



The Cougar Update

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Winter Weather



We hope that all of you received the test parent alert that went out last Friday. **We would like to know where you look for**

CCS winter weather announcements.

Do you count on the parent alert? Do you check the website? Do you look at social media?

Please take about 20 seconds to answer a two question survey for us. We would really appreciate it! [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey.

Cougar Classic

Today and Saturday CCS is hosting the **25th Annual Cougar Classic Basketball Tournament**. Over the years numerous teams have participated. This year we welcome Salem Christian, Lititz Christian, Covenant Christian and New Covenant Christian. The tournament kicks off today, Dec. 9, at 4:00 PM with the Lititz girls playing the Covenant girls, followed at 5:30 PM by the Lititz boys playing New Covenant boys.



The Lady Cougars will begin their season at 7:00 PM vs. Salem; this game will be followed by the varsity boys at 8:30 PM playing Salem. There will be a short ceremony with a prayer of dedication and the singing of the national anthem prior to the girls' game at 7:00 PM.

On Saturday, games begin at 10:00 AM with the girls' consolation which will be followed by the boys' consolation at 11:30. The girls' championship will begin at 1:00 PM. The tournament will conclude with the boys' championship at 2:30 PM. Admission each day is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students K-12; 2021-22 family passes will be accepted. Don't forget to stop by the snack stand to support the Athletic Booster Club.

And as a reminder, **CCS Athletics has launched a new website** for you to get information relating to Cougar Athletics. Go to cougarathletics.org and check it out.

Spirit Week

Our High School Student Council organized an **all school spirit week this week.**



Students really had fun with the themes for each day. If you follow us on Facebook or Instagram, you have seen some of the winning classes.

Classroom doors have also been decorated, and they look amazing!

The week will end this afternoon with an all-school Pep Rally. Keep an eye on our social media to find out which class took home the prize for the most school spirit!

Report Cards



As you already know, we are going paperless for the report cards this year! Please look for the orange signature card that will be coming home **TODAY!**

Later this afternoon, you will be able to view your student's report card in the [Family Portal](#) in FACTS. Parents, please sign and return the orange signature card to homeroom teachers as soon as possible. This will let us know that you have seen the report card online. (ES parents should also return the math & reading inserts.)

You may print the report cards for your records right from FACTS.

Report cards are particularly important for any student who may be getting a driver's license before trimester 2 report cards are sent home in March, since some insurance companies give discounted rates based on grades.

Christmas Concert ☆

This year's all school Christmas concert is scheduled for next Thursday, December 15 at Hopewell Church. Elementary students will sing to us from 6:30-7:30 PM. All elementary students are required to participate and should arrive by 6 PM wearing their Christmas best.

Our Jr. Cougars can find the concert songs and practice them at home on our [Elementary Fine Arts website](#).

From 8:00-9:00 PM our secondary students will be praising the Lord together, including the middle school choir, IHL, and the high school A cappella choir. **Secondary musicians should arrive no later than 7:15 PM.**

Plan now to join us for this night of celebration and worship.

Musical Update

Many thanks to those who have signed up to participate in **CCS' upcoming musical, Cinderella!** Because so many students have signed up, **we will have an additional informational meeting on December 19th** for those who cannot make the meeting on December 17th. If your child has signed up for the musical, look for an email from Mr. Ellis this weekend that will give very important information!

Hour of Code

Yesterday CCS Parent, Mrs. Daniel, along with a colleague, Mr. Brightman, both from Liberty Mutual, came to the school to introduce our seventh graders to computer science. This is computer science week, and all across the globe students are learning about the subject through the "Hour of Code."



Mrs. Daniel and Mr. Brightman helped the seventh graders code a Mario game using block coding. The students found it interesting and engaging. Even though they sometimes ran into difficulty using the school Chromebooks for

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Upcoming Events at CCS:

Events are subject to change.

- **December 9**, Report Cards
- **December 9 & 10**, Cougar Classic Basketball Tournament
- **December 15**, All School Christmas Concert 🎵
- **Dec. 22 - Jan. 2**, Christmas break
- **January 3**, School Resumes
- **January 16**, No School, MLK Day
- **February 4**, Jr. Cougar Carnival
- **February 9**, Pastors Luncheon
- **February 17**, No School, Winter Break
- **February 20**, No School, Presidents Day

Character Trait:

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this advanced programming, they kept at it and learned a lot! We could have some future computer scientists in our middle school!



If any student wants to give this a try, lots of options are available at hourofcode.com/us/learn. There are activities for all levels, from pre-readers to high school. Students might want to use their home computer to explore more activities. If you see a seventh grader, ask him or her about this amazing opportunity.

Respiration!

Anatomy and physiology students conducted an investigation about the relationship between



exercise and CO2 produced during cellular respiration.

Thanks Mrs. Mathew!

