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The Parent Newsletter of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy

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COME SEE THE DIFFERENCE

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2011

CVCA will host its fall Community Open House and Student Activities Fair on **Friday, October 14 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** This Open House is for parents and prospective students who want to investigate CVCA for possible enrollment in the future. Current families are encouraged to invite guests.

- ▶ The Student Activities Fair will feature student representatives of each extra-curricular group, club, sport, and the arts with exhibit tables in the cafeteria.
- ▶ Meet the administrators and selected faculty from each academic department in the Library.
- ▶ Tours of classrooms and facilities will depart every 15 minutes from the Cafeteria.
- ▶ Prospective families will receive free tickets and concession vouchers for the football game immediately following.
- ▶ Pre-registration is not necessary.

Applications for admission are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 school year. Simple log onto CVCA's website, www.cvcaroyals.org, click on the "Admissions" tab, and then "Application Process."

Entrance Exams for prospective students will be administered on Saturday, November 12 and Saturday, December 10 at 8:30 a.m. By taking the exam on one of these two dates, candidates for admission are automatically considered for one of ten Presidential Scholarships awarded to new students each year. Call the Admissions Office to register your student, 330-929-0575, ext. 216.

GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS: PSAT and ACT/Explore Testing October 12, 2011

All sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT. This is a practice SAT (college entrance test) that we give to all tenth and eleventh graders each year. All freshmen will be taking the Explore/ACT test. This is a grade-level appropriate practice test for the ACT. All ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders will be testing that morning. Because of the testing schedule, we will have fifth period BEFORE fourth period that day. After testing, their normal schedule will resume.

We should have results to parents by the end of first semester.

On the morning of October 12, seniors will travel off-site for their senior class picture and will have lunch together off campus.

Seventh and eighth graders will follow a normal schedule that day, with the exception that fifth period will come before fourth period.

If you have any questions, please contact the Guidance Office at 330-920-8204.

Upcoming SAT/ACT Dates

The next ACT test date is December 10 (registration deadline is November 4).

The next SAT test dates are November 5 (registration deadline is October 7) or December 3 (registration deadline is November 8).

We recommend that students take each test once in their junior year and then retake the one they feel most comfortable with a second time. Juniors may want to wait until the spring semester to take the SAT so that they may use the results from the PSAT as a study guide.

To see more detailed information regarding registration for these tests, please go to the Guidance Department link on the CVCA website under Academics.



J-TERM NEWS

You can expect to receive an invoice by the second week of October for the J-term course(s) in which your high school student has registered. This payment will be due November 7, 2011. The third (final) payment for those students registered for J-term trips will be due November 7 also. Remember, there is no cost for the junior high J-term experience.

Please direct any questions concerning transportation, appropriate dress, meals, or supplies to the class or trip's lead faculty.

Attendance will be taken daily. Do not schedule family activities or outside appointments for this school time. J-term is a graduation requirement, and strong attendance is required for course completion.

NOTES FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Now that another year is under way and payment plans have been set up for your student(s), we look to next year for some changes with payments and financial aid.

Beginning in 2012-13, all monthly FACTS agreements will begin in July instead of August. There are several reasons for this change.

- First, we can now offer 12-month payment plans to all families beginning in July and ending in June. This will coincide with our

fiscal year and make it easier for budgeting.

- Second, parents who want to continue on a ten-month payment plan will complete payment in April and have two months off before payments begin in July for the next school year.

Also, beginning in the 2012-13 school year, CVCA will use FACTS Grant & Aid services for financial aid processing. We believe this is a better and more economical program for all of our families. Applications will be done online and the cost will be reduced to \$25. Currently, Chapel Hill

Christian School uses FACTS Grant & Aid. For families who have students at both schools and want to receive the financial aid analysis, you may apply for financial aid and pay only one fee of \$25 for both schools. This will apply to any other private, elementary school using FACTS Grant & Aid as well. Anyone is eligible to apply for financial aid. In order for your financial aid application to be processed, your student(s) must be an actively registered student for the upcoming year.

More information will be coming about both these changes with your re-enrollment information in January.



2012 Auction Committee Members Needed

You may have already received, or soon will receive, the 2012 auction letter to our current CVCA families. In that mailing you will find a volunteer card with many different ways to help with the coming auction. Please read the letter carefully and see how your talents fit into our needs. Parent volunteers can claim service hours for financial aid requirements for time spent on the auction.

The auction is a huge undertaking that involves hundreds of volunteers and is the largest annual fundraiser we do at CVCA. Auctions of the last five years have raised an average gross amount of \$128,000 each year. That could not be produced without the hundreds of wonderful volunteers that are always a part of it. Please consider how you can help in any of a variety of different ways.

