

BIRCH BAY RANCH DAY JUNE 7, 2017



One of the most anticipated experiences of the year for our class is fast approaching. On June 8th our students will have the opportunity to enjoy a day at **Birch Bay Camp** where they will enjoy many different activities while being surrounded by the incredible beauty of God's remarkable creation.

For anyone who has ever had the experience of pushing yourself to a new limit, you will appreciate what is in store for our grade 8 students. Imagine the exhilaration of climbing a 70 foot tower and enjoying the ¼ mile zip line ride of your life to the bottom? What about the sense of accomplishment after ascending a 20 foot spider web climbing wall?

The cost of this event is \$15.00/person. Payment can be made on-line through Power School

This year, as in the past, our students will be transported to Birch Bay Ranch by parent drivers. These parents will also provide extra supervision during the day. As opportunity allows, supervisors can participate in the activities if there is time after the students have completed the activity. All of our activities that day will take place under the carefully trained expert supervisions of the Birch Bay Ranch Staff. Below is a schedule for the day and a list of what is required for that day.

8:30 Arrive at school
8:45 Depart School
9:00 Devotional
10:00 Group 1 – Super Wall
Group 2 – Zip Line
11:00 Group 1 – Zip Line
Group 2 – Super Wall
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Group 1 – Cable Cross
Group 2 – K3 Zip Line
2:00 Group 1 – K3 Zip Line
Group 2 – Cable Cross
3:00 Closing Devotions and Depart
4:00ish – Arrive at CCS



What will students need?

Lunch and snacks,
Sunscreen,
Proper attire for activities (t-shirt, shorts,
and proper shoes, jacket if cool)
Hat,

Bug spray,

Water bottle,

Optional items include sunglass, camera, change of clothes, gloves.

THE GR8 FLYING CIRCUS

"FOR I
know the plans
I HAVE FOR YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD,
"PLANS TO
prosper you
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
hope AND a future."
JEREMIAH 29

Health and Human Sexuality

Mrs. Brunsuma is about to start the Human Sexuality Unit – "Male and Female He Created Them". As with all subjects at Covenant Christian School, this unit will be taught from a Christian Perspective. The main through-line that we will focus on is Idolatry-Discerning and the key areas of study include: Understanding that human sexuality is a gift from God to be used responsibly and joyfully. Understanding that sexual maturity is the ability to express ourselves as men or women in a manner that serves and praises God. Appreciating the gifts of sexuality and relationships Demonstrating a deeper understanding of God's norms for sexuality Our essential questions are "What is Love?" and "Where is my Happily-ever After"

Spring = Field Trips!

May and June are the season of field trips. Your child will be taking in various different events such as Japan Day at the Devonian Gardens, our Annual Fishing Derby, Birch Bay Ranch and the various Track and Field and CTF dates already planned. .

As field trips are often great learning and social events, it doesn't take much for a day to be ruined by lack of planning. Please check to ensure that they are dressed appropriately before they leave for the field trip. I encourage you to follow up at the end of the day and ask them what their favorite part of the event was for them personally.

Student Warm Weather Dress

As the warm weather is now here, it is a good time to remind everyone about our student dress code. Our goal is not to restrict student choice, but to teach our young teens to understand modesty and appropriateness when it comes to appearance in public places. Here are some guidelines to help guide student choices:

- Skirts or shorts should be at least as long as the fingertips (mid-thigh)
- Shirts need to cover the belly and shoulders (straps at least 4 fingers wide) and not have a deep v-cut in the front or be see-through
- Undergarments (including boxers & bra straps) should not be visible.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Up Coming Events

May 4- Grade 9 Market Day

May 9 - Mexico Day

May 19 - PD Day

May 22 - Victoria Day

May 23 - Track and Field

May 30 - Book Critique (in Class)

June 7 - Birch Bay Ranch
(Please see Back of Letter)

June 15 - Japan Day Field Trip

June 16 - Gr 9 Graduation
(Grade 8 Class responsible for Graduation Reception)

June 23 -27 -EXAM WEEK

Talent Show and Field Day
TBA

Around the Classroom

Science - We have just finished the unit on how hydraulic and pneumatic systems to give work to give us mechanical advantage. We are starting our study of Fresh and Salt Water Systems.

Social Studies –We are finishing our investigation of the Spanish Aztec conflict in the early 16th century. The students have examined how the political, religious and economic realities gave the Spanish the upper hand during this conflict. Student will have the opportunity to question how conflict has shaped our world past, present and future and how do we respond to conflict as Christ followers.

Next week we will begin our final unit – Japan: From Isolation to Adaptation applying the through line of Beauty Creating to our investigation.

Language Arts – We are finishing our Novel Study, "The King's Fifth" next week and will soon begin our Short Stories Unit "Decisions." Which will see us through to the end of May.

We will have two short units in June, a poetry unit and a media unit. During this time, students will investigate why poetry is both an expression of beauty creating, and appreciate various forms of poetry and uses of language and language devices. The student will create a poetry portfolio and complete various on-line activities as they grow in their knowledge of poetry.

Bible – We will start our last unit of the year. Wise Words from Wise Guys, A Study of the book of Proverbs. We will be asking the important question, "Does the book of Proverbs address the issues of today?" To help us with this, students will grapple with the place and influence of the media, scripture and their choice of role models in their lives.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Please note that our Final Exam Week will be June 23-27. Grade 8 students will write in the morning (till 11AM) and then be allowed to leave school to prepare for the next day's exam. If a student remains at the school for the afternoon, they will be expected to attend a supervised study hall.