the lotion given by the *Glo Germ Company*. The kids then washed their hands and repeated the process to see if they had washed their hands thoroughly. They learned that there are places they should not forget when hand washing, especially around the fingernails and rings. The younger children did not always remember to wash the backs of their hands. Several children realized that cuts and scraps need a bit more soap and water for cleaning.



After the fun was had the children completed their game or coloring sheet on hand-washing while we gave instructions on exactly how to wash hands thoroughly. We encouraged them to do this to help keep all the children happy and healthy at Concord Christian Academy.

Lastly, the children signed their name at the bottom of their instruction sheet to pledge to wash their hands and all agreed to support and encourage one another in doing so. Fun was had by all. The whisper of clean hands continued even into the proceeding days at school.

Thank you to the *Glo Germ Company* for providing the supplies for this possibly life saving in-service to our school.

*~Tom and Sue Calkins*

*Many thanks to Tom and Sue Calkins (2nd grader Samuel's parents) for taking the day away from your work lives to spend time with the children teaching them about handwashing, bacteria and germs.*

## Make Up Ski Day - March 12

Ski program families, please make note of March 12th for our make ski day. This replaces the day we missed last week due to frigid weather. We will send reminders along the way.

# Chapel Summaries

## **PK/EL: DAVE ROUSSEAU, JANUARY 28**

Last week Mr. Rousseau spoke to us about bullies. He asked the students if they know what a bully is. The answers were of course ample and right on. It seems everyone has experienced a bully at some time in their life. Everyone agreed there are even bullies in the Bible and named a few of them!

Mr. Rousseau humorously took us through the different types of bullies there are: (1) There's the regular bully, (2) then there's the "BBA" – Bully by Association, you are considered a bully because you hang around with someone who bullies others, (3) "BBM" Bully by Mistake, your words or actions are misunderstood because they've not been well chosen.

The students were encouraged to think about how they treat each other. He challenged us to be kind, to do unto others as we would have them do to us. And as for forgiveness, that too plays a significant part when someone has hurt us – or we have hurt them.

Thank you Mr. Rousseau for bringing your music and enthusiasm for truth that is so authentic in your life.

## **MS/HS: MR. JOSH BURNS, JANUARY 30**

Josh is Youth Minister who works with Teen Challenge, an organization providing youth, adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems in order to become productive members of society. (Link to the Teen Challenge website on last page.)

Mr. Burns spoke to us about separating ourselves from the world -- being set apart for God. He used scriptures in Deuteronomy to illustrate God's intent for His people to remain faithful and be identifiable for the name they bear.

As our example, when Jesus was asked if He was the Messiah He did not answer with Scripture, but with the evidence of his actions, the way He lived His life.

Why is it that although we have been saved from the world, we keep running back to it, blindly thinking life is there. God wants us to stay grounded, to know where we stand.

Mr. Burns asked us to ask ourselves, "Is my faith gray right now, lukewarm in my spirit? Does my life evidence that I'm different from the world because of my relationship with God?"

If the answer is "Yes," keep it up. If the answer is no, he urged us to truly think about that - to examine where we stand, and what our lives stand for – what mark will we make?

Thank you for coming to share with us, Mr. Burns. We're looking forward to hearing more from you in the weeks ahead.

## **PK/EL: BECKY DOMENY, FEBRUARY 2**

Mrs. Domeny has provided us with some fantastic Chapels this year. We have been so blessed to have her. This was the last of her times with us this year as she has secured a job and will be giving her attention to that commitment. We're grateful for the gift of time she has given to the children and families of CCA.

Mrs. Domeny started this week's talk with a jar of M&Ms. She asked one of the students to come up to a jar of M&Ms and pull out the blue ones. She went on to talk about a music group who includes a request that a jar of blue M&Ms be placed in their dressing room. They embed the sentence in the contract to discover if the potential concert venue pays attention to detail.

The book of Deuteronomy provides very specific areas of life that God wanted His people to observe. For those that obey, God promises His blessing, not because His love is conditional, but because His love is provisional. He has provided a way of living that matches the way He created us, and when we walk in it, we will naturally experience positive consequences.

Thank you again Mrs. Domeny for your creative way of expressing God's truths. We have loved having you here hope great things for you as you go on from here.

