



On Crusade

Calvary Chapel Christian School Newsletter

November 2007

Upcoming Events

- Parent/Teacher Conference Day - Mon. Nov 12
- ThanksFeast - Tues. Nov 20, 12pm
- Thanksgiving Break: Nov 21 - 27

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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 - Giving Thanks

This is a time of the year when we're encouraged to reflect and give thanks. Our nation has even gone so far as to set aside a particular day – a national holiday – specifically so that we, as a nation, may gather to give thanks. In 1863, President Lincoln issued his "Proclamation of Thanksgiving", setting aside the third Thursday of November as, "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." 1863 was a turbulent year in our nation's history. Earlier that year, in July, one of the costliest battles of the American Civil War had been fought at Gettysburg, PA where 60,000 American lives had been lost. In November of that same year Lincoln visited the new cemetery at Gettysburg to deliver



his now famous address.

One little known blessing came out of the tragedy of Gettysburg. That event marked the point where Abraham Lincoln gave his life to Christ. Lincoln would later explain to a friend, "When I left

Springfield [to assume the Presidency] I asked the people to pray for me. I was not a Christian. When I buried my son, the severest trial of my life, I was not a Christian. But when I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ."

In a few weeks many of us will be gathered with our families, sitting around tables filled with food, anticipating the inevitable "turkey coma" that follows overindulgence and a long afternoon nap in front of the television. Many will reflect on how thankful they are for family, friends, homes, and sustenance – all without considering the Giver

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Come to the ThanksFeast!

You are cordially invited, by the students and staff of CCCS to join us on Tuesday, November 20 at noon for our annual Thanksfeast.

The feast is open to friends and family members, so come and join the fun.

We are asking that each family bring a dish to pass. The Learning Center will be providing the drink

and deserts.

So that we may plan ahead, please fill out the slip attached to this month's newsletter and return it by Tuesday, November 6. You should indicate the number of people attending (not including your students). You should also indicate, in order of preference, three choices of dishes you are

willing to bring (i.e. meat, vegetable, fruit, bread, etc.). We will notify you as to which choice we will need.



Port Farms Field Trip Report

On Wednesday, October 24th, the students in grades K-6 visited Port Farms in Waterford, PA for a day of fun and learning. Students spent the morning learning about different elements of a working farm, including how products like corn, wheat, soybeans are used, how corn is transported in a corn auger, and how plants are pollinated by bees. This was followed by a trip through a miniature corn maze where students retrieved gold

tokens that were later redeemed for bags filled with treats. The morning concluded with a hayride to the pumpkin patch where each student was allowed to pick their own pumpkin to bring home. After lunch, students spent time playing on the giant slides, digging in the "corn box" and racing tricycles on a twisting track. What follows are reflections by the students on their field trip.



Miss Bennett's Class

"I remember eating popcorn and watching a bee movie" (Joshua Johnson, Pre-K). "I remember sliding on the big kid's slide" (Serenity Hall, Pre-K). "I remember the corn maze and a dog." (Olivia Ruland,

Kindergarten). "I remember turning wheat seeds into flour and sending corn up the shoot." (Cierra Phillips, Kindergarten). "I remember taking a pumpkin home." (Jesse Taylor, Pre-K).

Mr. Hunt's Class

"I liked to ride the bike." (William Schwanke, 1st). "I like the big slides. You went fast." (Jordan Bennett, 3rd). "I like the corn sand box. It was fun." (Karrie Hunt, 2nd). "I was in the corn box. I liked it. I got a lot of corn in my pocket." (Brandon Bennett, 1st).

Mrs. Hamm's Class

"I learned about honey bees. I also learned how they make corn. I loved to guess how people make special products." (Patrick Conacher, 4th). "I like Port Farms, they have a lot of cool stuff. They taught me about farming. It is hard work, but fun." (Kyle Hunt, 5th). "I learned that there's corn in toothpaste and that Mr. Hunt can ride a tricycle. Bees have watch guards in front of their hives." (Emily Stowe, 4th). "I learned how you make flour out of wheat; it's soft. My favorite thing on the field trip we took was playing in the corn. Even if I got corn in my shoes; I didn't care." (Amanda Bennett, 5th). "One thing I learned on the field trip is that corn is in a lot of things. I had tons of fun, and Kyle and Patrick made me laugh a lot too." (John Potts, 5th).



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"Of all the many things I am thankful for, I am most thankful that God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ..."

from whom all those gifts come. The scriptures remind us that, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17)

As we pause to give thanks for our many blessings, we should remember first the Author of

those blessings. Of all the many things I am thankful for, I am most thankful that God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us as a man, to die on a cross for my sins, and to be resurrected as the promise and guarantee of my future resurrection. I am thankful for the cross, because without it none of us can enter into a relationship with God. All of the

material things that God has blessed me with will one day pass away, but Jesus' sacrifice on the cross ensures that I am blessed with eternal life in Him. If you have not yet chosen to follow Jesus, I urge you to accept His wonderful gift of salvation. Then you'll have something to be truly thankful for.