

ONLINE ACCESS TO MID-TERM AND QUARTERLY REPORT CARDS COMING SOON!

Dear Middle and High School Parents,

The very beginning of our mission statement states our intention to assist Christian families in the training of your youngsters. In an intentional effort on the part of the school to partner with you, we will provide access to mid-term grades for middle and high school students ONLINE in addition to the hard copies that will be sent home. This will become available on December 1st. Additionally, at the end of the second quarter in January, the report cards will be available online as well.

The current plan is to make the most of our technological resources to communicate with parents while, at the same time, seeking to maintain a balanced emphasis on grades.

For this second quarter, we will provide online access to mid-term grades on Tuesday, 12/1, and will also send hard copies of the same information on Wednesday, 12/2. Then, beginning in the third quarter, it is our hope to ONLY provide mid-term grades online. Since the mid-term reports are really progress reports, we believe online access to grades at mid-term time will give parents the information that they need to properly focus on the second half of the term. The quarterly report cards are the "official" grades and will continue to be sent home at the end of each quarter, but these will also be available online and may prove helpful for those times when a report card is misplaced or another copy is needed.

We are going to be deliberate about starting off slowly with this online access. We have done our due diligence to be very sure that all security measures are in place to protect your information online. We have also done what we need to protect other confidential information. In the future, we will examine making high school transcripts and possibly attendance information available as well. Until then, we ask that parents (and students) be patient with us as we transition to a new means of making these progress reports available.

So that ALL are aware, it is still the position of the school to make grades available to parents at least twice per quarter (progress reports at mid-term and quarterly report cards at the end of each quarter). At this time, however, we do not plan on moving toward a system where grades will be "live" all the time. As always, students or parents may communicate directly with a teacher to be reminded of any assessment scores. While we desire to communicate well with parents, we also desire that the communication be about more than just grades. Please let us know of ways that we can better serve you and your child.

Parents, in the next few days you will receive a letter in the mail from CDS with YOUR login name and password; this will be family-specific! When you receive the letter with your login information, you will be able to follow the directions that are given below to access the schedule for your middle or high school student(s). You will also be able to see the Quarter 1 grades for your student(s). Then, on December 1st, you will be able to access the mid-term grades for your student(s) by class. Please **VISIT THE HS or MS E-News page(s)** to see the instructions to access the site and then grades.

HS E-News (http://www.covenantday.info/cds_High_School.htm)

MS E-News (http://www.covenantday.info/cds_Middle_School3.htm)

We anticipate offering a meeting on campus in January for those who would like to be able to ask questions about accessing information online. Thank you for the privilege of allowing us to come alongside you in the training and nurturing of your child. Again, please let us know if there are ways we can be of help.

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