

THE COMENIUS SCHOOL

An Umbrella and Tutorial Arm of Franklin Classical School

*Merry
Christmas*



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POINTS OF INTEREST

- 2009 Coffee House—December 18, 2009
- Christmas Break—December 21, 2009—January 5, 2010 (*offices closed*)
- Offices Re-open—January 6, 2010
- Extended Deadline for Graduation Registration—January 6, 2010

The Comenius School

Last month, we announced that the name of our program changed from the Franklin Classical School Umbrella Program to The Comenius Homeschool. The change was made to better encapsulate who we are and what we do. We received great feedback from our parents. . . and we paid attention. After much prayer and consideration, we have updated the name to simply The Comenius School.

Head of School

We are very pleased to announce the promotion of Laura Lloyd to Head of School for The Comenius School. Laura, a homeschooling veteran and mom of 5 children, joined FCS three years ago as our Umbrella Program Facilitator. Laura's excellent service to our program and to our families has been key to the growth of The Comenius School. Please join us as we congratulate her!

FCS Grammar School

Franklin Classical School is pleased to announce that the FCS Board of Trustees has elected to pursue opening a grammar school in the Fall of 2010. Our Curriculum Commission, headed by Sherri Clark and advised by FCS department heads and other community educators, worked hard over the summer to prepare an integrated curriculum plan as well as a scope and sequence for K-8. Thank you especially to Kay Dokkestul for her contribution to this team.

2009 Coffee House

FCS Seniors will host the Annual FCS Coffee House on Friday, December 18. Performers include FCS alumni and students and the cost is \$5/person. The Coffee House will be held at Full Life Assembly of God, 813 Oak Meadow Drive, Franklin. (Across from the Post Office off Royal Oaks Boulevard). Please make plans to join us—the fun starts at 7:00 pm!

P.O.W.

The new year will mark the start of Pearls of Wisdom (P.O.W.), a joint endeavor between TCS and veteran homeschool moms. POW moms will be available to communicate with moms who are new (or not so new) to homeschooling who may have questions about curriculum, resources, tutorials, tutors, activities, etc.. Please watch your email for details!

Semester 1 Grades/Attendance

Semester 1 grades are due on January 15, 2010. A Grade and Attendance Sheet has been attached to this newsletter for your convenience (make copies as necessary). Please be sure to complete the form in its entirety. You may mail (P.O. Box 1601, Franklin, TN 37065), fax (615.595.5339), or bring the form to our office (1215 Hillsboro Road, Franklin, TN 37069).

Graduation

We are pleased to announce a Graduation Ceremony for 2010 graduates to be held on June 5, 2010. Dr. George Grant will give the Commencement Address. Please visit our website for graduation details and registration information. You may contact us at fcsup@franklinclassical.com with any questions. In keeping with the vision, mission, and distinctives of Franklin Classical School, this ceremony will be decidedly Christian. **NOTE: The graduation ceremony registration deadline has been extended until January 6, 2010.**

Community P.E.

Our Community Physical Education classes are off to a great start and there are still openings for your student. These classes are hosted at Ultimate Sports Basketball Academy in Franklin for our day school students, our homeschool students, and other homeschool students in our community. Please contact the program facilitator, Coach Seth Witherington, at switherington@franklinclassical.com.

ACT/SAT

Please visit the following website for upcoming testing dates, registration deadlines, and fees:

ACT: www.actstudent.org

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

Forms

Any transcript requests, SF-1010 forms, or other papers needing completion or signatures that are mailed to our offices during Christmas Break (December 21-January 5) will be processed once our offices re-open after the break.

Monday Workshops

You still have time to register your students for our Monday Workshops. Students may take one workshop, all of them, or any number in between. While we cannot award credit for these workshops, you may incorporate them into your course of study. Workshops will be held at FCS from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Legacy of Literature of the Great Christian Tradition (Monday, Feb. 22, 2010). Deadline to register: January 29, 2010.

Sting Rays & Sharks! (Monday, March 22, 2010). Deadline to register: February 26, 2010.

Please visit our website for workshop details and registration information. www.franklinclassical.com/tutorial.asp.

Tutorial

The Comenius School is currently providing a biblically based, classical, one-day-a-week tutorial on Mondays in partnership with Franklin Classical School. Therefore, it has been designed to mirror Franklin Classical School's Upper Division humanities block, focusing next year on American History. This Humanities block is comprised of Humanities, English, and Literature with optional Latin and Math and Science Labs. The Humanities block will be divided into Lower Division (6-8 grades) and Upper Division (9-12 grades) classes. Applications for 2010-2011 will be available in January. Please contact Laura Lloyd at fcsup@FranklinClassical.com or visit our website for more information at www.franklinclassical.com.

Activities

Nashville Public Library

December 19, 2009

Hear the music and the stories of a Little House Christmas! Make a clove apple, a bead string, a rag doll, Almanzo's jingle bells, or a mitten ornament. See what was in Mary and Laura's stockings on Christmas morning, and learn how they celebrated Christmas when Santa Claus couldn't come. Enjoy the kind of treats that meant "Christmas" to Laura and Mary, including heart-shaped tea cakes, too!

Wilson County Fair Grounds

Visit the James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon, Tennessee, for The Festival Of Lights. This is a driving tour that includes hundreds of thousands of lights, animation for the young and old, beautiful lighted scenes, and many more displays that delight the eyes and impart a holiday spirit for all to share. Don't miss this special winter display which is viewable from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening in December. Contact: Ward Ag Center 615-443-2626.

RiverView Mounds

Now through December 23

Visit RiverView Mounds in Clarksville for a Country Christmas. Families can cozy up to one of our campfires, delight in the beautifully lit scenery, visit with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, take a SL'hayride with elves as they read a story, and experience numerous other activities. Attend a Country Christmas Friday-Sunday through December 20 and Monday-Wednesday December 21-23 from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. every day except Sunday (2 p.m.-6 p.m.).