



COUGAR NEWS

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Almost There

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It does not seem possible that we are almost half way through our LAST marking period of this school year. The weeks and events have flown by and God has shown Himself to be ever faithful. I always come to the end of a school year with mixed emotions. I will miss the daily interaction with the staff and students, yet I look forward to a quieter daily schedule – and an opportunity to perhaps catch up on those items that have been simmering on the “back burner”. I pray that this summer will be a time of continued blessings and spiritual growth for each of our families.

SENIORS!

The seniors are EAGERLY counting down the days! The next few weeks will pass like a whirlwind for them. Here’s the “scoop” on what they have waited 13 years for:

- ◇ SENIOR Final Exam Week begins TUESDAY, May 13, and concludes on Thursday, May 15.
- ◇ We depart on Friday, May 16, for SENIOR TRIP (Puerto Rico) and return the following Thursday, May 22. Just in time for...
- ◇ Junior/Senior Banquet on Friday evening, May 23

The seniors will return to school for our annual Awards Assembly on Friday morning, June 6, and then capstone this year with the graduation ceremony at 7:00 that evening.



We recently received notification that several of our seniors qualified academically for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship program by their outstanding accomplishment on the ACT College Board Entrance Exam. Congratulations go to **Sam Apple, Abby Birk, Abbey Brokos, Rachel Roe, and Jon Wiedmann!**

Abby Birk has been selected as the winner of a Special Scholarship sponsored by State Farm Companies Foundation through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Abby was awarded this scholarship on the basis of her skills and accomplishments from a pool of candidates who fulfilled the sponsor’s criteria and scored high on the 2006 PSAT/NMSQT.

Clearwater Christian College has awarded **Jonathon Wiedmann** the SERVANT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP. This renewable scholarship is for \$5,000 annually.



Spotlight on Students

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Twenty of our junior and senior high math students recently participated in the annual Mathematics competition hosted by Oakland Christian School, and once again, they held their position well! The nine participating schools were divided into two divisions according to their size (school sizes ranged from @ 160 to over 675 students). Being one of the smallest schools competing at this event, we were in Division II. Each student took four separate individual tests and one team test.

We had several students achieve exceptionally well in their respective categories:

- ◇ 8th grader **Matthew Sanders** (Algebra) took 2nd place in one individual test and 3rd place in another individual test. Additionally, Matthew achieved 2nd place for having the highest OVERALL Algebra scores of both divisions.
- ◇ 11th grader **Daniel Hunter** took a 1st place award (against all nine schools) in one individual test in Algebra II
- ◇ 11th grader **Aaron Graham** also took a 1st place award (against all nine schools) in one individual test as well as one 5th place award. In addition, Aaron was awarded a plaque for having the highest overall cumulative scores of all nine schools in Algebra II.

Lastly, of the four categories covered in this competition, our students brought home the 1st place TEAM TROPHY (representing all five tests taken) for our division in three of those four categories: Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. Remarkably, the Algebra I team also outscored the Division one 1st place winner!

Algebra I Team

Sarah VanInWagen
Natalie Garner
Chris Sonnenberg
Matthew Sanders
Travis Reed

Geometry Team

Paige Getchell
Caty Hunter
Nathan Caudill
John Hibbitts
Brian Losher

Algebra II Team

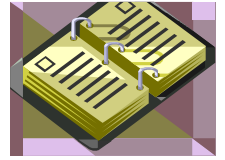
Daniel Hunter
Brooke Dietz
Raymond Frisbie
Andrea Hay
Aaron Graham

Advanced Math Team

Jon Wiedmann
Abbey Brokos
Justin Engel
Ashley Rich
Katy Legg

The **National Merit Scholarship Corporation** recently invited three of our Juniors to participate in a special service "because these (students) have shown outstanding academic potential" as a result of the PSAT/NMSQT test taken as sophomores/juniors. With a Selection Index score of over 200, these students ranked in the top 3% in the nation of the 1.5 million taking this test, annually. The NMSC through the College Plans Reporting Service is offering to recommend these three juniors to the two colleges or universities of their choice in the United States. This is an outstanding opportunity for **Aaron Graham, Daniel Hunter, and Andrew Sanders** and it also means that they may be in the top 32% of that 3% that makes it to the National Merit Program Semifinalist level. We will hear of those results in September. To help put this significant accomplishment in a better perspective, I looked back 10 years to see how many other CCA Sophomores or Juniors had achieved this distinction and found that the Classes of 2001 and 2002 each had one young lady attain a score of 200 or above. I am especially pleased that these young people, during their sophomore and junior years, diligently applied their God-given abilities to a task that is not usually considered popular or "savory" and, therefore, not always taken as seriously as it could be. To GOD be the glory!

