



# THE CCS GROWLER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

March 2011



## ACSI Accreditation: The What and Why

By: Mr. John Weaver, Head Administrator

Since 1996, Covenant Christian School has been accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). This year from April 17-20, we will be hosting a team from ACSI that will be evaluating us for our third term of accreditation. Many parents ask about accreditation and have a misconception about what it is.

Accreditation is sought by schools in order to validate their quality and to verify that they are striving for excellence. Most ACSI schools bear the name of Christ, which is excellent and should reflect His name in the way they provide high-quality education. Accreditation is an ongoing process of **school-wide improvement** and development through which a school strives for educational and spiritual excellence. It is a process of **assessing** schools and programs against accepted standards of performance, integrity, and quality. It is also a voluntary process. Many private Christian schools choose not to go through accreditation or choose a less rigorous path through a denominational entity. ACSI accreditation is **recognized universally** in the post-secondary education realm along with the major secular accrediting agencies.

ACSI accreditation is centered on two major themes. First, it reflects on the spiritual aspects of each component of our school. It evaluates the distinctive of being a faith-based school and

the components which make an eternal impact on our children, students, and families. This evaluation looks at staff, biblical integration in curriculum and our total program, as well as our end product, the graduated student. Second, the process evaluates whether we are true to our own statements of philosophy, mission, and goals and that we are meeting the standards of quality and

effectiveness. You are familiar with these statements found in your parent student handbook, which you read and acknowledge at the beginning of every year. The team will evaluate our curriculum, teaching, and total program against our mission statement, philosophy, and expected student outcomes.

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*Alice in Wonderland*

*Presented by:*  
*The Covenant Players*

*at the*  
*Historic Crighton Theatre*

*March 31*  
*12:30 p.m. matinee*

*April 1*  
*12:30 p.m. matinee*  
*7:00 p.m. evening performance*

*Join Alice after she dives down a rabbit hole,  
— gets lost in Wonderland,  
encounters many bizarre creatures,  
and experiences a dream of curious adventures.*

## Board Corner

By: Dan Miller, School Board Trustee

After watching the events unfold in Egypt and reading about the terrible treatment of Iraqi Christians before Christmas, I decided to write about the “mostly forgotten” church—the persecuted church. Have you ever noticed when you receive something for free, it doesn’t garner as much value as something worked for? Oh, it can be appreciated, but when you sacrifice and work hard for something, it is valued so much more. In America, our Christian faith can, likewise, be lightly esteemed or taken for granted because it is so freely received and expressed. Compared to our brothers and sisters in Christ in other countries, our walk with Christ is easy and, for the most part, without a high cost. We may be mocked, shunned, or maybe even lose a promotion or job, but believers in other countries contend for their lives and the lives of their families. They are beaten, stripped of all possessions, and unjustly imprisoned. For what reason? They follow the Lord Jesus.

Is the church disappearing or dwindling in these countries of intense persecution? The answer is a resounding “NO!” How can this be? Do they have super human courage? No, they don’t; however, they depend on the Lord in ways we Christians in America can’t imagine or relate to. Through their sacrifice and suffering, their faith and relationship with Jesus means more to them than any earthly possession, which makes their faith and walk with Christ Jesus greatly valued. Their faith reminds me of II Corinthians 4: 8-10, 17-19, *We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; for the momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, not looking at the things seen, but the unseen; for the things seen are temporal, but the things unseen are eternal.*

It is my prayer that we would value our faith and walk with Jesus in the same way, no longer taking it for granted, but treasuring it for the gift that it is. We need to spend quality time with God, thanking Him daily for His blessings, our freedoms, our nation, and also remembering the persecuted church around the world. 🌿

## Letter from the Editor

By: Zach Ramey, March Editor

In July of last summer, my church, Lakeside Bible Church, had the chance of taking a team of about 20 to Honduras on a short term mission trip for ten days. We support a church called the Church of Ebenezer, along with a missionary and his family. We also support a pastoral training center there called MEDA. I had been out of the country before on a mission trip to India. This would be the second time I would be exposed to a third world atmosphere. Our team took a lot of luggage filled with toys, VBS crafts, reading material, and dental gear. Our team leader, nicknamed “Glorious Leader,” asked us to bring only a backpack for our personal belongings. It was a hassle, but most of us managed to bring only a backpack. After going through customs, we got on the plane and were in Honduras within four hours. We were picked up by a MEDA student and piled into an old school bus that the Church of Ebenezer used for transportation. We got to the MEDA compound after a long three hour drive on the bumpy dirt roads.

