



# THE CCS GROWLER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BY COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

October 2010



## Change

By: Mr. John Weaver, Head Administrator

The recent edition of *Christian School Education* magazine spent the entire issue examining change in the Christian school environment. It caused me to think about change at Covenant Christian School, change that comes with new administration, new teachers, new families, and the changing expectations we all bring along with us.

Change is good. God desires for all of us to change, to leave behind our fleshly desires, and to seek the desires of His heart. We that are committed to Christian education are given the challenge to help bring about this change in our students. Only as we surrender afresh to Him will we be able to stay relevant and effective for the kingdom.

Change can also be bad. An old saying states, "Don't just change for change's sake." We always desire the best for ourselves, our families, and our

friends. Change is often motivated by trying to "keep up with the Joneses". We often attempt to meet the rising expectations by changing, simply because the other guy is doing it. In the Christian school community, this takes what one administrator referred to as the "buffet" mentality; shopping for the best course offerings, the broadest sports and extracurricular choices, and the nicest facility, faculty, and reputation.

No one doubts, particularly as Christians, that the world is changing. We are living in dramatically changing times. The question is how we relate to it. Do we declare that everything old is good and everything new is bad? Or do we evaluate change on the basis of what impact it has on God's work in our lives at CCS? Technology can be bad when used for selfish desires, but it can be used for great good when used to promote God's agenda.

In these changing times, there are four areas that we need to commit ourselves to when considering change.

- **Spiritual formation** must remain our core. It will last into eternity. It is why parents send (or should send) their students to us. It is the essence of our

existence.

- We must strengthen our **academic core**. We must diligently protect and enhance our academic programs. We need to look for cost neutral ways to strengthen our Bible, math, science, English and foreign language course offerings.

- We must embrace **technology** and teach our students to use it properly. Whether we like it or not, computers, communication devices, multimedia presentations and the internet will be used more, not less in our students' education.

- We must look for ways to reach out to the world around us. We cannot be a place where we withdraw behind an "iron curtain" of spirituality, isolated from a world that so desperately needs Jesus. We need to train our students to share their faith, wherever and whenever the opportunity arises. We need to provide opportunities for them to reach out into their community. &

*Because they have no changes,  
therefore they fear not God.*

Psalm 55:19



Covenant Christian School  
Links to Our Future  
Golf and Walk Event



April Sound Country Club  
October 25, 2010



## What is a Mentor?

By: Brad Hayes, School Board President

Have you ever had a mentor? Maybe it was a teacher or an aunt or uncle. Those of you who have played sports may have been fortunate enough to be mentored by a coach.

If you have been mentored, can you define the characteristics of the relationship? Most likely the person was older than you. It was someone you respected and whose words spoke wisdom. Other characteristics were most likely that they cared deeply for how well you did in life. The question, whether asked verbally or not, was "Did you put forth your best effort all the time in every circum-

stance?" They were very intentional and were willing to spend time with you.

I cannot fully express how important I believe mentors are in younger people's lives. One very good biblical example is the Apostle Paul and Timothy. There are two whole letters written specifically to Timothy from Paul in the New Testament. In these letters, Paul instructs, corrects, and challenges Timothy to become the man that God has called him to be.

Have you considered your responsibility or calling to be a mentor? To touch another's life in such a way that they become who God desires them to be. Each one of us, at whatever age we are now, has someone who is younger than we are to invest in. As adults, there are

ample opportunities here in our school, in your church, or in our community, to be involved in mentoring a younger life. Students too have a host of opportunities to mentor a younger life. All you have to do is look down a grade or two. Are you willing to step up and step out to positively affect another's life? ❧

*But you, man of God, flee from all of this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

*1 Timothy 6:11-12*

## A Grand Turnout

By: Katelyn Holm, Staff Reporter

On Friday, September 17, grandparents from all around traveled to Conroe, Texas. This year, the turnout was definitely grand! Grandparents' Day is a tradition at Covenant; it is something both elementary and secondary students look forward to. Secondary students were dismissed early for lunch with their special guests. This was a great chance for the students and grandparents to spend quality time together.

