



The Cougar Update

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Parent Alert - Test Tonight!

We have come to the season when snow or ice could be in the forecast. When the mornings are too hazardous to travel and Mr. Parris needs to call for a snow day or 2 hour delay, he will use the **CCS Parent Alert System**. Our Parent Alert System uses email, text, and voice alerts to inform our parents and staff of any closings. **Tonight, December 2, Mr. Parris will send out a test alert at 6:00pm.** Any family not receiving an email, text, and phone call should email Mr. Parris at ken.parris@conestogachristian.net so that we can correct that error.

Spirit Week

Our High School Student Council has organized an **all school spirit week starting Monday, December 5** and running through Friday, December 9th. Students of all ages can participate! The week will consist of special days to dress up according to the theme of the day with classes competing for the most participation. There will also be a door decorating contest. Some of the details include:

- MONDAY**→ Hawaiian Luau day
- TUESDAY**→ Decades Day (70s-90s)
- WEDNESDAY**→ Wacky Wednesday (Weird Hairdos/Mismatched Clothes etc...)
- THURSDAY**→ Color Wars! (Each grade will dress in their assigned color. Jr. Cougars refer to the email from Mrs. Brenner.)
- FRIDAY**→ A Cougar Christmas!! (Christmas theme day including everyone's favorite: Ugly Christmas Sweaters! No Santa Suits please.)

Report Cards

We are going paperless for the report cards this year! Please look for the orange signature card that will be coming home **next Friday, December 9**. You will be able to view your student's report card in the [Family Portal](#) in FACTS, and will return the signature card letting us know that you have seen the report card(s).

Christmas Concert ☆

This year's all school Christmas concert is scheduled for **Thursday, December 15 at Hopewell Church**. Elemen-



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

Athletic News

Basketball games are on the horizon. The **CCS middle school teams begin their season with home games on Monday, Dec. 5**, while the **HS teams begin with home games on Tuesday, Dec. 6**. The Cougars will be hosting the 25th Annual Cougar Classic on Dec. 9 and 10. On Dec. 9, the girls play at 7pm and the boys follow at 8:30pm. The cost of admission to all regular season home games is \$5 for Adults and \$3 for Students (k-12) Family passes are available through the booster club, the cost is \$125. If you are not able to attend in person all CCS home games will be streamed at NFHNetwork.com, many of the away games will also be streamed on the same website.

CCS Athletics is launching a new website for you to get information relating to Cougar Athletics. Go to cougarathletics.org and check it out.

8th Grade Adventures

Before Thanksgiving, students from the 8th grade class were blessed to experience a **two day overnight trip that encompassed both a spiritual development day at Camp Calvary and a historical day at Gettysburg**, led by Mr.

Focht and Mrs. Hill. While at Camp Calvary, students had the opportunity to hear God's word from three different speakers, partake in team building activities, and have fun exploring Camp Calvary's indoor recreational facility. A unique experience, students had the privilege of playing against/with teachers and chaperones in human foosball. They ate dinner at Plum Creek Creamery where the soft pretzels are bigger than a person's head! On Day 2, students explored Gettysburg National Military Park. They enjoyed the film and cyclorama at the visitor center. The tour was led by BG (ret.) "Buck" Buchanan, and assisted by Mr. Focht's former instructor, COL (ret.) Wendel May. General "Buck" discussed all three days of the battle at different locations of the battlefield. Despite the cold windy day, the students had a great trip! **Praise the Lord!**

After School Pick-up

In the afternoon after school we have quite a few parents and grandparents picking up students. Below is a reminder for those who arrive at the school early before buses have been dismissed from the parking lot.

If you arrive at CCS before the parking lot is empty of the buses, please **get in line and wait at the Conestoga Mennonite Church**. Once the buses are out of the CCS lot then cars can exit the church parking lot to pick up their student(s).

PLEASE do not wait in the Re-Uzit parking lot to pick up your student(s). This is a business and ministry and they have asked that CCS parent/grandparent drivers not wait in their parking lot. We want to be good neighbors to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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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

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Need a Christmas Idea?

The school has been given a **\$200 Voucher for Camp Sankanac** to be used for an upcoming summer camp. Registration opens for the 2023 summer season on February 14th and this would make an excellent Christmas gift for a camper in your family! It is a great way for your child to have an exciting summer experience while supporting CCS at the same time. For more information or to purchase this Gift Voucher contact Heather Schreier in the office at ext 404 or at heather.schreier@conestogachristian.net

iGive Online

Are you doing any Christmas shopping online? **By signing up with iGive you can help the school with purchases you are already making.**



It works all year long so it is a gift that keeps on giving. See more information [HERE](#).