

Principal's Pen



NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Rules Rule!



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Karen Fisher (mother of Brady-6th and Erin-4th) called on behalf of her sister. She has two 3 month old kittens that she would like someone to give a home to. They have had all their shots and are fixed. They are black with green eyes. Please call Kelly Hopkins at 410-598-5890 if you would like one or both.

We had some work done on the copy machine in the office the other day. Two workmen came and had to visit each classroom. As they went from room to room, the students stood when they entered. The men worked on computers and came back to the office. Their comment to us was "You have very polite and well behaved children in this school". One of the gentlemen went on to say "You should see some of the things we see in other schools!"

Of course our children are well behaved and polite! You have taught them well at home and we are partnering with you.

We are a Christian School. We are called to be "set apart" and God's word asks us to "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works...". Being polite and kind are obvious ways that even children can show that they are set apart and different from the rest of the world.

I want to take a minute and thank you parents for your consistent support of our rules and regulations. Rules help us maintain our standards and keep order. The Safety Patrol reports that parents are doing a great job of pulling forward when they are asked to so that morning drop off goes smoothly. Kindergarten parents resist the urge to walk their child downstairs each morning (helping to foster an "I can do it" attitude). Even inclement weather dismissal went well because most of you remembered your name card and displayed it so that we could call your child quickly. Each time a parent follows the established rules, children are given a quiet signal that listening is important. I guarantee that as your children get older, you will see the importance of having taught them to listen and follow rules!

The letter that we sent home yesterday reminded you of the Harford County Health Department's suggestions about the H1N1 virus. Even during this time you are following both the rules of NCCS and the Health Department and we do appreciate it. We have had many children absent (9 in second grade today and 7 in kindergarten). Only one or two of the sick children have been diagnosed with H1N1. Many of them have cold like symptoms with coughs and some fevers. Doctors are not routinely testing for flu unless the child needs hospitalization or has a predisposed medical condition. Our rules ask parents to keep children home until they have been fever free (without medicine) for 24 hours. The Health Department is not recommending that any school close "unless there is not enough staff to run it or students to attend it". I thank you who have kept ill children at home. We miss them and promise to pray for them.

Parents, please don't panic. All of our teachers are healthy (thank the Lord). We are encouraging hand washing and really, this is a happy and healthy place to be! I am attaching an information sheet about H1N1 to this message. Hopefully, the November 6 H1N1 Mist is still on! We will let you know.

Thank you, partners!



Are you a hunter? Do you know a hunter? One of our teachers needs a one pound package of venison for an upcoming student activity. It is needed by the beginning of November.



Cough drops: Our policy on children using cough drops in school is dictated by the State of Maryland. Maryland law states that **cough drops which contain medication** (menthol, any other type of medication) **must be accompanied by a Physicians Authorization Form** which can be obtained from the school or physicians' office. This is the same form used for prescription medication. The cough drops must be brought to the school office by an adult in their original, unopened package or they cannot be given.

Cough drops which do not contain medication (which are more like candy or contain pectin) **do not need physician's authorization.** The cough drops must still be brought to the school office in their original package or they cannot be given.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH**— SCHOOL YARD SALE FROM 7AM-1PM. RAIN OR SHINE. CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE TOO. \$10/SPACE. CALL JANICE AT 443-528-5326. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**— INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PICTURES FOR GRADES K-6
- **29TH**— PRESCHOOL 3'S PICTURES
- **30TH**— PRESCHOOL 4'S PICTURES
- **BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2**-STANDARDIZED TESTING FOR GRADES 2-11
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**— PARENTS OF 6TH GRADE— PUBERTY PRESENTATION
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**— FLU MIST (HOPEFULLY :))
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**— END OF 1ST QUARTER— **12:00 DISMISSAL FOR GRADES 1-6**
- **WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9-13**— **BOOK FAIR**- LAMPLIGHTER AND USBORNE BOOKS FOR SALE INFORMATION COMING HOME TODAY.



Individual and class pictures for the Grammar School will be held on Wednesday, October 28. Order forms will be coming home today. Order forms can be sent back to school any day prior to pictures but **must be returned** by picture day. The photographer cannot take student pictures without an order form.

FROM JASON VAN BEMMEL

Our Annual Development Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the Maryland Golf and Country Clubs. You should have already received your invitation in the mail. This is always a very nice evening of fellowship and vision-sharing.

This year, I am very pleased to announce that we have again received a matching grant from the John Calvin Bible Foundation for the Fall Development Banquet. The John Calvin Bible Foundation will match all gifts and pledges received at the banquet up to \$12,000. That means, if we can fully match this grant, our Fall Banquet could raise \$24,000 for our school.

I'd like to ask all of you to please pray for the banquet, consider attending if possible, and begin praying and thinking now about how much you may be able to give or pledge at the banquet .

Saturday, October 10th was a very happy day for my family: Our oldest son (Rob) got married to a lovely young lady (Lindsay). Don Dove performed the ceremony at Oak Grove Baptist.

What a blessing to know that our son is the head of his own household and that he and his new wife are working and serving the Lord together. God is so good!

The new Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong bought a house in Aberdeen.

Your children might still be little but it is never too early to begin praying for their spouse!