At 1:00, the grandparents enjoyed a festive reception featuring cookies, coffee, and other sweet treats. Pre-kindergarten opened the grandparents' day program with a heart-felt song, "We Love You Grandparents". After the tiny tots, kindergarten through sixth grade took turns performing songs for the packed house. Covenant's Praise Group, the high school choir, sang, "Shine" and "O Sifuni Mungu" to end the show.

The occasion was a success! Both grandparents and students had a wonderful day of fellowship. Whether it was your mamaw, mimi, granny, papa, grampa, granddad, or some other special name, Grandparent's Day was a day of memories that will last forever. ❧

Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories, and love.  
-- Author Unknown

## AP Classes Debut at CCS

By: Seth Fox, Staff Reporter

AP classes are a new edition to the curriculum this year. The AP classes being offered are English, government/economics, and calculus. They are optional and will help the students place out of some classes in college. Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Cutbirth, and Mrs. Fox, the teachers of these classes, had to work hard over the summer to achieve this goal. They all showed their dedication by taking college classes in order to be certified to teach AP classes.

"AP English is a challenging course preparing students to sit for the advanced placement literature and composition exam. Students scoring a high enough score on the exam will receive three hours credit on the exam," said the AP English teacher Mrs. Fox. "AP Literature and Composition engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of quality American and British literature. The senior year at Covenant has always been a college preparatory year, and that remains true for all of our seniors. However, AP courses move at a quicker pace, demanding independent learning, and a mature level of reading and writing."

Katelyn Holm, one of the seniors enrolled in the AP classes, said, "What are AP classes about? Losing a whole lot of sleep! Despite that, I'm learning so much! I love the challenge and being pushed to give more. I'm really excited to see how the rest of the year goes!" ❧

## Letter from the Editor

By: Marissa Nanos, October Editor

The questions that are all too familiar to high school seniors are "Where are you going to college?" and "What is going to be your major?" But how do seniors pick their college and major? Many students look at the colleges where family members have gone or where their friends are going. A question often overlooked is, "Where does God want me to go?"

As a student who is about to graduate, I often focus on careers that will make the most money or be the most fun, and not so much where God wants me to go. In the end, does it really matter how much money I have? When I am standing at the feet of God, will He care that I have money saved in my 401K? Wouldn't it be better to do what God has in mind for me? Once I decide to see what God wants for me, it is important to stay consistent in prayer and ask where God wants me to go, not just with college, but throughout my whole life.

Often people become discouraged because they feel God has not answered or directed their prayers, but there is no reason to worry. God knows what He is doing. He will let you know what He has planned for you. Just continue to pray that God will work through you, and He will not let you down. ❧

*'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope,'*  
*Jeremiah 29:11*

## Very Yummy

By: Katelyn Holm, Staff Reporter

Courtesy of Andy Penland, secondary principal, this piece is entitled "Very Yummy." While it does include delicious food, the purpose of this article is to highlight the gathering of new CCS families at Conroe Bible Church. Early Monday morning, fresh faces to Covenant assembled around circular tables, chatting while munching on egg casserole, fruit, and blueberry muffins. When asked what the breakfast was for, Mr. Weaver, Head Administrator, said, "This breakfast is designed for all the new families to get together and be made aware of all the good things Covenant Christian School has to offer." He also said the parents in attendance had children in both elementary school and secondary. During the session, Mr. Weaver reviewed Covenant sports, fundraising, extra-curricular activities, learning, and other topics. While helping serve food, Misty Brinkley said, "It's awesome to see all these new families and to look around, viewing the growth of the school. It is so encouraging to see all these young families! We are such a tight-knit community."

