



Monday, March 18, 2024 ~ Volume 77, Issue 29

Song-of-the-Week

Psalter #386, which is based on Psalm 141, is a prayer. There is instruction concerning our thoughts and words as well as a plea for the Lord's care for us as death draws nigh.

1. O Lord, make haste to hear my cry, to Thee I call, on Thee rely;
Incline to me a gracious ear, and, when I call, in mercy hear.
2. When in the morning unto Thee I lift my voice and bring my plea,
Then let my prayer as incense rise to God enthroned above the skies.
4. Guard Thou my thoughts, I Thee implore, and of my lips keep Thou
the door;
Nor leave my sinful heart to stray where evil footsteps lead the way.
7. Brought nigh to death and sore distressed, O Lord, my God, in Thee I rest;
Forsake me not, I look to Thee, let me Thy great salvation see.

Annual School Society Meeting

Please reserve Monday evening, April 22 at 7:30 PM for the 2024 Annual Society meeting.

Athletics

Girls' Soccer – Coach: Mrs. Deb Feenstra (616-706-8834)

Tuesday, March 19	Practice	3:15–5 PM
Thursday, March 21	Practice	3:15–5 PM

Boys' Baseball – Coach: Mr. Brad VanderVeen (616-610-5289)

Tuesday, March 19	Practice	3:30-5:15 PM
Thursday, March 21	Practice	3:30-5:15 PM
Saturday, March 23	Practice	2-4 PM

Chapel

The 8th grade invites you to their chapel this Wednesday at 8:30 AM. Rev. Decker will be speaking.

5th grade is planning their chapel for Friday, March 29 also at 8:30 AM. Visitors are welcome.

CCHS Information (For 8th Grade Parents)

Please return the required papers (four colored papers) from the CCHS packet in the manila envelope to the Hope school office by **THIS Wednesday, March 20**.

Attention PARENTS of 8th graders:

If your son or daughter desires to participate in a sport at Covenant during the **2024-25 school year**, please make note of these important items:

- 1) In order to participate in a FALL sport (cross country, boys soccer or volleyball), the athlete **MUST** have his/her physical form completed **AND** turned into the CCHS office **by August 1**.
- 2) The date of the doctor's exam **MUST** be April 15, 2024 or later.
- 3) Practices may legally begin on August 12 (YP Convention is Aug. 5-9), so get the form in by Aug. 1!
- 4) Other due dates: WINTER sports (basketball)-**Nov. 1** and SPRING sports (golf, girls soccer, baseball, softball or track & field)-**March 1**.
- 5) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CCHS Office at office@covenantchristianhs.org or the Athletic Office at covenantad@covenantchristianhs.org.

March is Reading Month!

On Wednesday, we will have another book swap and this Friday will be book character day. Come to school dressed as a book character!

Highlights

Look for the spring edition of the *Highlights* available in churches this Sunday.

Teacher Update

We are happy to announce that Miss Melanie Hanco has signed a contract to teach 5th grade for the 2024-25 school year.

Band Solo/Ensemble

This year's solo and ensemble band festival is **THIS Wednesday, March 20** at Heritage Christian School. Students should be signed up and practicing their songs. A schedule was emailed to parents.

End of 3rd Quarter

This Friday marks the end of the third quarter marking period. Expect K-3 report cards on Wednesday, March 27.

Spring Break & Early Dismissal

There will be no school on Monday, April 1 (no fooling) through Friday, April 5. School will dismiss at 2 PM on Friday, March 29.

Coffee Cake Pickup

Thanks to everyone who ordered coffee cakes from the 8th graders! We will be making the coffee cakes on Tuesday, March 26. Please pick up your orders up between 12:30 and 4PM on the 26th, freezer space is limited!

School Circle News

Hot Lunch / Snack Sale – March 20

Hot Lunch: Burgers Servers (please be to school by 11 am): Deb Feenstra, Nelle DM, Dawn DV, Becky DV, Mari DV

Snacks provided by: Mari DV, Connie DV, Amber D, Lois E, Rosie E, Angela F, Julie F, Tracey F, Brenda G (Please have 24 homemade, prepackaged snacks to the school kitchen by 9 am. Thank you!)

School Circle Meeting

The School Circle is meeting Thursday at 8 PM in the music room. We will be voting on a pig in the blanket proposal and a request from the library. New members are welcome! Hope to see you there!

TRIP

TRIP is sold every Tuesday morning from 8:15-9:00 AM in the classroom to the right at the bottom of the ramp. Please contact Sharla Moelker at 340-5818 with any questions.

Requested Announcements

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT: Registration is now open for the Adams Christian School Bean Bag Tournament! We are looking for more teams to help make this event a success. There is no age restriction! The tournament will be held on Friday, April 19 at 6 pm. Cost is only \$50 per team of two. A pork BBQ dinner is planned with an ice cream sundae bar for dessert. You can register by emailing adamsbeanbagtournament@gmail.com. Please come help support our school!

Byron Center PRC YP's Byron Meats Pick Up: Thank you to all who ordered meat to support our young people, it is greatly appreciated! Just a reminder that the pickup date for your order is Monday, March 18 from 3:45 to 5:00 at Byron Center PRC. It is important that you make other arrangements if you cannot make the pickup time as the meat will be delivered frozen to us. Thanks again!!