Our mission trip then officially started. On Saturday, we helped the local church members pour concrete for the pastor’s new home. And boy was that fun! On Sunday, we went to the small Church of Ebenezer for a worship service and lunch. The week was what we were really there for. Our team leader split up us up into four smaller teams to go to four different mountainous villages. My team was assigned one of the closer villages, and we traveled up the hour long mountain road to get there. Our plan for each day from Monday to Friday was to witness to the local people of the village in the morning and then put on a VBS for the children of the village in the afternoon. The first day, our team went to about three houses and witnessed. In the afternoon, we had about 50 kids come to the VBS, and most of them came every day that week. It was a blast playing soccer with the little Honduran kids. My buddy and I played with them, and, of course, they stomped us! The only advantage we had was that we had longer legs. The best thing about the VBS was watching the children intently listen to the gospel

message and Bible stories. I really hope it had an impact on the little children’s lives.

I was burdened by the poverty-stricken faces of the people we saw and talked with. They really had nothing—only a house made with clay and mud and a few belongings. The sight of this atmosphere and the people made me feel more grateful for what I had back home. It was very impacting.

Another life-changing part of the trip was the opportunity to share the gospel three times during the five days we went up to the village. The first day I witnessed to a boy about my age; the second day I witnessed to an elderly man while chickens were running around at my feet; the last day I witnessed to a middle-aged Catholic man. Of these three times, the last day was heart-wrenching. Two other ladies, one from our church and the other a Honduran lady, and I walked down to our last house way down the other side of the mountain. It was my turn to witness. We were warmly welcomed into the home. Before they did anything else, they gave us their only chairs. We sat down, and I started to share. The

man was a Catholic man, but he listened with eyes wide. Towards the end of my gospel presentation when I was telling him about how Jesus had come and died on the cross to pay the penalty for sin, he broke down in tears and began explaining his life story with me. By now, everyone in the room was crying, even the two ladies with me. I wasn’t crying myself, but trust me, I was on the verge. I wrapped up the visit by praying for him. I will never forget that trip and hope to go back someday. 🌿



*Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:18-20

## Clear Skies for Covenant

By: Rebecca Stanley, Staff Reporter

Astronomical things are happening this semester at Covenant. Students in grades 7 through 12 are allowed to participate in Covenant's new Loaner Scope Program. For a maximum of two weeks, students are able to take home the Orion Dobsonian telescope and view God's amazing universe. This easy-to-use, practical telescope is fun for the whole family and has amazing clarity on



the moon, high magnitude stars, and planets within our solar system.

When you sign up, you will receive a weather forecast, a moon phase chart, a physical moon surface map, and a list of any important events taking place in the sky. You can also ask for satellite movements and a comet report. If you would like to reserve a spot, the sign-up sheet is located in Mrs. Stephens' room. For more information on use of the telescope, contact Rebecca Stanley before operating the telescope. ♪

## Library News

By: Linda Tatko, School Librarian

The Library/Media Center has finished the Accelerated Reader labeling project. Now all books that are eligible for AR points have been labeled with color-coded dots indicating the various AR reading levels, making them easy to recognize. Encourage your children to use these dots to select books which are appropriate for their reading abilities.