CCS welcomes a total of thirty-three new families to the cougar community! There are a total of sixty new students enrolled. Also joining the school this year are Susan Weaver, secondary teacher; Karina Snider, pre-kindergarten teacher; and Tricia Thompson, second grade teacher. Jennifer Wheeler and Nikki Dieckhoff will be helping out in the cafeteria this year. Sherry Cunningham joins the office staff as well. CCS is happy to have all these wonderful new faces! Covenant, indeed, is a tight-knit community. Events like the new family breakfast are times of fellowship, fun, and learning. And with a title like, "Very Yummy", you can't go wrong! ❧



Photo: COLLIN WALKER

**NEW FAMILY BREAKFAST:** While eating breakfast, Mr. Weaver gets to know the new families of Covenant, .

## Moms In Touch

By: Melissa Walker, Staff Reporter

Moms In Touch is an intimate group of ladies that gathers to pray for CCS, the staff, faculty, board, and students. During each meeting, one of the members prepares a guide which includes a list of students in a particular grade, along with teachers, specific events, and needs of the school. Throughout the school year, Moms In Touch prays for every student, board member and staff member by name.



Moms In Touch meets every Friday morning from 8:00 to 9:30 in the teachers' lunch room. Most of the Moms are unable to meet every week, but are welcome to come when their schedules allow it. When asked about the rewards seen from Moms In Touch, Mrs. Schroff said, "Seeing God's answer to prayer is always awesome. But beyond that, the relationship we build with each other while praying for our students is like nothing else. I wouldn't trade it for the world." ❧

*As for me, far be it from me  
that I should sin against the LORD  
by failing to pray for you.  
And I will teach you the way that  
is good and right.*

1 Samuel 12:23

## Rhyme Time

By: Zach Ramey, Staff Reporter

On Friday, September 3, pre-kindergarten had its annual Nursery Rhyme Day. The pre-kindergarten class focused on learning nursery rhymes for the first two weeks of school before they dressed up as their favorite nursery rhyme character on Friday. The little pre-kindergarteners traveled from classroom to classroom singing nursery rhymes while the parents of the kids took pictures and video. Wes Owens, a student in Mrs. Holm's class, came dressed as "Little Boy Blue." He said that his favorite thing about Nursery Rhyme Day was singing "Little Boy Blue" to the different classes they visited. Another pre-kindergartener, Nicole Wiesman, a student in Mrs. Snider's class, came dressed as "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary." Her favorite thing about Nursery Rhyme Day was digging and planting flowers. These "characters" enjoyed their day of rhyme time. ❧



Photo: LISA HOLM

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARADE:** The characters skedaddle off to show their costumes to the secondary students.

## Class Trips

Please pray for students attending  
class trips on October 6-8.

Seventh and Eighth Grades  
Frontier Camp

Freshman and Sophomores  
Forest Glen Rosebud Campus

Juniors and Seniors  
Carolina Creek



## Gifted

By: Patty Lewis, PTF President

Want to be a part of something larger than yourself? No, I'm not talking about the U.S. military. PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) gives you the opportunity to choose your branch of service. How has God gifted you? Are you great at organizing events, decorating, and showing hospitality? Are you a prayer warrior? Do you prefer serving by working behind the scenes? No matter how God has gifted you, there is a place waiting to be filled by you at PTF!

Never heard of PTF? Our organization is responsible for several functions throughout the school year beginning with the Welcome Back Teachers Breakfast, New Family Breakfast, and Grandparents' Day. PTF is instrumental in distributing Pastor Appreciation Baskets and has the privilege of hosting the Teachers and Staff Christmas Luncheon. Moms In Touch is a branch that meets weekly to pray for our students, staff,

and community. Also, PTF gathers and sends in the box tops collected for which the school receives money. We assist with the Round-up Auction and are pleased to be involved with the Golf Tournament/Walk-a-Thon to be held in October. At our last meeting, PTF received approval to host a student talent show in the spring. All PTF funds raised throughout the school year are used to purchase equipment and meet school needs. We are open to new ideas for ways to encourage strong relationships and raise money for our school. PTF meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the library at 2:00. We would love to hear your ideas!

Ephesians 4:16 says, *From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.* While these school functions are worthwhile and profitable, I believe God has an even greater purpose for PTF—to develop friendships between families and teachers, to meet needs, and to give and receive encouragement. As

we discover God's purpose for gifting us, we become stronger and better equipped to impact our children, our school, and our community for Christ.

Isn't it amazing that God equips us individually, so that when we come together, we have the potential to make a huge impact collectively? If you never get involved, you miss opportunities He handcrafted for you and run the risk of never fully realizing the joy of using your gift for His glory. Jesus chose common men with common jobs and common lives to be His disciples. Because they were willing to be used, He transformed them! You, too, have been chosen and gifted. What you do with your gift has the potential to transform not only you, but also the school as well. That transformation will affect not only today, but also future generations.

