

# October Newsletter

\*\*\*Scholastic Book Orders due the morning of September 30<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*

## Family Campfire

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-6:30pm



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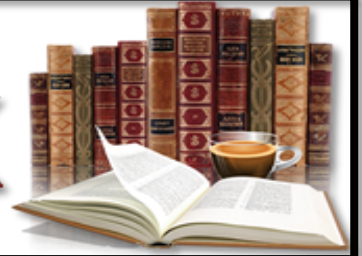
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Join us  
for Smore's,  
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Feel free to  
bring a picnic!

Join us for a family get together around the fire on our school playground! We will have Smore's, Hot Chocolate, and fun! Feel free to bring a picnic or eat dinner before you come!

# LITERACY WEEK



## October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

We will be celebrating Literacy Week the last week of October. During this week we encourage families to enjoy books by reading together and celebrate the fun that literature brings to our lives! We celebrate by dressing up to a theme each day:

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**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Crazy Sock Day**

(Wear your craziest socks)

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**October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Crazy Hair Day**

(Wear your craziest hair)

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**October 31<sup>th</sup>**

**Pajama Day**

(Wear your pajamas)

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**October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Dress as your favorite book character Day**

(Dress up as your favorite book character and bring the book with you to class)

## PraxiSchool:

If you haven't already logged into your PraxiSchool account, then please do so at this time. **If you need a new password/reset link to access your account, then please let Administration know.** Please go into your account and update/add any information to your account that may be missing or incorrect (student and family information). To do so click on the "Online Forms" tab. Next to "Select Form", click the "Select Form" drop down menu and click the "Update Information Form", then select white "Start New Form" button. This will allow you to review and update any information in all sections of your student/parent account. Please make sure your child's information and parent contact information is correct. **Don't forget to hit the "Finalize and Submit Data" in the left column of the form!**

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### School Spirit Day October 17<sup>th</sup>



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month we will have a school spirit day! Students are allowed to wear their Crestline Academy purchased "Spirit Swag" with jeans on these designated days. If you did not purchase "Spirit Swag", then students will still need to wear a uniform polo shirt with jeans.

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### School Yard Sale Fundraiser

October 19<sup>th</sup>

We will be having a school yard sale Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for a school fundraiser. All proceeds from the donations will go to our non-profit Crestline Education Foundation. If you are interested in donating any items or helping, please let the office know or bring items in October 14-18!





# Why Study Greek Mythology at a Christian School?



By: Shiloh Upson

*"The heart of Christianity is a myth which is also a fact... By becoming fact it does not cease to be myth: that is the miracle... God is more than a god, not less: Christ is more than Balder, not less. We must not be ashamed of the mythical radiance resting on our theology." - C.S. Lewis, "Myth Became Fact"*

One of the questions we receive quite often from parents is, "Why are you teaching Greek mythology at a Christian school?" On the surface, it may seem irrelevant, or perhaps merely for the shallow purpose of trying to adhere to our classical methodology. As a classical Christian school, we believe it is important to study Greek and Roman myths to give our children a better context with which they can understand the ancient world, ancient history's impact on modern culture, and our mighty God.

The Ancient Greeks believed their lives were governed by a pantheon of capricious, bellicose gods. In *The Odyssey*, Odysseus incurs the wrath of the ocean-god Poseidon and, as a result, is unable to return home for twenty years. As we learn about how the Greeks interpreted their misfortunes, one cannot help but feel compassion. Christians have the gift of foundational knowledge that we live in a fallen world, one in which "the whole creation groans" under the weight of sin (Romans 8:22), but that our Redeemer lives; the Greeks believed they were merely at the mercy of petty and inconstant Gods, unable to truly understand hardships and sin.

As we grow familiar with the Greek and Roman pantheon (and notably, that of the ancient Egyptians and Mesopotamian cultures as well), the singularity of Judaism in the ancient world becomes more clear. Although most modern major religions are monotheistic, with the exception of Hinduism, belief in one God was unique to the Jews among the ancients. In understanding classical pantheons, we can paint a clearer picture of the beauty of our God throughout history as well as the persecution that fell upon both Jews and followers of Christ.

Lastly, we teach our children about the ancients because the nature of humanity and sin has not changed, so we must arm them with the ability to understand it. Douglas Wilson explains in the foreword of *Omnibus I*, "One of the most pernicious errors that has gotten abroad in the Christian community is the error of sentimentalism- the view that evil is to be evaded... The Christian believes that evil is there to be fought, the dragon is there to be slain. The sentimentalist believes that evil is to be resented." Sin has thrived in our world since The Fall, and our world is equally as sinful today as it was the day Adam and Eve left the garden.

As we confront sin, both historical and modern, Crestline seeks to provide "godly oversight and protection" to "accompany the student through his course of work," as Douglas Wilson asserts in his foreword essay. We study ancient sin not to endorse sin itself, but to equip our children to confront sinfulness in the modern world. Our educators aspire to constantly point the souls in our care toward Christ; we believe that providing a Christian understanding of false myths and false gods only shines a light more brilliantly on the story of the one true God.



# Reminders:

## NO SCHOOL:

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Teacher Work Day**

## Money/Payments:

Tuition is due the 1st of each month. Late fees will be applied after the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. All school payments can be made by cash, check, or our online vender of Venmo or Cash App. Any money or payments need to go into the locked payment box in the hallway by HUB room (227) door. If you have any questions, please e-mail the office at [crestline.office@gmail.com](mailto:crestline.office@gmail.com).

## Chapel

**9:30-10am**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**If your child does not attend school on Tuesday, please feel free to join us for Chapel on these days!**



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