Mark Your Calendar



COMMENCEMENT



Our FINAL event of the school year is also the highlight of the year for fifteen of our students! Calvary Christian Academy's thirty-fourth commencement service will take place on Friday, June 6, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the church auditorium. This is a special time for ALL of CCA's family and we invite you to join with us. We are especially pleased that Dr. J. Don Jennings, CCA's founder, and his wife Doris Jennings (one of CCA's first principals) will be with us for this event as Dr. Jennings will be delivering the commencement address. I look forward to seeing many of you for this graduation celebration!

School Closet

The folks from SCHOOL CLOSET are planning a visit to CCA on Tuesday, July 29, from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Watch your July/August COUGAR NEWS for the date of the next CAMPUS WEAR Re-Sale event.

Annual Rummage Sale

Once again, our RUMMAGE SALE was a BIG HIT! We made over **\$2,200** at our second annual sale. Thank you, again, to Mrs. Kim Reed for coordinating this event and to the many other parents and staff members who helped to make this such a success!

For those of you who like to plan things well in advance: **Monday, August 25**, will be our annual Family Orientation meeting and OPEN HOUSE. **Tuesday, August 26**, will be the first day of school. We will NOT be having classes on **Friday, August 29, and Monday, September 1**, in honor of Memorial Day Weekend.

Plant Sale

The PLANT SALE delivery date is Thursday, May 22 – just in time to plant your gardens over Memorial Day weekend! Pick up will be from 10:00 – 3:30 at the school (please try to avoid coming for your orders between 2:30 -3:00). Any orders not picked up by 3:30 will be sold to other buyers. Thank you, again, to those of you who supported this annual fundraiser by placing an order!

Financial Contracts

for the 2008-2009 school year will be coming in the mail, soon. Please be sure to sign one copy and return it to the office ASAP. Also, remember to pay your matriculation fee by Monday, June 9, in order to benefit from the savings. After June 9 the fee will increase by \$25.00 per student. Remember that payment of this fee secures your child's position in his class.

Sophomore Fundraiser Breakfast: Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Cost: \$3.00 - 6th grade & under; \$4.00 7th grade and up. Menu: Eggs, sausage, all the pancakes you can eat, and juice, milk (white & chocolate) and coffee. We will begin serving after 7:00 AM until 7:55 AM. We will have plenty of food. We promise that there will be no waiting as at our first breakfast.

- ◆ **Progress Reports** for the final marking period will go home on Monday, May 12.
- ◆ There will be **no school** on **Monday, May 26** - Memorial Day.
- ◆ **Final Report Cards** for the year will be mailed directly to your homes shortly after school has ended for the summer. We expect that the SAT/OLSAT results should be sent home at that time, also.
- ◆ Students in grades 7 – 11 will begin EXAM WEEK on Tuesday, June 3, and conclude on Friday, June 6. These days will be half days for the secondary students. An exam schedule will be made available by the last week in May.



SPORTS' CORNER



Our annual **SPORTS BANQUET** is scheduled for Monday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. All athletes from this school year and their parents are encouraged to attend. Awards will be given for all teams involved in the fall, winter, and spring seasons. Tickets may be purchased in the high school office for \$4.00 (ages 9 and under) and \$7.00 (ages 10 and up).

Athletics: Parents & students! If you get a sports physical now, it will be good through the 2008-2009 sports seasons. District tournaments begin after Memorial Day, dates, times, and teams to be announced. **Come support your Cougars!** There will be many times throughout the summer where we will be working on basketball and volleyball with our student-athletes. Keep your ears and eyes open for future announcements.

Congratulations Coach Mark Meredith for serving our school, our parents and our students through coaching soccer for 25 years. Lessons learned through athletics stay with you through life. Thank you and God Bless you Coach!

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