

THE CONNECTING POINT

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Covenant Christian Academy's
MSHS Community News



On Thursday, February 7th, CCA students in grades 3-12 enjoyed a fantastic performance by the Atlanta Shakespeare Company. The actors performed a condensed version of *Much Ado About Nothing* in the CCA gym.



Our Covenant Christian Student Association worked diligently to host a fabulous Winter Formal. Check out some pictures of our high school students dressed to the nines on page 8!

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CAREER SPEAKER SERIES

This semester our MS Tech students are learning a lot more about various careers and their own interests after they finish their education. 7th and 8th graders started by taking a Career Interest Inventory. Since then, a number of guest speakers have made career presentations to the classes. Presenters have included the following: Matt Marietta (Fire Department Deputy Chief), Northside Hospital Pharmacist (Carrie Hamilton), Chris Cobb (Insurance/Financial Services), Parker Holloway (Anesthesia), and more are on their way.

These presentations help students learn about the amazing opportunities available in the 21st century marketplace – and how to prepare themselves ahead of time!



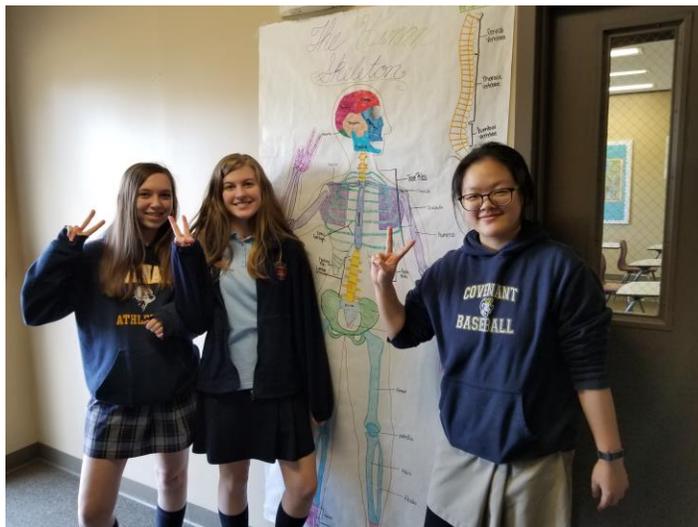
10th Grade Biology

There are several very BIG skeletons in Building 3 at CCA – but they're not in any closet! This past month students worked together in groups to learn more about the human body and its skeletal structure. Rather than just reading and talking about this topic, each group created drawings of large skeletons and hung them in the hallway.



“The skeleton project helped me to see God’s creativity and masterful design by observing the complexity of our bones and their functions.”

Laura F.



CCA Ministry Opportunity

Each year we have many Christian parents from other nations who desire to educate their children with a Biblical worldview, but they do not have the freedom to do so in their home nation. Some of these parents, however, have the financial resources to send their children to the States to attend school. We are thankful to be able to partner with these families to give these children a Christian education and a Biblical worldview. Would you be interested in hosting a CCA international student? Not only do host families receive a monthly stipend for their hospitality, they have the opportunity to share the love of Christ by including the student as part of the family. If you feel a prompting from the Lord, please contact CCA's Director of Enrollment Services, Christy Mosher, at cmosher@covenantrams.org, for more information.



Sunny L., from China, has received much love and encouragement from her 10th grade friends at CCA!



Visitation Day

Current 6th-grade students spent a mock day in our MSHS. They rotated classes, met teachers, and even enjoyed the fun of our MSHS lunch. Julia M. said, "I love 6th grade, but I can't wait to go to 7th!"



parent connect

At the heart of our CCA mission statement is the phrase: **"to glorify God by partnering with Christian families."** It is the *partnership* between the school and home that makes CCA unique and special.

We love honoring our parents and learning together. At our last *Parent Connect* meeting we shared a meal as well as testimonies of God's faithfulness to our children. We also discussed creative ways to keep a written record of remembrance of these praise reports.

We look forward to gathering again soon and invite you to join us!