The first committee to start working on the auction is the committee that has been directly responsible for the success of past auctions, the solicitation of donated items committee. If you are interested in being on this committee, please reserve **Tuesday, November 8** at either 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., whichever is more convenient for you, for our solicitation training meetings. Please contact Linda Schilling at lschilling@cvcroyals.org or 330-929-0575, ext. 318 if you are interested in being a part of this committee or just show up on November 8 in the CVCA Library upstairs conference room.

Please reserve March 23 for the Auction Preview and March 24 for the 2012 Auction.

JumpStart 2011 Rewind An Annual September Event

Families of new seventh-grade students recently enjoyed ice cream sundaes followed by a REWIND of the 2011 JumpStart experience. Prayer and student-led worship opened the chapel portion of the evening, followed by the viewing of the 2011 DVD which captured much of the flavor and action of the three-day trip to Seneca Hills Bible Camp during the first week of school. Several seventh-grade students, Mackenzie Wear, Sarah Baylor, Alex Spires, Mikayla Veness, Cullen Westerfield, and Caleigh Tiley, shared how the JumpStart experience had helped them begin or build new relationships with others and with the Lord. Mr. Churchill, through message and DVD, challenged students and adults to allow the Lord to continue to work in our lives to chisel off rough edges, shaping us to be more like Christ. Brady Bissonette closed our evening with prayer. Copies of the digital memory book and/or DVD may be ordered by contacting jweaver@cvcroyals.org.

Students and parents shared a time of worship at JumpStart Rewind.



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GIANT EAGLE

If you are a regular customer at Giant Eagle, you could be earning points for CVCA to purchase items used every day by our students and teachers. Supplies such as physical education equipment, office supplies, and electronic equipment can be purchased with the points that accumulate when you register one time online or by phone and then use your advantage card every time you shop at Giant Eagle. In April, Giant Eagle will contact CVCA and tell us how many points we have and allow us to choose items according to the amount of points that we have accumulated. It is as simple as that! All you have to do is register one time and points accumulate every time you use your advantage card. Registration can be done by phone at 1-800-474-4777 or online at www.gianteagle.com/about/apples-for-students. When registering, have your advantage card handy as you will need the number on the card to register. On the website, hit enroll now and it will lead you along to register. The code number that you will need to designate CVCA as your school is 0250. Thanks for helping!



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Donating to CVCA has never been easier. Thousands of dollars can be raised for CVCA just by shopping at Heinen's. Of your total amount purchased, 1% will be donated to CVCA every time you shop there and swipe your Heinen's Preferred Card. This card is all you need to participate. It is a retroactive plan that includes all of your purchases made since September 1, 2011 and all Heinen's stores participate in this plan. Each new school year requires all individuals to re-register for this program. To do this, have your Heinen's Preferred Card handy and go to www.heinensrewards.com. If you are a first time enrollee, click on Enroll in Program, next fill in your name and the number that is on your preferred card. On the next page click on profile at the top right hand corner of page. Once on your profile page, scroll down and select CVCA on the drop down list of schools. Click "save changes" at the bottom right corner of the page. Customers that would rather register by phone may contact Heinen's at 216-475-2300, ext. 2337 to designate that their rewards go to CVCA. What a convenient way to donate money to your school!



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store receipts to school.

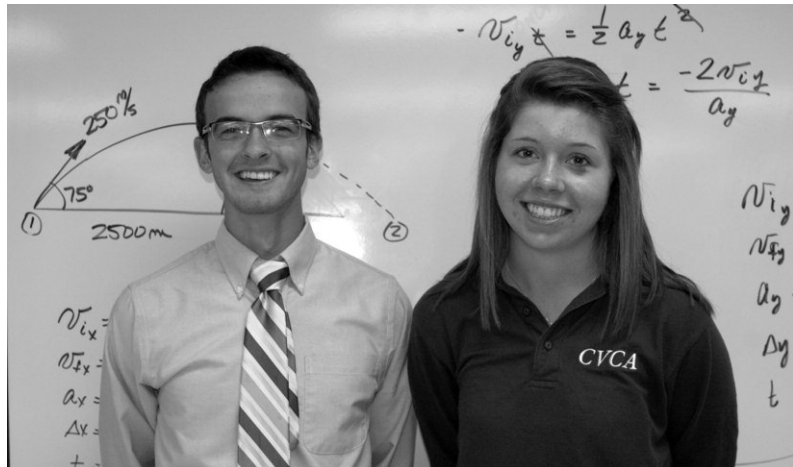
ACME Fresh Markets

Acme Fresh Markets also have a rewards program that will benefit CVCA. By saving your cash register receipts and turning them into CVCA, all ACME brand products purchased will automatically give a 5% cash back reward to CVCA. The brands included in this program are: Food Club, Full Circle, Paws, TopCare, ValuTime, Acme Fresh Market, Academix, Domestix, Electrix, and World Classic products. No registration is needed on your part, just turn in your receipts to the CVCA treasure chest in the front office. Receipts must be dated between September 24, 2011 and February 11, 2012. Thanks for your help.