Ephesians 2:10 says, *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* You have a job to do and a gift to share. Are you ready for transformation? ⌘

## Out with the Old, In with the New

By: Kaitlyn Weir, Staff Reporter

Covenant Christian School had not been painted since it opened in 2001, and a new appearance was definitely in order. Mrs. Patty Lewis and other volunteers designed the hallways with paw prints and Scriptures. The teachers were also given the option of personalizing their own classrooms with one of five cheerful colors. Mr. Weaver said, "Each day became more and more exciting as more changes occurred." Past and current parents, students and even alumni love the new look. In the foyer, there is a fantastic mural of a cougar. The cougar is fierce but at the same time calm looking. The different shades of blues and bright colors around the school definitely make people feel warmly welcomed. ⌘



Photo: JOSH HANSEN

## Student Council

By: Tyler Holm, Staff Reporter

On August 26, an election was held to select class representatives for the 2010-2011 student council. The results are:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Conner Bolleter, Hannah Bates, and Nic Hatcher

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Danielle Wilds, McLane Zaitz, and Luke Fox

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Elleny Ohendalski, Will Allen, and Rowan Harris

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Shannon DeBord, Geneva Clark, and Ryan Bates

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Rebecca Stanley, Cameron Fowler, and Morgan Garvin

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ellie Bowers, Collin Walker, and Marissa Nanos

### Officers:

President-Katelyn Holm  
Vice President-Josh Hansen  
Parliamentarian-Tyler Holm  
Secretary-Becca Lewis  
Treasurer-Zach Campbell

On September 16, the students enjoyed Wacky Day Fundraiser. They could pay \$3 to wear a wacky hat, tie, and/or socks. Covenant donated \$890 to the Make a Wish Foundation. ⌘

## Booster Club

By: Marga Haas, Booster Club President

Athletics started off this year with a bang! Already the soccer and volleyball programs have hosted tournaments where they had an opportunity to enhance their skills. The soccer tournament wasn't a trophy tournament, but was a good preseason assessment of how the regular season might go. Volleyball's tournament was a trophy-winning tournament in which Covenant took home the biggest prize.

The money Booster Club was able to raise during these tournaments will go toward uniforms, official fees, equipment, and field and gym maintenance. A hospitality room was provided for the officials and coaches throughout both of these riveting tournaments, courtesy of the Booster Club. A hearty thank you goes out to Renee Buras and Carolyn Roetman for all of their hard work during these events and to all the parents who managed the concessions and ticket booth. A schedule for working in these areas for future athletic events will be developed and distributed soon. If you are interested in serving in the Booster Club, we can surely provide you an opportunity to serve. ⌘

# Meet the Staff!



**Seth  
Fox**  
Junior

**Favorite Bible verse:** 1 John  
**Dream job:** To become Batman  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Mint Chocolate Chip  
**Favorite restaurant:**  
 Hunan Village  
**Biggest fear:** That all Italian  
 chefs will die



**Katelyn  
Holm**  
Senior

**Favorite Bible verse:** 1 John 4:18  
**Dream job:** To become a novelist  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Sticky Toffee Pudding  
**Favorite restaurant:**  
 Genghis Grill  
**Biggest fear:** To lose everyone  
 she loves



**Tyler  
Holm**  
Junior

**Favorite Bible verse:** James 1:12  
**Dream job:** To become an FBI or  
 SWAT agent  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Triple Caramel  
**Favorite restaurant:**  
 Red Lobster  
**Biggest fear:** Writing an essay



**Becca  
Lewis**  
Junior

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
 1 Corinthians 13:13  
**Dream job:** To be a personal  
 trainer  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Bluebell's Blackberry Cobbler  
**Favorite restaurant:** Chili's  
**Biggest fear:** Heights and snakes



**Marissa  
Nanos**  
Senior

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
 1 Peter 3:14  
**Dream job:** To be a Publicist  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Chocolate Peanut Butter  
**Favorite restaurant:**  
 P. F. Chang's  
**Biggest fear:** Tornados