Remember to send in \$15 to have your child participate in the Birthday Book Club this year. The final day to enroll will be May 6. ♪

Important Library/Media Center dates:

**April 26-29** Bring books for Used Book Fair

**April 29** Last day to check out books and materials

**May 3-May 6** Used Book Fair

**May 6** Final day to join Birthday Book Club

**May 11** Birthday Book Club party

**May 13** All books and materials must be returned to LMC

**May 16-May 20** Library closed

## Choir Competition

By: Melissa Walker, Staff Reporter

The choirs of Covenant Christian are on the road to victory! On March 2, all the Covenant ensembles came together and preformed their competition songs in chapel. The

Young Believers Choir, Junior High Choir and CPG all sang beautifully in front of their fellow classmates and friends. After a confidence booster, each ensemble was ready for the upcoming events. One day later, the Young Believers Choir and the Junior High Choir competed in the ACSI Choir Festival.



CPG will be attending TAPPS Regional competition on March 10. Two large ensembles, twelve small ensembles, and sixteen soloists will be competing and representing Covenant at the competition. Check *The CCS Growler* next month for all of these competition results! ♪

# Birthday Book Club

Student	Grade	Title	Birthday
Tyler McMahan	PK	<i>Scary Snakes: Boas</i>	Feb. 9
Caitlyn LaPell	K	<i>Peter's Chair</i>	Nov. 18
Matthew Wheeler	K	<i>Knuffle Bunny Free</i>	Dec. 28
Gianna Rowley	K	<i>How Rocket Learned to Read</i>	Feb. 8
Noah LaPell	2	<i>Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever</i>	June 28
David Lewis	2	<i>Pythons</i>	Sep. 23
Samantha McCool	4	<i>Cats of Roxville Station</i>	Mar. 9
Brandte Ream	4	<i>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</i>	Mar. 21
Seth Byars	6	<i>Battle for Skandia</i>	June 17
Brice Loy	6	<i>Elephant Run</i>	Jan. 31
Becca Lewis	11	<i>The Sorcerer of the North</i>	Jan. 20
Sarah Lewis	12	<i>Each Little Bird That Sings</i>	June 9

## Fresh Start

By: Kaitlyn Weir, Staff Reporter

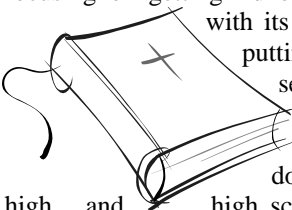
For the second year in a row, several high school girls have participated in a weekly Bible study. At the beginning of the year, Bible Study met on Fridays during lunch, but at the start of a new semester in January, they decided to meet on Mondays and call the new Bible study, "Fresh Start." After all, what would be more encouraging than to meet up with other girls at the start of a busy week and study God's Word?

Each month there is a certain theme, and different girls volunteer to lead each month. February was titled "Love Month," with I Corinthians 13:4-13 as the theme verse. Becca Lewis, Katelyn Holm, and Kaitlyn Weir stepped up to lead Love Month. For the study, the girls interviewed several boys in high school, asking them various questions about relationships. After talking to the boys, the girls used their responses as discussion questions then looked at it from the Biblical standpoint. These topics included relationship communication, priorities in relationships, and commitment questions. The main idea was for each girl to be encouraged to focus more on her inner beauty than her outward beauty and also to realize that her relationship with Christ is far more important than any other relationship. The girls are seeking to honor God through all the small things from putting on their makeup in the morning, to where they go with their friends or boyfriends.

March is "Spring Cleaning" month. Kelsey Fore, Rowan Harris, and Sarah Lewis are leading this month's study, focusing on getting rid of the old self

with its practices and putting on the new self as Colossians 3:9 tells us to do. All junior

high and high school girls are invited to come and study the Bible on Mondays for a fresh start to their week! Ninth grader, Makaela Barringer said, "Girls Bible study is an amazing thing. I'm so glad that we have it! It is great to know that if you have a bad day, the girls are right there with you helping you every step of the way." The "Fresh Start" girls' Bible study is a wonderful tool for holding each other accountable and growing together spiritually. ♣



**March Has Gone Mad!**

**NCAA Men's March Madness is here!**  
**Join us in predicting the finish of the final sixteen teams. Pick up your sweet sixteen brackets in the front office after Spring Break. Fill them out and turn them into the office by Thursday, March 24, at 9:00 a.m. to be eligible for the grand prize of \$25!**

