

French Creek Valley Christian School

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Fulfilling the Mission

Educating for Responsible Service is part of the mission statement of French Creek Valley Christian School. Our goal is to prepare our students for lifelong service to the body of Christ, the local community, and the world.

Each class is encouraged to select and complete a service project each year. Some of those projects have already been completed for the 2008-2009 school year.

*In December Mrs. Cindy Dawson and the 10th grade class went to the Meadville Sertoma Club to wrap presents for the annual Jimmy Moore Christmas Party. The Sertoma Club purchases gifts for children whose families may not be able to afford gifts. FCVCS student arrived ready to help wrap the 400-600 gifts. Stu-

dents loved the opportunity to tackle the mountain of presents. In addition to helping to wrap the gifts, the tenth graders delivered a \$95.00 donation to the Sertoma Club on behalf of the FCVCS student body. This is the fifth year that FCVCS students have helped to wrap gifts. Every year the Sertoma Club members are impressed with our students, and our students say, "It was fun."



*The elementary students sing at the Keystone Association for the Blind.



*All school community can drive for the local food pantry



"Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

French Creek Valley Christian Child Care: Ride Like the Wind

Students from the 3-4 year old class at FCVCCC recently donned their helmets, grabbed their tricycles, and rode like the wind for twenty minutes straight. Zooming across the cement, dodging hazards, and maneuvering around cones...this was no ordinary bike ride. These kids were holding a Triathlon to raise

money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Each child obtained sponsors who were willing to support this worthy cause. In exchange for sponsorship, each child rode around to do his or her part. The kids had a blast, and in the end, they raised a total of \$421.00 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Developing a Christian Worldview

One of the criticisms of Christian education is that students are educated in a bubble and are unable to function in the "real" world. Ask any teacher at a Christian school and he or she will assure you that our students are very aware of the "real" world. The challenge for the Christian school becomes teaching students to understand our culture without being unduly influenced by it. It is imperative that we give our students a firm foundation on which to stand. Will our students be able to defend their faith against new and contra-

dictory ideas presented in their college classrooms or in their workplace?

FCVCS seniors take (and must pass) the Christian World View course. The text for the course is *Understanding the Times* by Summit Press. The authors define a worldview as "any set of ideas, beliefs, convictions, or values that provides a framework or map to help you understand God, the world, and your relationship to God and the world." The premise of the course is that if we understand the real differences between

worldviews, we will "be better prepared to love, live, and defend God's truth as revealed in the Bible and in His creation."

As we define our own worldview and begin to understand others, we become like the men of Issachar in I Chronicles 12:32, who "understood the times and knew what Israel should do." (NIV) At FCVCS we want to understand our culture, know what to do, and be actively involved in change.



The Class of 2009

Why do I choose to attend a Christian School? Senior Testimonies

Many assume that students must attend a Christian school because their parents make them. If they had a choice, surely they would choose to attend school somewhere else.

Believe it or not, the majority of our students really do want to attend FCVCS.

Here's what some of the Senior Class had to say when asked, "Why do you choose to attend a Christian

School?"

"I enjoy going to a Christian school because of all the encouragement and love I receive." Katie Aylsworth

"I attend a Christian school because here I have the freedom to read my Bible and pray openly. When I am struggling in my faith, I know I can talk to students and teachers and get encouragement and fuel to keep on going." Ian Bicko

"I enjoy going to a Christian school because I like how it has a positive influence on my life. No, everybody isn't a Christian, but there are people I know at FCVCS who keep me accountable for what I do. I also like how we have chapel everyday, youth group, and special retreats that help to strengthen my walk with God." Ashley Sheldon

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. "
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Building and Grounds: What's new?

Many changes and improvements have been made to the building and grounds.

One of the major renovation projects was the replacement of all of the old exterior doors with new security doors. The doors were purchased through a USDA grant.

The new doors are locked

during the school day so that visitors may only enter through the front door clos-



The new front doors!

est to the office.

We are very grateful for the added security and insulation provided by the new doors.



The west end doors

Finances: Where do we stand?

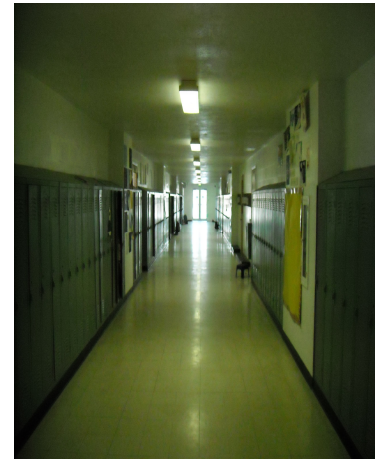
Many wonderful things are happening academically and spiritually at FCVCS. We are bearing fruit in many areas. Unfortunately, in the past few months, we have been struggling to meet our budget. The School Board was careful to create a budget based on a realistic number of students. As in the past, a percentage of our budget is based on donations. The problem has been that giving is down by at least 50%. As of January 15, there were outstanding bills and no foreseeable means to pay them. After much prayer, the School

Board was convinced that FCVCS should continue as a school. The teachers and staff agreed to work through this difficult time. Parents were informed of the deficit, and some of the money has since been raised. Praise God for His provision.

However, the need for diligence continues. In these difficult economic times, as retail businesses close, manufacturers are forced to lay off workers, and families worry about how to make ends meet, what can you do?

***Please pray for the staff and students of French Creek Valley Christian School.**

***If you are able, please consider investing in the ministry that is changing lives. Your monthly gift would further a ministry that is affecting the lives of over 100 students every day.**



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Philippians 4:19 (NLT)**



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Open House: Community Leaders

Businessmen and women, pastors, and
community leaders,

God is doing *AMAZING* things, and we
invite you to share in our experience.

When: Friday—February 6, 2009
9:00—10:30 A.M.

Where: French Creek Valley Christian
School, 420 North Street, Saegertown,
PA 16433

We, the faculty, staff, parents, and
student body would like to show you
our school. We are dedicated to the
mission of responsible service. We
strive to educate based firmly on
Biblical principles. Please join us for
a brief open house and informational
meeting.

Please RSVP with the names of those
attending by noon on Wednesday,
February 4.

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