

Parents Press

A newsletter for Parents of JCS

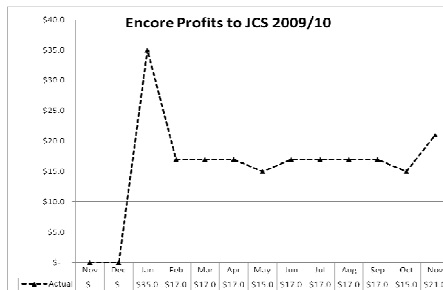
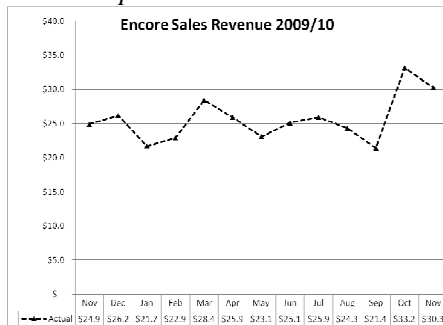
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School News and Notes

Encore Update



Partnering with Parents

Our Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI) will be held on March 15th and 16th at Spring Arbor University. SSI is an annual event scheduled for the Junior class. All Juniors are required to participate. The event provides students with an opportunity to defend a position in a mock state legislature forum.

December

- 10 MS/HS Christmas Concert
- 17 EL Christmas Open House
- 18 ½ Day School/Teacher In-service
- 21-31 Christmas Break

January

- 1-3 Christmas Break
- 4 School Resumes
- 15-21 8th Grade Quarter Exams
- 18 MLK Day No School - In-service

Perspective for All Parents

James 1: 2 says, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything” (NIV). James tells us that trials develop character and maturity, and that we should be joyful that we have trials. Easier said than done, right?

Many of you have been adversely affected by this economy. Some of you have lost jobs, seen your businesses collapse, watched your savings vaporize, and watched homes go into foreclosure. It’s difficult to be joyful when the world seems to be crashing down around us. It’s difficult to know how to be joyful when the circumstances dictate otherwise.

However, James goes on to give us hope in v5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him” (NIV). Like many of you, I sometimes get overwhelmed with what seems to be insurmountable problems. These verses remind me that God is building character in His people so we can mature spiritually and become more like Christ.

And our children are watching us. They are watching and silently observing how we parents, teachers, and staff handle these situations. Let’s think of these tough times as teachable moments for our children. Let’s show them through words and deeds how to respond Biblically to the chaos around us.

On a different note, we have another parent/family seminar scheduled for this coming February. Answers in Genesis (AiG) will be in the Jackson area on February 21st and 22nd. AiG is the same organization that operates the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. They will be visiting Grace Church on Sunday morning (2/21) at 9am and 11am, Cascades Baptist Church for their Sunday evening worship service, and then back to Grace on Monday night (2/22) for an event open to the public. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear nationally known speaker Carl Kerby discuss Biblical creation. Since the topic of Biblical creation is taught to your children, take the time to learn the same information being taught to your children in their JCS classrooms.

I’d also like to acknowledge the success of our first ever Quiz Bowl team. This year we had both a Varsity and JV team competing in the SMAA league. Our Varsity team won the league title and will move on to the state level tournament later this year. A special “thanks” goes out to Joanne Knowlton for preparing and working with our teams. Nice job Quiz Bowl team and good luck at the state competition!

Finally, we would like to wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a safe break. Thank-You for your support and prayers throughout this past year.

Jim Dolson