Are you done with your Homecoming or Jr./Sr. Dresses?

Are you tired of spending too much money on a Homecoming or Jr./Sr. Banquet dress? CVCA has a program to help our families with this problem. Instead of your Homecoming, Jr./Sr. Banquet, or wedding party dresses collecting dust in your closet, why not donate them to CVCA who will in turn offer them at a reduced price to our students for one of these two dress-up occasions. This will not be a consignment sale, but a fundraiser for CVCA.

Please contact Linda Schilling at 330-929-0575, ext. 318 or at lschilling@cvcroyals.org if you are interested in donating any dresses or if you have any questions. These dresses will be sold during the spring of the 2011-2012 school year before the Jr./Sr. Banquet.



CVCA Engineering Students Recognized for Excellence

William VanBuskirk and **Heather Alberson** were selected to represent our school at the 64th Annual ACESS Honors and Awards Banquet. ACESS stands for Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies. They were selected based on their excellent work shown during their involvement in the School of Engineering. The banquet will be held on November 3, 2011.

ACESS Mission:

ACESS is a scientific/educational 501(c)(3) organization, run by unpaid volunteers, whose mission is to:

- Encourage increased interest in technical careers to provide a competent technical resource from within the area to help promote industrial growth
- Enhance the education of students in science and mathematics
- Provide a centralized resource for activities related to promotion of technology, the sciences and mathematics
- Provide effective community technical service
- Foster growth and professional development within the technical community and coordinate activities to improve program efficiencies

ACESS Goals:

- To promote interest in science and mathematics in K-12 students
- To encourage pursuit of careers in science, engineering and technology related disciplines
- To encourage higher level technical education in local institutions
- To provide technical career opportunities locally
- To provide a tie between science, physics and mathematics educators and the technical community

Service Expectation Important Dates

October 22, 2011:
Junior High Make a Difference Day Group Service Project (5 hours)

November 10, 2011:
Form 2 (Evaluation) and Form 3 (Reflection Paper or Assignment) Due

FBLA October News by Chanel VanDyke, Reporter

FBLA Membership

Greetings from your FBLA club. We hope that you are having a great year so far. Although it seems like we have been in school for some time now, this year has just begun, and it is still not too late to join FBLA. Our membership drive is still going on, and if you would like a membership packet, please stop in Room 108 and see Mrs. Beavers. The cost is \$50 for a social membership or \$80 for a full membership. The membership packet explains the difference between the two levels.

New this year is the opportunity for 7th and 8th graders to join **FBLA – Middle Level**. This is open to any junior high student. They will meet with the FBLA high school group, but they will have their own field trips and the opportunity to compete against other junior high students around the state to earn prizes, recognition, and trophies. To join, please complete an application form. The cost for junior high is \$30.00.

This club is a great opportunity to get involved at CVCA and learn every-

thing you need to know about business etiquette, being a leader, and leading your country in the future. This club is also responsible for the school store and after school food sales.

FBLA Fundraisers

FBLA members have been selling **Entertainment Books** for Akron, Cleveland, and Canton. Each book is \$30. This fundraiser is a great way to help the club raise money.

We will also be selling **donuts and cider** at the football game on October 14. We will have 100 dozen donuts available, and if you are interested in pre-ordering, please see one of the officers.

FBLA Events

Some upcoming events include our **Local Officer Leadership Retreat** on October 18. This will be a great opportunity because students will be visiting Quicken Loans Arena and learning more about the behind-the-scenes activities that occur.

Also, mark your calendars for November 3-6. FBLA members will

have the opportunity to visit Philadelphia for a **Fall Conference**. This conference will include guest speakers, games, food, and much more. The deadline to sign up for this is October 6. Get your papers turned in ASAP with a deposit.

FBLA Website

Please check out our CVCA FBLA website under the “Student Life/Clubs” section of cvcaroyals.org or the Ohio FBLA website at ohiofbla.org for more information about the upcoming conferences and events.

FBLA Professional Members

We are still in need of professional members. If you or someone in your family would like to be involved, please contact Mrs. Beavers.