## **MS/HS: MR. DAVE MCDONALD, FEBRUARY 4**

Last time Mr. McDonald was here he shared with us about the significance of tolerating sin in our lives and challenged us to pray in with a heart of surrender each morning, as well as a repentant spirit.

We were asked to open to Luke 8 and the Parable of the Soils. A parable is a story that describes a particular truth. On its own it's a good story, but with greater depth of understanding – granted to us by the Holy Spirit – "he who has ears to hear" will catch an eternal meaning that goes beyond the surface.

Mr. McDonald took us through the various seed-responses to the planting of the Word. The parable opens to a farmer sowing the seed and highlights the soil upon which the seed falls.

Some The seed fell on hard soil. It lands there but it is not taken in because the heart is hard and cannot receive it.

Some seed fell on rocky soil, started to take root, but was blown away in a short time. This is likened to someone who has a strong emotional response to the Word -- , excited and moved at first, but it did not last.

Then there was seed that fell on thorny soil. It took root, but it was choked out by the thorns. This describing those who receive the Word but life's distractions overwhelm it out, it does not remain or grow.

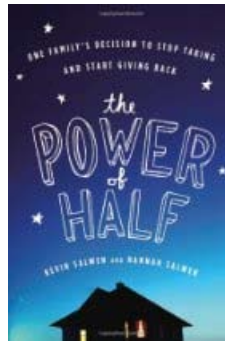
Lastly, there was the seed that fell on good soil. It took root, grew and bore fruit. This describes the heart that is soft and ready to receive God. It perseveres through the challenges of life and stays committed no matter what. It keeps daily appointments with God, arriving on time.

We should consider the condition of the heart-soil, and examine if we see our time with God in the same way as other appointments we make. Do we keep it each day, and arrive on time?

Once again Mr. Mac, you have offered us something true and honest to act on, as those of us who have heard the Word, are accountable to do. Thank you.

## The Power of Half Event

Here's an amazing story. Hannah Salwen asked her parents to sell their house and give half of the profits to charity. Embarking on an incredible journey, the Salwen family meets others along the way, wrestling with the same questions: Do I give enough? How much is enough?



On **Monday, February 15 at 11:45 AM** we will host the Salwens right here on campus (sponsored by Gibsons Bookstore in Concord). Come hear their story as they have written about it in the new book the Power of Half.

The Salwens will share their story and answer questions. You really don't want to miss it. All our students will participate in the event as well.



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](http://concordchristian.org).)

### NEW THIS WEEK

- Valentine Carnations Order Form
- Teen Challenge Website

### RECURRING LINKS

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



Sam Case (10th) made this cool snowmen structure of 2 boyscouts reclining by the fire.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 8-12 Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 11 Jeans and Pizza Day - bring your dollar
- 12 Ski Program Day - **FREE** Jeans day\*
- 22-26 No School - Winter Break

### MARCH

- 4 MS Independent Reading due
- 12 Ski Program Make-up Day - **FREE** Jeans day\*
- 19 Grade 4 Volcano Fair
- Open House/Curriculum-Project Fair: 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
- 9 CCA Spring Concert - 5:30 PM
- \*\* Quest closing at 4:00 PM \*\***
- 15 MS Independent Reading due (Classic)
- 17 HS Independent Reading due
- 19-23 8th Grade Cape Cod Trip
- 26-30 No School - Spring Break

### MAY

- 6 National Day of Prayer
- EL Fine Arts Festival - LCS
- 7 MS/HS Fine Arts Festival - LCS
- 14 EL Field Day
- 17-21 CCA Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week
- 21 PK Spring Celebration and Program 9:00 AM
- 28 Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM
- 30 HS Independent Reading due
- 31 No School - Memorial Day

### JUNE

- 1 MS Independent Reading due
- 4 5th Grade Graduation 8:30 AM
- Gr. 5-12 Spring Sports Awards 5:30 PM
- 9-10 MS/HS Final exams
- 9 MS Academic Awards 1:00 PM
- 10 HS Academic Awards 1:00 PM
- 10 8th Grade Graduation - 6:00 PM
- 11 Last Day of School
- MS Canobie Lake Trip/HS Six Flags (Optional)
- Last day of Quest Program
- Fourth grading period ends
- 12 HS Graduation 10:00 AM

## Calendar Update:

Last Day of School

June 11