**Zach  
Ramey**  
Junior

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
 1 Corinthians 10:13  
**Dream job:** To be an FBI agent  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Mocha Madness  
**Favorite restaurant:** Red Robin  
**Biggest fear:** To lose someone  
 close



**Rebecca  
Stanley**  
Junior

**Favorite Bible verse:**  
 Jeremiah 29:11  
**Dream job:** To become David  
 Beckham's personal assistant  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Vanilla  
**Favorite restaurant:**  
 Which Wich?  
**Biggest fear:** To have no hope



**Melissa  
Walker**  
Junior

**Favorite Bible verse:** Psalm 23  
**Dream job:** To own Marble Slab  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Chocolate  
**Favorite restaurant:**  
 Olive Garden  
**Biggest fear:** Spiders



**Kaitlyn  
Weir**  
Junior

**Favorite Bible verse:** Isaiah 40:8  
**Dream job:** To be an elementary  
 teacher  
**Favorite ice cream flavor:**  
 Vanilla with caramel  
**Favorite restaurant:**  
 Macaroni Grill  
**Biggest fear:** Falling

## Lady Cougars

By: Melissa Walker, Staff Reporter

The varsity and junior varsity volleyball season has gotten off to a great start! So far, the varsity team has played in two tournaments: the John Cooper Tournament and the Covenant Christian Tournament. The Lady Cougars placed fourth in the John Cooper Tournament and first in the Covenant Tournament. Way to go, girls!

The junior varsity team has also played in many preseason games and is ready for the season to start. Jessica Hansen, co-captain of this team said, "We have all been working hard in games and in practice, and I expect for everyone to have improved by the end of the season."

District games for both teams began Tuesday, September 14. All the players have high hopes for the season and anticipate going to the playoffs. Senior and captain of the varsity team, Katelyn

Holm, had this to say, "The season thus far has exceeded all my expectations! The team has such a close bond this year, both on and off the court. In my six years playing CCS volleyball, this is the first time I feel like all the girls are on the same page. We all have that competitive spirit, but we strive to play for Him above all else. I'm so proud of the girls, and I'm excited to see where God takes us once we hit playoffs!" Go, Lady Cougars! ⌘



Photo: JOSH HANSEN

**READY, SET...:** Lindsay Buras sets to Rebekah Miller during a heated game against Cypress Christian.

## Little People, Big Game

By: Seth Fox, Staff Reporter

Junior high soccer played its first game on August 31 and had a decimating victory of 5 to 1. Head coach Brian Fox said, "We have 12 returning players which help with the experience of the team. Their hard work has shown in the first game, and I believe we have some of the most talented key position players in the district." Hopefully, this first game was just the beginning of a great season. Unfortunately, due to thunderstorms, junior high will have fewer games to play this season. Their second game was on the tenth, and they won again with a commanding 6 to 0 throttling. This gave them a little momentum to go into the rest of the season. Junior high's third showing was against Chinquapin. Covenant dominated the second half, breaking the tie and winning by two. All the players hope to improve this year and have a good time doing it. Come support our Cougars! ⌘



Photo: HEATHER JACKSON

**SWEET CELEBRATION:** The Cougars enjoy a hard-to-come-by victory against Chinquapin.

## Just for Kicks

By: Becca Lewis, Staff Reporter

The varsity soccer team kicked off this soccer season with a warm-up tournament held by Covenant Christian School. This was the first year that Covenant has held a pre-season tournament with eight area schools participating. The tournament was a great way for the soccer teams to prepare for their upcoming competition. Our fellow cougars snatched two victories out of four games. They gained a better knowledge

of what needed improvement and plan to put forth a lot of effort during practices. Varsity soccer coach, Wayne Allen, says, "I am apprehensively nervous about the season because we



don't know much about our competition. We have been working really hard. I look forward to the season." Rainy weather has already plagued the team, but they remain in good spirits. The Cougars are striving to gain many victories throughout the 2010 season! ⌘

## Off to a Running Start

By: Rebecca Stanley, Staff Reporter

This 2010 cross country season is off to a running start. Led by team captains Josh Hayes and Taylor Terry, the varsity and junior high teams practice every day after school and even on Saturdays and Sundays. This season, the varsity runners are: Jaron Haas, Josh Hayes, Blake Barringer, John Paul Bledsoe, Parker Zaitz, Nathan Mayes, and Taylor Terry. The junior high runners are: Matt Day, John Stephens, Nicholas Hatcher, Chase Hayden, Matthew Higgins, and Jeremy Lockwood.