## Junior High Track

By: Tyler Holm, Staff Reporter

This year there are many eager, young runners and jumpers and throwers participating in junior high track. Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have 11 trackers participating in the 2011 season, including 5 returning 8<sup>th</sup> graders from last year. Taking over the reigns of junior high track this year is Coach Severson. They say practice makes perfect, so Coach Severson says, "We plan on practicing hard by pushing ourselves. Although we are called a 'team', and we are there to support one another, track is really an individualized sport; so every individual can improve their own scores or times with hard work." Junior High track has 6 meets to put this hard work and practice into action and Coach Severson says, "I am very excited about the season. I love the enthusiasm of all the athletes and just the willingness to try a new event. It is great fun to then see that enthusiasm, along with hard work, put into action at the meets. I also love getting to know the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on a different level than in a classroom setting."

The first meet for the track team was very successful and hopefully a sign of what's to come. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls who placed were: Jean-Mari deJager -1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 meters, Petri-Louise deJager -1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 meters, and Alexa Reynolds-3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 meters.

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who placed were: Danielle Wilds-3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 100 meters, and

Paige Terry-2<sup>nd</sup> in long jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200 meters, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800 meters.

7<sup>th</sup> grade boys who placed were: Nic Hatcher-3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1200 meters.

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys who placed were: Sterling Smith-3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 meters, John Stephens-3<sup>rd</sup> in the discus, and McLane Zaitz-3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 meters and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the long jump.

Overall, it was an extremely successful first meet for the Cougars. As the season progresses, so will their times and distances. With the wise guidance from Coach Severson, the Cougars will continue to bring home medals and ribbons. God speed, Cougars! ♣



## All Bases Loaded

By: Rebecca Stanley, Staff Reporter

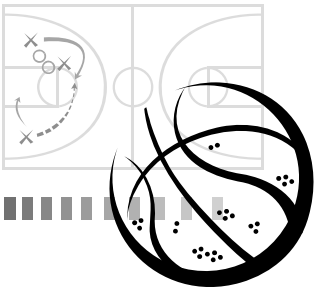
As the junior high baseball season starts up, all bases are loaded! According to Coach Pratt, "On the field, we expect to play hard and to play well. Off the field, we expect our players to apply the life skills and Godly characteristics that will be taught throughout the season." The season will begin with a home game on February 24 against Faithwest Christian Academy. The junior high team will be playing in the North Houston Athletic League and CAYB in Conroe. This season's roster and game schedule will be posted soon. ♣

# Burgers and Baskets

By: Katelyn Holm, Staff Reporter

Every game day between five and six p.m., junior high voices piped up, "Are we going to stop somewhere to eat after the game?" Clearly, the junior high boys had two things on their minds this season: basketball and food. All joking aside, the boys had a slammin' season! With many returning players, the team certainly proved itself. The boys finished with an outstanding record of 23-5. Led by Cole Bowers and Hayden Pratt, the boys brought a new intensity to junior high basketball. In the last tournament of the season, Covenant played at Cypress Christian. After a grueling few days of undefeated play, the boys faced Woodlands Christian in the district championship game. The Cougars fought hard, but the Warriors came out on top. Nevertheless, the season was a success!

Coach Mark Bowers had great things to say about this year's team. "This was a very successful season because everyone bought into the concept that everyone plays an important role on the team. Players realized that they might not be the high scorer of the game, but were integral in the win because of defensive skills, ball handling, rebounding, or coming off of the bench to give someone a break. Our main goal was to glorify the Lord. It's easy to play as a team when reminded of what is really important."



Coach Bowers believes the eighth graders will transition well into high school next year.

