

June 19, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians and new 7th-grade Students:

The faculty and staff at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy are looking forward to the arrival of our new 7th-grade students who will graduate as the class of 2015. Seventh grade brings many new experiences—a new school, new classes, new teachers, and new friends. On Wednesday, August 19, parents and students will want to attend the 7th-grade orientation, where class schedules will be followed and supply packages, compiled by our Future Business Leaders club, will be ready for purchase, making it easier for students and parents to be ready for the new school year.

The first week of school begins with a school day on Monday, August 24. It ends with an exciting adventure (JUMPSTART 2009) which will take place at Seneca Hills Bible Conference Center located in western Pennsylvania, about one hour and forty-five minutes east of CVCA. These few days will go quickly as the 7th-grade students get to know one another while enjoying a variety of outdoor activities such as swimming, mountain boarding, rock climbing, team building initiatives, possibly kayaking, and various sports. This trip provides an exciting opportunity for the students to build new relationships with other seventh graders and a number of their teachers, as well as to grow in their relationship with the Lord through daily chapel, devotional times, and planned activities. In the evenings, we anticipate some great times of singing, sharing, and reflecting as we sit together around the campfire. Past students have reported that, although they were a little nervous at first, this trip turned out to be the highlight of their year!

The students are to bring their packed items with them to school on Wednesday, August 26, arriving at CVCA in the morning between 7:30 and 7:45 and tagging their gear to be ready for loading. Students will return to CVCA on Friday afternoon between 4:45 and 5:00 PM, and you will need to make arrangements to pick up your son or daughter at that time. Please be prompt.

The \$85 fee for the trip, which should be paid by check and mailed with your student's JUMPSTART 2009 forms, will be applied toward the expenses of bus transportation to and from Seneca Hills, two nights at the camp, seven meals, evening snacks, and the use of all the Seneca Hills facilities. Students will also receive a t-shirt. Any (tax deductible) donation you would like to make toward financial assistance for a family in need, or toward additional expenses, would be greatly appreciated, as a significant portion of the JUMPSTART costs will be covered by CVCA.

Attached, you will find several papers which need to be filled out and returned, as well as a checklist for the information needed, and a brief packing list which you will keep. This list includes most of the items your son or daughter will want to pack for the trip. Please return the forms and (if desired) your donation, keeping the packing list for your use. So that we are able to place an order for the **correct sizes of t-shirts**, you must fill out and return the enclosed information ASAP – no later than **Wednesday, July 22**, to the attention of Janet Weaver. If you are sending a donation in addition to the payment of \$85, you will receive a receipt, as your donation is tax deductible.

Although various junior high teachers enjoy participating in these days at the camp, there is a need for parents to serve as cabin chaperones, particularly dads. If you enjoy working with junior-high students and are interested in participating, go to the CVCA web site at www.cvcaroyals.org and click on JUMPSTART. You will find a questionnaire and pastoral reference form to be completed and returned to **Janet Weaver** at CVCA as soon as possible, **no later than July 15th**, in order to allow time to process fingerprinting. We may also need a **nurse**, as well as a van and driver who would be available to transport additional luggage and assist in transporting bus drivers back and forth, if needed.

We are truly looking forward to getting to know your young person as he/she enters this new and exciting time of life. We hope that this adventure will serve a very meaningful purpose at this time of transition, as well as be a whole lot of fun!! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 29, when your family is invited to the JumpStart "Rewind" Ice Cream Social, where you will hear more about the event and have the opportunity to see a video and photos of the experience. You will also have the opportunity to meet the parents of some of your student's new friends. More details will be printed in the September LINK and announced at the Open House on September 10th.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please email Janet Weaver at jweaver@cvcaroyals.org and/or visit the Seneca Hills website at www.senecahills.org. Additional forms are available on our website at www.cvcaroyals.org.

In His service,

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