Excited about the year ahead, Josh Hayes says, "Despite low expectations of participation, the varsity team has seven runners this year, and Coach Bleyl has answered our prayers. His practices are long and hard, but very rewarding. I am happy with the results for the first meet and can't wait for the rest of the season." Although skeptical about attending their first meet on September 4, both teams did exceptionally well at the Lutheran South Invitational. Blake Barringer and Josh Hayes were the first two Cougars to cross the finish line. Under the direction of Coach Bleyl, Covenant Christian's cross country teams are full speed ahead. ⌘

## Junior High Volleyball

By: Kaitlyn Weir, Staff Reporter

The junior high girls' volleyball team began with a win! They defeated Woodlands Christian Academy in two out of three games. In the first game, the junior high girls won 25 to 12 and in the second game, they won 25 to 21. Coach Kim O'Brien has said that she would like to see the girls improve their skills and win as many games as possible while maintaining a Christian attitude. Eighth grader, Hallie Bryant said, "This year in volleyball is going to be amazing! Go, Cougars!" ⌘



# BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB



Student	Grade	Title	Birthday
Jacob McDonald	PK	<i>Dewey-There's a Cat in the Library</i>	Jan. 18
Jaynie Freevol	K	<i>Splat the Cat</i>	Dec. 14
Travis Rod	K	<i>Winners Never Quit</i>	Dec. 12
Lexi McCann	1	<i>Dog Needs a Bone!</i>	Aug. 27
Logan Freevol	2	<i>Eve of the Emperor Penguin</i>	May. 3
Piper Delcamp	2	<i>Nic Bishop-Marsupials</i>	Jan. 9
Sarah Shelton	2	<i>Octopus's Garden</i>	Dec. 27
Richard Bundy	2	<i>Hooray for Reading Day</i>	May. 23
Alice Aitken	3	<i>Year of the Dog</i>	Jan. 9
Caleb Dieckhoff	3	<i>Unfinished Angel</i>	Jan. 18
Grisham Vaught	3	<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>	Feb. 26
Alyssa Rod	5	<i>Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat...</i>	Sep. 19
Braeden Dieckhoff	5	<i>Skeleton Key</i>	Jun. 6
Haley Moon	5	<i>Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller</i>	Apr. 19
Katie Boudreaux	5	<i>United Tweets of America: 50 State Birds</i>	Aug. 1
Megan Cunningham	5	<i>Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Basil</i>	Nov. 12
Sara Hauser	5	<i>Fever 1793</i>	Nov. 15
Ty Bachman	5	<i>When You Reach Me</i>	Oct. 21
Avery Amato	6	<i>Call of the Wild</i>	Dec. 8

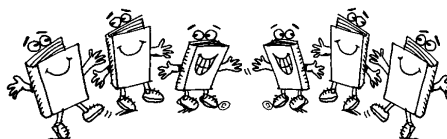
## Library News

By: Linda Tatko, Librarian

Thank you for the early response to the Birthday Book Club. The response has been so good that our supply of books to offer has been depleted. More books are on the way, so if you enrolled your child and his name has been left off the above list, look again next month. If you have not already done so, you may enroll your child in the BBC at any time by sending \$15.00 to the library. No form is necessary. Simply indicate your child's name and birth date in the memo of your check. The honoree will select a book in which a bookplate identifying him as the donor will be placed. This book will be checked out to him before it becomes

part of the library collection. The student will then be mentioned in a future edition of *The CCS Growler* as a benefactor of the CCS library.