After honing their skills and basketball knowledge, the boys will be great additions to Coach Heldmann's program. Coach Bowers thinks the seventh graders, despite the few B team games, will be much improved for next year. He said, "I hope the seventh graders realize that they will be the team leaders next year and work hard in the off season so they step into their new roles with confidence." Way to go, boys! Is it time to eat yet? 🍔

# Fight for Victory!

By: Becca Lewis and Katelyn Holm, Staff Reporters

The Cougars finished the district basketball season as District champs. The girls finished with a record of 7-1 in district and an overall record of 22-5. Coach Walker challenged the girls during practice with new drills and plays. The Lady Cougars appreciated learning new objectives and were effective on the court. The girls defeated Brazosport Christian School to clinch bi-district. The Lady Cougars faced Our Lady of the Hills Catholic School on February 21. Having lost to them in playoffs last year, the Lady Cougars came out with a vengeance. Ellie Bowers played a key role in the game, hitting some deep threes and working the court. Corey Walker chipped in some assists and pull-up jumpers, while Katelyn Holm and Lu-Cheree deJager owned the boards. CCS led throughout the half, by a close point margin. In the third quarter, Our Lady of the Hills took control of the game, gaining a ten point lead. Ellie Bowers, senior point guard, fouled out in the fourth quarter. With a missing piece to the puzzle, the Lady Cougars pulled together but came up short, losing the Area game. Katelyn Holm, said, "Things didn't go like we expected with Our Lady of the Hills. Regardless, I have enjoyed all of the girls so much, and I'm so grateful for Coach Walker for putting up with us and making this season something I will remember forever. Wow! I'm going to miss our van rides and crazy practices. It's been a great year!"

Coach Heldmann coached the varsity boys' basketball team who finished the

season with a record of 4-4 in district and an overall record of 18-10. The junior varsity team had a fun season as it worked hard with the varsity to accomplish its successes on the court. Senior Josh Hansen said, "It's a weird experience when senior year of basketball finally hits, and you realize that this is it. This team has made this last year more memorable than I could have imagined. I love these guys and love watching them grow, both as basketball players and as brothers in Christ. I think the key to our success this year has not been that our focus is on winning, but rather geared toward executing to the absolute best level possible as a team rather than five individual players. The wins have followed as a result of that chemistry."

The boys faced Chinquapin in the bi-district round of playoffs. With the Burrs home crowd packing the gym, the Cougars faced a daunting challenge. The game began with a big lead by Chinquapin. CCS fought back and kept the game within three points throughout the third and fourth quarters. Josh Hansen fouled out in the third. Faced with this adversity, the Cougars battled on and took the lead. Tyler Holm hit some key shots under the goal. Collin Walker kept the momentum by driving hard to the rim, while Charlie Rod pitched in important steals for layups. Tyler Holm fouled out with only a few minutes remaining. The boys had to pull together despite the odds against them. It was a tough battle, but Chinquapin came out on top.

Even with many shed tears, the boys and girls teams have no regrets. The seniors will be missed as great leaders. They have left a strong foundation for CCS basketball in years to come. Great seasons, Cougars. 🍀

# Playing With Fervor

By: Katelyn Holm, Staff Reporter

Whoop whoop, holler holler! The junior high girls basketball team finished with a record of 7-11 and learned a lot about the game along the way. Though the numbers and players were small, the girls had fervor and "fierceness" on the court. Coach Kim O'Brien was pleasantly surprised how well the season went. She shared her most memorable moment of the season, "I loved when Gabby scored her first

basket in our last game. I couldn't wipe the smile off my face. The other girls were so excited they almost forgot the game wasn't over yet! At that moment, everyone on the team had scored at least once during the season. It was awesome!" Gabby Banks added, "I liked being a part of the team. We all got along really well. It was a fun learning experience!" Coach O'Brien expects to have more willing players next year, along with the returning eighth graders. She said, "I know we will have some great leaders next season. More importantly, I always expect the girls to honor and glorify God in everything they do!" Great job, girls! 🍀