If you have any questions about fundraisers or just FBLA as a whole, please feel free to contact Kim Beavers at kbeavers@cvcaroyals.org.

THE ROYAL THEATRE
presents...

The Diary of Anne Frank

November 16, 18, 19, 2011
at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale
Monday, October 31.

Royal Theatre Announces Fall Play

The Royal Theatre proudly presents *The Diary of Anne Frank* as this year's fall play. The drama depicts two years in the lives of two Jewish families who go into hiding during the Nazi occupation of Holland prior to World War II. The narrative is told from the perspective of Anne, a teenage girl who shares her innermost thoughts with only her private diary. The story, at times funny, sad, and touching, depicts the refugees' struggles, but also celebrates their optimism in the face of tragedy. Anne wrote, "I want to go on living even after my death!" Through this powerful coming-of-age tale, her greatest wish is truly achieved.

Tickets are \$9 each and go on sale October 31. The show performs November 16, 18, & 19 at 7:00 p.m. For questions, please call the box office at 330-929-0575, ext. 280.

Rally for the Troops CVCA Volleyball Honors our Troops

Our Royals Volleyball teams are hosting a special night to honor our troops. Join us at the CVCA vs. Tusky Valley game on **Tuesday, October 11, 2011**. The freshman game will start at 5:00 p.m., the junior varsity game at approximately 6:00 p.m., and the varsity game at approximately 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Wounded Warrior program. Rally for the Troops t-shirts will be available for purchase. Opportunities to write to a current armed service member will also be provided.



RALLY FOR THE TROOPS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011, 5:00 P.M.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.



**WOUNDED WARRIOR
PROJECT**

This is a great chance to give back to those who have given it all for our freedom!

It's Time to Think about Ski Club!

It's that time again – time to think about all the ways to make winter fun. Have you thought about learning to ski or snowboard? Then you should join Ski Club!



We ski and snowboard at Brandywine Ski Resort every Monday, starting in January – until they close in March. We leave CVCA by bus at 3:45 p.m. and return to CVCA about 8:25 p.m. The cost is \$183.75 with rental equipment and \$130.00 without. This includes five lessons and three freebie cards. In addition, a \$25.00 bus fee covers the whole season.

Please sign up by November 18 to get your freebie cards before Christmas break. The final deadline to sign up will be December 16. Registration instructions are available at the CVCA Welcome Center. Any questions should be directed to Gini Thompson at 330-929-0575, ext. 270.

More information is available on the CVCA website, www.cvcaroyals.org. For more information about Brandywine, visit www.bmbw.com.

Check out our Website!

Please check the Athletics section at www.cvcaroyals.org to keep up on what is happening in the Athletic Department. Daily schedules, season schedules, past season reviews, directions to away games, archived records, etc. can all be found there.

For cancellations and recent changes go to "Athletics/Schedules and Scores" for up-to-the-minute notices regarding scheduling.

No internet access? You may access the daily schedule by calling the athletic office and following the options.

www.cvcaroyals.org

Show your school spirit with CVCA ROYALS sports apparel!

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SPORTS SHORTS:

Fall Awards Programs

Parents and athletes of fall sports teams should plan on attending the final event of their season:

- **Jr. High Awards Night:**
November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVCA Auditorium
- **Senior High Awards Night:**
November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the CVCA Auditorium

Winter Sports Parent Meeting

Seventh through twelfth grade winter sports athletes and at least one of their parents must attend the sports meeting on **Monday, November 21** at 7:00 p.m. in the CVCA Auditorium. OHSAA now mandates a required meeting with at least one parent representative of each athlete.

Winter Sports Start-up Dates

The first official days of practice are posted below. Some teams hold tryouts the first few days of practice. Make sure to attend any pre-season informational meetings held by the various teams. Listen for announcements pertaining to the sport you are interested in.

- Girls' High School Basketball (grades 9-12) – October 28
- Boys' High School Basketball (grades 9-12) – November 4
- High School Wrestling (grades 9-12) – November 11
- High School Ice Hockey (grades 9-12) – November 4
- High School Swimming (grades 9-12) – November 4
- High School Cheerleading (grades 9-12) – November 4

- Girls' Jr. High Basketball (grades 7-8) – October 31
- Boys' Jr. High Basketball (grades 7-8) – November 7
- Jr. High Wrestling (grades 7-8) – November 11
- Jr. High Cheerleading (grades 7-8) – November 7

Physical Form Needed for Winter Sports

You must have an OHSAA completed physical form (by a doctor) on file in the Athletic Office to practice or try out. You will not be permitted to practice without one. Please read and sign all 4 pages of this document.

GO ROYALS!