It's also not too early to begin thinking about the annual CCS Book Fair. This year it will take place Tuesday, November 30, through noon on Friday, December 3, in the library. There will be several opportunities to help in the areas of inventory, set-up and display, class assistance, bagging books, and clean-up. Please contact Pat Cullum or Linda Tatko to offer your services. More information will be sent home in Monday folders as the date nears and the excitement builds. ⌘



## !Club de Español!

By: Kaitlyn Weir, Staff Reporter

It's 2010, and it's time for the second year of Spanish Club! Spanish Club began last year and was a huge success. Every Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade club members meet and discuss new ideas to bring to the pre-kindergarten kids at Sam Houston Elementary. These ideas include: singing songs, playing games, and doing arts and crafts. The club is scheduled to go to the elementary school on the last Tuesday of September. The purpose of Spanish Club is not only to practice Spanish, but also to impress upon the children the wonderful gift of Jesus in all that is said and done. ⌘



## OCTOBER

- 5 Vision and hearing screening
- 6-8 Secondary class trips
- 11 School holiday (Columbus Day)
- 15-16 Junior high volleyball tournament
- 16 PSAT testing in CCS cafeteria
- 19 Varsity volleyball bi-district
- 20 School picture retakes
- 21 Noon dismissal parent / teacher conferences
- 23 Varsity volleyball area
- 29 Christian Heritage Day  
Noon dismissal parent / teacher conference
- 30 Varsity soccer area  
Varsity volleyball regional

## NOVEMBER

- 5-6 Varsity volleyball state
- 6 Varsity soccer regional
- 12-13 Varsity soccer state
- 20 High school basketball rock-a-thon
- 24-26 School holiday (Thanksgiving)
- 30 Library book fair opens

## Hope for Haiti

By: Katelyn Holm, Staff Reporter

**P**aige Haas, 2008 CCS alumni, journeyed to Haiti this summer for a mission trip. She excitedly retold the tale of her trip.

“While we were there, we evangelized, prayed, discipled, and built churches in the tent cities. We had the privilege of staying in these amazing bungalows on the beach; in reality, it was a retreat! But the purpose of the trip was to minister to the Haitians. Like most mission trips, we had no air conditioning. Our meals consisted of bread, cheese, peanut butter, and an occasional mango for breakfast. For lunch, we had power bars, which got old surprisingly fast. Dinner consisted of Haitian rice, beans, and usually some kind of meat. The locals gave us fruit called keneps. They reminded me of grapes, but the Haitians referred to them as eyeballs. The keneps were my favorite food!



“Haiti itself is a beautiful country. There are mountains, trees, greenery, and a beautiful ocean! The ocean con-

tains exquisite coral reefs as well. Despite the landscape, the country is devastated. Because of the earthquake, almost every building was destroyed. I can think of few buildings I saw that weren't affected. Even before the natural disaster, it was a poor country. The people live in tents because they do not trust the ability of the buildings to support them.

“I was pleasantly surprised by the receptiveness of the people! Everyone was so open to God. Every person I encountered was open to prayer or the gospel. We saw so many salvations, healings, and encounters with the Holy Spirit! One particular woman had asthma and felt like she needed to follow us. When she walked toward us, she struggled to walk because of her asthma. Once we found out what was wrong, we prayed for her and God healed her! After praying, she was running around and praising God! Praise the Lord! I could go on and on about the people. They were magnificent in their attentiveness and openness.” Please continue to be in prayer for the community of Haiti.

Acts 13:47 says, “For this is what the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you

may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” God has commanded us to “go into all the world and preach the gospel”. I encourage you to minister to your neighbors, your friends, and your family. Reach out to the hurting and be a light for Christ! Praise God for all He does, has done, and will do! ✂

## Study Buddies

By: Zach Ramey, Staff Reporter

**T**he highlight of your fourth grade year at Covenant Christian School is that you become a study buddy for the first time to a little pre-kindergartener. The fourth grade is very excited to be able to have study buddy time and was able to meet with their study buddies recently to get to know them. They got to see what personality each of their study buddies has and got to know what their interests are. When asked what he will most like doing with the pre-kindergarteners, Logan Jasso replied, “I will like playing tag with them and I am really excited.” This will be the fourth graders first year to be considered the “older kids” during study buddy time and that is a big thing for all of them. ✂