# Glazed Gladness

By: Marissa Nanos, Staff Reporter

Covenant's very own Kelly Wiesmann has been given a wonderful scholarship opportunity! University of Louisiana in Lafayette has given Kelly a full scholarship in exchange for her to take her one-of-a-kind volleyball skills onto the university's court. Kelly has happily agreed and will be playing along-side her big sister, Dayna, in the near future. Kelly describes the moment she received the scholarship, "I arrived at the Sam Houston volleyball tournament to watch my sister play. Heather Mazeitis, head coach of the Ragin' Cajuns volleyball team, calls me down to the court. She told me, 'Because you hit a girl in the face with a volleyball (during my previous tournament that day), I am offering you a full scholarship



to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette!' Of course, I said yes! I am happy I got to share that moment with my family and

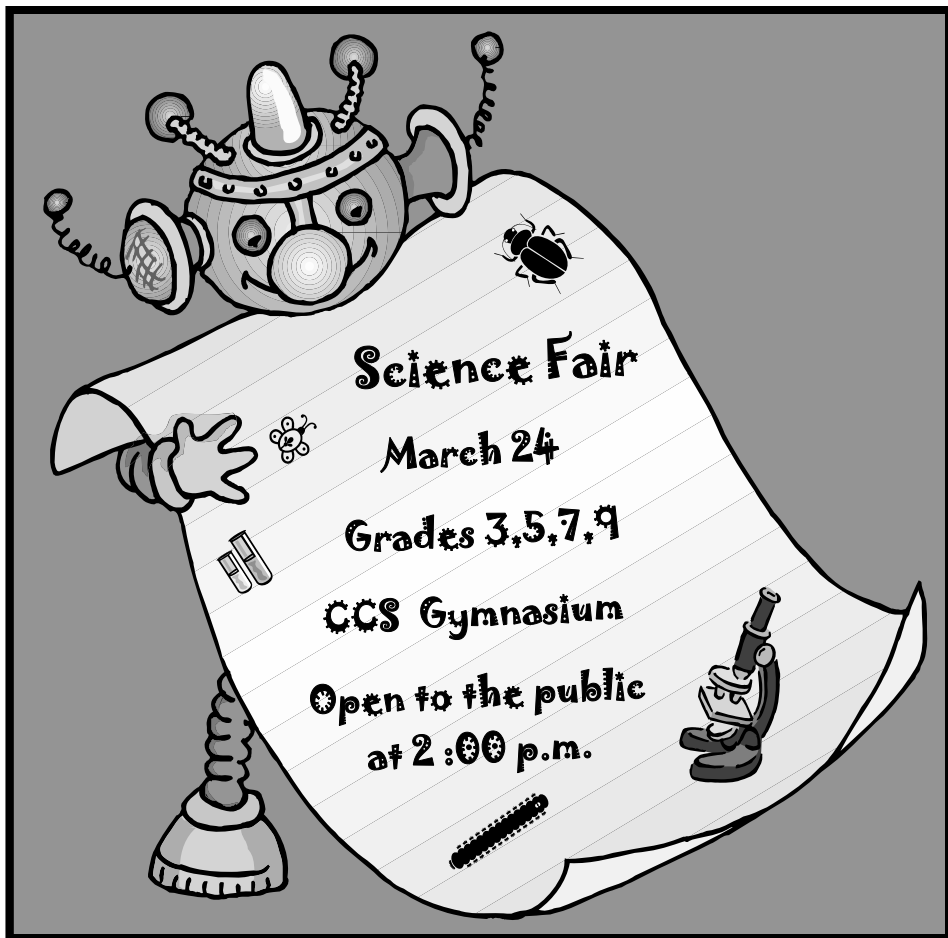
friends."

In November, Kelly signed the scholarship papers in the school's library as she sat between her mother, Kay Wiesmann, and her volleyball coach, Diane Severson. Some of the lucky students who had the chance to watch Kelly accept this reward had donuts and milk provided for them, which they gladly ate as they watched Kelly's life change. It was a time full of joy, tears, and glazed yumminess as everyone gathered together to watch Kelly sign on for a



Photo: MISSY BANKS

**A KODAK MOMENT:** Kelly shows off her signature as she agrees to play for ULL. Beside her, Coach Severson and Kay Wiesmann smile in encouragement.



## CCS is Springing for a Break

Compiled by: Seth Fox, Staff Reporter

Several CCS students are looking forward to a sensational spring break. Here is what some Cougars will be doing over the upcoming holiday!