The following article was written by CCA faculty member, **Lori Schoessler**, who is a Certified Counselor with over thirty years experience working with children. We are grateful to have her expertise and counsel as we disciple our students proactively, addressing modern dangers with practical and Biblical wisdom so that our children know how to be *in* the world and not *of* it (John 15:19). Mrs. Schoessler's ministry at CCA is another way we *partner* with families in our vision **"to be an instrument in the intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual growth of each student."**

Vaping...

vape pens, pod mods, tanks, electronic nicotine delivery devices (ENDS), e-hookahs and e-cigarettes...Yikes!

A less than fun aspect of parenting is staying aware of the latest trends that could be harmful to our kids and then be able to talk to them about those trends in an informative way. Just when we think we have a pretty good handle on the latest threats, another one pops up and here we go again. It can be exhausting at best. As parents we need to keep our focus on God and His promises to us. Proverbs 2:6, "For the Lord grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding." We should be constantly going to God in prayer for wisdom on how to relate to our kids and get our message communicated in the right manner.

Vaping...continued

Next, we need to do our homework. Parents can shoot themselves in the foot when we parrot what we read on Facebook only to have our young scholars do a Google search and blow our flippant response to pieces. Here are a few facts about vaping:

-Vaping is new to the industry and the studies are coming from current users. We won't know all the effects of vaping for about 10-20 years from now. By then a lot of bodies could be facing health challenges because vaping was presented as a harmless smoking alternative.

- "Yale health researchers who study the health effects of vaping and e-cigs agree: Vape devices have not been proven to help adult smokers quit smoking. Moreover, vaping increases the risk a teen will smoke regular cigarettes later." "...*Health Risks of Vaping*", 2018
- "Manufacturers of a specific type of vaping device, called a "pod mod," sell vape liquid made from nicotine salts found in loose-leaf tobacco instead of the traditional free-base nicotine found in most e-cigarette liquid. This may allow the user to experience a higher—and more addictive—concentration of nicotine, according to a [recent article](#) in *The New England Journal of Medicine*." "...*Health Risks of Vaping*", 2018

Lastly, there will be sites that contradict the facts that you share with your child (and they will find them). Educate your kids on where the opposing views are coming from. Most of the articles we found that praise vaping and tell of the hidden "benefits" were produced by the companies that benefit from vaping sales.

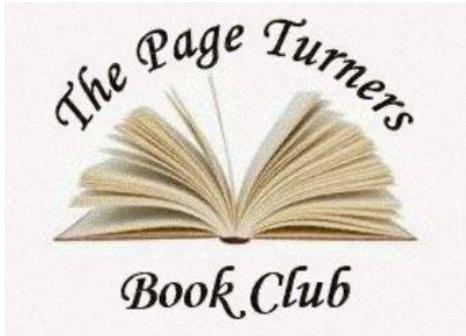
Remember, when we educate our kids with respect and kindness our message is much easier to receive. Go on fact finding missions with your child, get their thoughts on the subject, answer their questions and learn together.

Resource:

Rave, Kathleen. *Your Teen Is Underestimating The Health Risks Of Vaping*. Yale Medicine. December 19, 2018

CELEBRATE!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN ACADEMICS AND THE ARTS



MHS students, Sawyer M. and Anna L., kicked-off a new extra-curricular opportunity for CCA students recently. On the first Monday of every month *The Page Turners Book Club* will meet at 3:15 in Mr. Baskam's room to discuss a book of the month. The club is reading Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* for the next meeting on Monday, March 4th. Come join the club!



Annual Writing Contest Winners



Congratulations to sixth grader Abigail M. (left) for her **first-place** entry in the Georgia Association of Christian Schools Elementary Poetry contest. Lauren M. (above) also took top honors in the MS Short Story category! Their entries now qualify for submission to the American Association of Christian Schools national competition.



Winter Formal



On February 9th, we had the privilege to attend the 2019 Winter Formal! The night was filled with music, dancing, food, and many special memories! The beautiful decorations truly lit up the gym all night, and the food was delicious. About fifty students came, and it was a night to remember! Even some teachers got out on the dance floor as well! That night was so fun, and I had sweet fellowship with my fellow students. I am very thankful the administration gave us the opportunity to put something together like this.

CCA 11th grade student, Angela C.

