



On Crusade

Calvary Chapel Christian School Newsletter

October 2007

Upcoming Events

- Open House - Tuesday, Oct 9 at 7:00 PM
- No School - Friday, Oct. 12
- Book Orders Due - Monday, Oct 15.
- Field Trip to Port Pumpkin Farm - Wednesday, Oct. 24.
- School Sale Order Forms Due - Wednesday, Oct 24
- Harvest Carnival - Wednesday, Oct 31, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Our Mission

Our mission is to partner with parents in order to train the whole child so that he will develop according to the example of Jesus Christ, who "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52)

From the Principal's Desk

As parents we want the best for our children. We want them to have an excellent education, good friends, and a strong faith in Jesus. Many Christian parents have very real questions about the benefits of a Christian School education. In the next few newsletters I'd like to attempt to answer some of those questions. I'm indebted to Michael Lee, Superintendent of Cherokee Christian Schools for his insights.

Q. Many of my friends say that they want their children to be "salt and light" in the non-Christian school. Shouldn't we do that?

A. I appreciate their concern. We should be "salt and light" in the world. However, I think a closer look at the passage and the con-



text will help us see who that mission is actually directed to.

In the gospels where this is written, salt and light are meant to be Christian influences in a dark and sinful world. It is only logical that in order to be a Christian influence in the culture, you must be a Christian. So, first you must ask yourself if your child is a born again believer.

Second, we must ask, "In what way can my child be salt and light?" "Is my 1st grader or 5th grader or 8th grader able to have an effect for Christ in the school?" "Can he effectively explain the gospel?" "Can he disciple a believer?" "Can he defend his faith when under attack?" "Can he withstand the constant bombardment of non-Christian teaching, non-Christian thoughts, and non-Christian acquaintances?"

In the vast majority of cases the answer would be no, and if the answer is no, then your child can't be "salt and light." In a rare case the answer may be yes, but you are obviously putting your child at great risk. Sending a child into an

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Technology in the Classroom

As we enter the new school year, teachers at Calvary Chapel Christian School are experimenting with integrating technology into their classrooms.

In Mr. Stowe's Bible class students will be required to create a Powerpoint presentation on the topic, "Truth and Belief - What's the Difference." Each student is

also required to use E-Sword, a free Bible software tool for research. Copies of E-Sword are available for students to install on their home computers at www.e-sword.net.

Mr. Hunt is using Phonics drill-and-practice software to reinforce phonics rules for his first and second grade students. They're hav-

ing so much fun they don't even realize they're "learning"!

Students in Mrs. Hamm's class have been using the computer in Mr. Hunt's office (under her supervision) to access the Internet to research information for their class projects.

Keep up the great work, teachers!

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Pumpkins are just a part of our upcoming field trip to the Port Pumpkin Farm!

Field Trip - Port Pumpkin Farm, Waterford, PA

On Wednesday, October 23, the elementary students will leave at 8:30am for a field trip to the Waterford Pumpkin farm. Here are a few of the planned activities.

The children can embark on a journey through the 1 acre corn maze where they will find tokens to turn in for their take-home treasures.

They can jump on the hay ride and travel through the fields to the pumpkin patch where the children will pick their own pie pumpkin.

They can visit the NEW learning center which features many hands-on activities sure to make for some fun and excitement.

Students will learn about pumpkins, soybeans, wheat, and corn through a mix of interactive learning experiences. They will get a true sense of life on the farm and how farming affects our daily lives.

Please send in \$4.00 per student no later than Monday, October 22. All children should pack a lunch for the day. We will be eating at the pumpkin farm in their

indoor eating facility. Students should dress appropriately for a day of outdoor activity.

If you are interested in chaperoning/driving for the field trip, please contact Pastor Jim at the school by Monday, October 22.

Students and parents are also reminded that Calvary Chapel of Russell will be hosting their annual Harvest Carnival on Oct 31 at 6:30 PM. Come and enjoy the great games and load up on candy!

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environment that is anti-Christian in philosophy is subjecting the mind of your child to daily teaching that is determined to replace God in every subject and every area of life. How many young Christians can even discern that they are being fed worldly ways of thought?

You might ask why the vast majority are not able to be “salt and light?” It is really quite simple—they are just kids, and kids are not the ones that Jesus told to be salt and light—it is adults. It is the same reason that children do not lead Bible studies, become pastors, or go to foreign countries as missionaries. They are not mature enough emotionally or spiritually, and for that matter, can't even provide their own physical needs. They are at a time in their life when their primary function is to be a good student, not someone who teaches or discipless others. They are still being trained for

adulthood and are still in the care and direction of their parents.

That goes full circle back to the Christian parents' responsibility. We are called to protect and nurture our children in the ways of Christ so they can grow up to be world changers for Christ—no longer little saplings, but instead, strong oaks for the Lord!

Q. But will I be sheltering my child from the “real world?”

A. There is a common misconception that Christian schools shield children from every temptation and sinful exposure. This is not true, nor is it even possible. Christian schools have the same types of kids non-Christian schools have—sinners! Because all children come into this world with a sin nature, they are all prone to selfishness, anger, malicious talk, coveting, and the list goes on. In addition, they are exposed to many of the worldly influences

that all children are exposed to in movies, books, television and more.

The difference in the Christian school is that the Christian school brings the Word of God to every situation in the lives of the children. The Christian school is able to apply the Word of God to every instance of sinful thought or action, and by God's grace, renew the mind of the child. Hence, the goal to produce adults that have been trained unto godly living and thinking in a world full of temptations and their own weaknesses as a fallen human being.

Please pass this information along to other parents who may be considering Christian Education. Please pray that believers regain a vision for the value of Christian Education in our region.