- Ben Greenhaw** (Pre-K) - going on a Disney cruise.
- Caleb Rebstock** (Pre-K) - going to Pump it Up and having fun with his cousins.
- Ashton Collins** (K) - playing with friends and selling bullets at the gun show.
- Jace Johnson** (1<sup>st</sup>) - going on a trip.
- Beth VanRoekel** (1<sup>st</sup>) - going on a vacation to visit family.
- Julianne Fullerton** (2<sup>nd</sup>) - having fun and possibly taking a special trip.
- Logan Freevol** (2<sup>nd</sup>) - playing video games and going hiking in Colorado.
- Avery Causey** (3<sup>rd</sup>) - going to the Houston rodeo.
- Cori Eckert** (4<sup>th</sup>) - going out of town to a farm.
- Lexi Moses** (4<sup>th</sup>) - seeing a friend from True Grit, Hailee Steinfeld
- Grant Beene** (5<sup>th</sup>) - going to the Galleria in Houston to ice skate and eat pizza.
- Challen Tennant** (6<sup>th</sup>) - participating in Motocross races.
- Chase Hayden** (7<sup>th</sup>) - playing video games.
- Spencer Rod** (8<sup>th</sup>) - going to Costa Rica and Argentina.
- Will Allen** (9<sup>th</sup>) - going fishing.
- Scott Lowe** (10<sup>th</sup>) - going to Grandma's birthday party in Louisiana.
- Cameron Fowler** (11<sup>th</sup>) - relaxing.
- Blake Barringer** (12<sup>th</sup>) - spending time with Sarah and eating ice cream.

## Service Opportunities

By: Becca Lewis, Staff Reporter

**B**ooster Club is keeping busy this month with basketball coming to a close and baseball beginning. The basketball teams have full and total support from Booster Club and their amazing fans as they close the season fighting to win the playoffs. With the baseball season beginning, Booster Club needs help from the Covenant family in the concession stands, so feel free to sign up early and help your fellow Cougars out! Also, do not forget about the end of the school year Sports Banquet. Details will be released soon, but much help will be needed for set up. Booster Club president, Marga Haas, says, "Remember to serve when you can with a smile." Covenant always has events going on, and Booster Club is always looking for open hearts and helping hands. Big thanks to all who have volunteered throughout the 2010-2011 school year! ♣

## Student Council

By: Rebecca Stanley, Staff Reporter

**A**s the school year begins to wrap up, Student Council continues. First on the agenda is Spiritual Emphasis Week, March 21-25. This year's Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker is Jon Harper. Second, on March 24, the Student Council will be hosting Cystic Fibrosis Day. On this day, students will be able to wear their favorite college shirts for only \$3.00, which

will go to helping those with Cystic Fibrosis. Last but not least is the upcoming spring social. This year it will be held at Covenant on Saturday, April 30 from 1-3 p.m. The council will be hosting a dodge ball tournament, with snacks and refreshments following. As time goes on, Covenant's Student Council will be finalizing details about the event, and *The CCS Growler* will always keep you posted. For more information or questions, contact Covenant's Student Council President, Katelyn Holm. ♣

## CCS's Got Talent

By: Patty Lewis, PTF President

Did you have the pleasure of witnessing the "first ever" CCS faculty vs. varsity girls' basketball game? If not, you missed out! The game was exciting and insightful. Who would have thought our librarian, the sweet and very quiet Mrs. Tatko, would have such a fierce presence on the court? The teachers and faculty took the floor with such familiarity and confidence that you would have thought they had been playing basketball all year! The faculty cheerleading squad was unquestionably inspiring AND charming! (Mrs. Smith's pigtails may start a new trend here at CCS.) The referees, Coach Heldmann, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Penland, made some questionable calls, but they were highly entertaining - especially when Mrs. Barringer challenged them, which she did often. After all, who is to say what the true definition of "traveling" really is? At the end of the day, players and spectators left the game uplifted, united, and appreciative of each other, the perfect outcome of a fantastic game.

