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**"CCA has been
an answer to
our prayers."**

*Sunny Williams, mother of a 9th
grader and new CCA parent!*

Covenant Christian Academy's MSHS Community News



MENTORING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Over 11 CCA HS students have become involved this fall as mentors with our elementary students. Their focus has been on serving as positive role models who encourage character development among a variety of children in grades 1 through 6. Often this involves playing team games or other fun activities to encourage social skills. Coordinator Vivian Tognarina commented that "The mentoring program has been a huge blessing to both the elementary and high school students involved. The relationships that have formed are developing a strong bond and sense of cohesiveness between all the grades at CCA. I can't wait to see what exciting things God has planned for the future!"

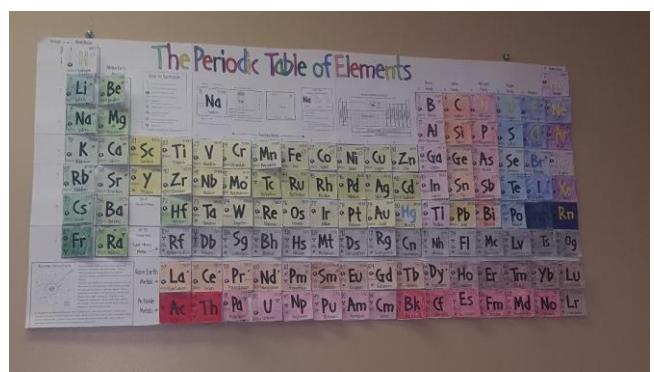
Since piloting the program last April, the number of students participating has continued to grow – and the experience has been a win-win-win, for younger students, older ones, and the school too!

CHEMISTRY CLASS SHAKES UP THE PERIODIC TABLE

"Having a hands-on project helped me learn more about how the periodic table is set up instead of going through a textbook." – Libby



This month Ms. Perry and her chemistry class embarked on an important update to the famous Periodic Table of Elements. Just a couple of years ago, the global scientific community agreed to add new elements to the table. Rather than simply ordering a new chart, the class and teacher used this opportunity to learn the old elements and add in the new ones (Nihonium, Moscovium, Tennessine, and Oganesson). Caitlin said, *"By creating the interactive periodic table, we*



"DOING THIS PROJECT HELPED US BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW ELEMENTS WORK AND ARE ORGANIZED!" – SIDNEY

were able to learn about the elements and their practical applications in every day life!" Above, the class is gathered below the "new and improved" table. CCA chemistry and other MSHS science classes are continuing to expand their hands-on learning in the science lab on an on-going basis.



Guest author (and CCA parent) Julie Carter visited the 9th (and 6th) grade English class last month to share her love of writing and reading. Julie has already written four volumes in her *Elena Ransom* series for young adult readers that are now available. Students were very engaged and asked many questions – including about how to get published, using an editor, finding an illustrator – that showed their strong interest. Just as C.S. Lewis inspired Julie a few decades ago, who knows who among our students may find God's calling through writing?





GROWING GODLY FRIENDSHIPS



Last month Jennifer Goss from *The Thirty-One Project* hosted a discipleship meeting on the topic of friendship for our seventh-grade girls. Themes included finding the treasure that God has hidden in every person as well as how to handle conflicts with wisdom and grace. It was a valuable time of authentic sharing and Titus 2 wisdom for our young ladies. Bella said, "It was an enjoyable experience that helped us understand what others are going through." Mrs. Goss was equally blessed and commented how much she enjoyed being with such a respectful, well-mannered group of girls. Find out more about this ministry to young women at <http://www.the31project.org/>.



CCA's Director of Enrollment Services, Christy Mosher, periodically hosts a short gathering for parents to fellowship, learn, and pray together. At our first meeting we used the Scripture Matthew 11: 28-30 as our starting point:

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

We were reminded that a yoke is meant for work, and instead of offering escape, Jesus offers us equipment - a better way to carry life. One of the "yokes" Jesus gave us to help us carry the burdens of life is the gift of community. As a covenant school we have the privilege to meet together, share praise reports, and pray for one another. Join us for our next gathering **Wednesday, December 12th at 7:45am** in the library as we celebrate the gift of the Prince of Peace with a Christmas-themed gathering. Stay for coffee and refreshments and then head to the gym for our very special **K4-12 Christmas chapel, which starts at 9am!**



MSHS STUDENT-LED BIBLE STUDY

Several weeks ago, one of our tenth-grade students, Ansley C., came to Principal Steve Kennedy with the idea of hosting a morning Bible study on campus. She and a few other students have already hosted 2 meetings with an incredible turn-out. Godly confidence was the theme of the first meeting, and the second was on the topic of having faith in hard times. 7th-12th grade students are encouraged to come enjoy the next Bible study meeting on **December 6 at 7:35am** in the school library.

"That Hannah G. can preach!" ~ Comment from a 7th grader ☺

MSHS STUDENT-LED MISSIONS

Thank you for supporting our school-wide service project, *Operation Christmas Child*, which ends on **December 9th**. In that same spirit of giving, student-led *Covenant Missions* has initiated another service project to bless the patients at Egleston Children's Hospital. For the remainder of December students will be encouraged by *Covenant Missions*'s leader, Aaron C., to bring items from the children's wish list (see below) so that they can have an extra special Christmas. We love our students' hearts of compassion for the hurting! *Covenant Missions* meets monthly to share ideas and plan service projects. The next meeting is on **December 13th at 7:30am** in Mr. Priest's room. All 7th-12th grade students are welcome to come!

Covenant Missions' Christmas Toy Drive

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta At Egleston Hospital



Guidelines:

All items must be brand new	Do not wrap donations	No written cards	Toys must be sturdy and non-toxic
No electrical or spark producing toys	No toys that promote violence	No rubber-latex balloons	No glitter of any form

Hospital Patient Wish List

Legos, Colored pencils, Markers, Jenga, Board games, DVDs (PG), Uno, Playing cards, Action figures, Hot wheels, Remotes and games (E-10) for PS4 and Xbox ONE, Paint brushes, Canvases, Acrylic paint, Nail polish, Unisex t-shirts (infant-teen), Craft kits, headphones/earbuds, Pop sockets, Soccer balls, and Footballs

Return Donations to CCA by December 14th



December 5th – Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes DUE!

December 6th – 7th-12th grade Bible study at 7:35am in the library

December 12th – Parent Connect meeting 7:45am in the library

December 12th – K4-12 Combined Christmas Chapel at 9am

December 14th – Covenant Missions Toy Drive items DUE!

December 19th – 20th – HS Final Exams

December 20th – Last Day of Semester for MSHS

December 21st – Early Release Day K4-6th

December 24-January 6th – Christmas Break

January 7, 2019 – First Day of Semester 2

Covenant Christian Academy offers K4 – 12th grades. We are fully accredited and provide a rigorous, Christ-centered academic curriculum in a safe, nurturing environment that feels like family.

Welcome home to CCA!