On Friday, April 29, we will have another fun-filled event in the form of a PTF sponsored CCS Talent Show. You will have the opportunity to behold the hidden talents of some of our students. If the basketball game was any indication, I am certain we will be astounded by the level of talent just waiting to be discovered. The Talent Show will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the gym with a minimal door charge. Concessions will also be available to complete the evening.

For all you "hidden talents" out there, be sure to pick up an application in the front office as soon as possible. A \$10.00 entry fee is due with your completed application. All Covenant students are eligible to enter. Each application is subject to panel approval. If your application is not approved, your fee will be refunded. Please keep in mind there are only thirty, 2 1/2 minute slots available, so don't delay. If you have questions, please contact Coach Banks.

At the end of each year, PTF is privileged to use our funds to purchase much needed equipment and supplies, so money raised by your participation and attendance will be reinvested in our school. Set aside the evening of Friday, April 29, as a Covenant family night! CCS has got talent! ♣

**A great big  
thank you  
from  
teachers and  
staff to the  
PTF for the  
tote bags  
filled with  
special  
goodies!**

## S.T.O.P.

By: Seth Fox, Staff Reporter

**T**his year, S.T.O.P. has had a few service projects in which the humble students of CCS blessed the community of Conroe with giving. One of its impacting outreaches was Bible for Troops. In this effort to bless our defenders of freedom, S.T.O.P. club members wrote heartfelt letters in the fronts of the soon-to-be front line Bibles. These Bibles were sent to troops overseas, in hope that our service men and women will be encouraged by God's Word.

Before Christmas, S.T.O.P. made Christmas cards for moms in prison to send to their kids. The S.T.O.P. leader, Mrs. Presnell, said, "We made hundreds of Christmas cards for moms in prison so that they could write their own personal message to their children and share in the message of God's love for us all. The people at the Angel Tree Prison Ministry have sent their thanks to us for providing the cards and for really making a difference for the moms. We are currently preparing an upcoming service project to share God's love with those in need in nursing centers." With such a fearless leader forging new plans for projects this spring, S.T.O.P. members are excited to serve! ♣

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.  
1 Peter 4:10*

**March**

- 11 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks
- 13 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 14-18 Spring Break
- 21-25 Spiritual Emphasis Week for secondary students
- 24 CCS Science Fair in the gym
- 29 Scoliosis Screening
- 31 Junior play at the Crighton Theater at 12:30 p.m.

**April**

- 1 Junior play at the Crighton Theater at 12:30 and 7:00 p.m.
- 4 ACSI Speech Meet at Alpha Omega Christian School
- 8 ACSI Science Fair at Northeast Christian School
- 11-15 SAT Testing
- 22-25 Easter Holiday
- 29 CCS Talent Show in the gym at 6:00 p.m.

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The process is a continual process. While we go through the formal evaluation process every five years, we are continually working on a self-improvement plan that keeps CCS on the leading edge. We communicate formally with ACSI on an annual basis to verify that we are still meeting their high standards. Internally, we are constantly looking for ways to make ourselves better. The accrediting team will only be here for three days but the process is never ending.

The benefits of the accreditation process for a school independent of a school district are immense. First, it documents that we are true to our own foundational statements. It affirms that we meet standards of quality set by the international school community. It validates our credibility through a peer review process. It improves instruction while targeting increased student achievement. It keeps us moving forward through a continuous process of self-assessment and systematic school development. It helps us through standardization in transferring credits between private schools and public school

systems. It allows us to interact with other highly qualified Christian educators. Finally, it gives us a complete review and written documentation of our school program and purpose and direction for moving forward.

By the time you receive this *CCS Growler*, we will have a copy of our self study for you to review in the office. Come by and check it out! ✍

*But from everlasting to everlasting  
the LORD's love is with those  
who fear him, and his righteousness  
with their children's children— with  
those who keep his covenant and  
remember to obey his precepts.*

Psalm 103:17-18



Please be in prayer for all those involved in Covenant's upcoming re-accreditation on April 17-20.