

Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr. Postma:

• Well, we had a wonderful Field Day. The day began with quite cool weather but it did warm up and in fact we were able to enjoy a beautiful day. We are very grateful for the work of our volunteers and staff in making Field Day a success. We congratulate the grade 8 captains for their work in keeping their teams “on task” and for providing that extra encouragement. We thank Mrs. Vander Wier for her work in tracking all the scores and providing us with a final score list in time for the closing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Noelle who incurred a serious hip injury while running. We hope she will be able to return to school soon.



The top three teams are: 1st place - Team 1, The Destroyers, captained by Connor B., Meaghan F., Ify M.; 2nd place - Team 10, Deadly Dragons, captained by Anna H., Aidan P. 3rd place - Team 2, Lightning Bolts, captained by Justin K., YeEun L., Nadine S. Congratulations to all of you!

• At the recent Spring Membership Meeting, the proposed budget was passed, and the following BOD nominees were accepted as our new board members: Rob Ouwehand, Hennie Schoon and Susan van der Heiden. We pray that God will grant them (and continuing BOD members) wisdom as they seek to fulfil their responsibilities. We express our thanks and appreciation to the departing BOD members: John DeVries and Sandra Rauwerda. The Spring Membership meeting also included a presentation by Amanda Breimer on project based learning. She shared some background information about PBL and then showed us the steps her students took to complete projects about energy conservation at CCS. We congratulated Krista Taekema on her 10 years of service and expressed appreciation and best wishes to Linda Sennema-Robinson concerning her retirement from teaching at CCS. With her departure, we have begun looking for a gr. 2 teacher who will be in a job share with Mrs. Taekema beginning September. Interested applicants should submit their resumes to tpostma@ccshamilton.ca along with a brief autobiography, which should include a statement of faith, by June 5.

• Mr. Nate Oudyk, who has been filling in for Mrs. Greidanus in grade 7B on a part time basis, will be leaving us today to assume a full time position with the YMCA. We thank him for his capable services and wish him the best. Beginning in September, he will be taking a teaching position with John Knox Christian School in Oakville. May the Lord bless him there as well. Mrs. Mantel will resume full time teaching responsibilities in grade 7B for the rest of this school year.

THANK YOU!

• On Tuesday, May 26, our concert band will be going on a day tour. The students will leave the school at 10:30 and return for 3:15. They are headed to Gore Park, Hamilton, and then Parkview Meadows, Townsend. We wish them well.

• Coming up next Saturday, May 30, is the CCS walkathon-bikeathon. Your child(ren) should have received sponsor sheets. You can support a student or participate yourself. Pledge forms are on the website and available in the office. Receipts are issued for donations of \$20 and over. The walk/bikeathon is another great community event where we can volunteer a small portion of our time to help raise funds for CCS.

• Our Golf Tournament Committee has also been very busy preparing for the upcoming golf tournament (June 6). Here too, it is very, very important that you consider signing up or helping out through donations or sponsorships. The golf tournament raises revenue for the benefit of our special education department and special needs. This revenue also helps to keep tuition in line. Your participation is appreciated.

UPCOMING at CCS

JKB/SKB Field Day	Tuesday, May 26
JKA/SKA Field Day	Wednesday, May 27
TRIP Summer Orders Due	Wednesday, May 27
CCS 2015/2016 Tuition Forms Due	Friday, May 29
Pita Pit Fundraiser	Friday, May 29
CCS Walkathon!	Saturday, May 30
Marineland Trip	Tuesday, June 2
New Student Orientation	Tuesday, June 2
Master Field Day	Friday, June 5
(Regular school day for JK through Grade 3 only)	
FOOD TRUCK NIGHT!	Monday, June 8
Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony	Tuesday, June 16
Last day of school (½ day)	Friday, June 19

• Please find attached, a registration form for the CCS Robotics Program. You can also find this form on our website (#771) under secure forms. Given the program's success and favourable comments, we are eager to resume this program in September. We would love to get a good response. The details are on the registration form. If you have questions about the registration and fees, please contact me. If you have questions about the program and the kits, please contact Mr. Wensink.



Kindergarten: The weather was sunny for our trips to the Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory, and butterflies love the sun! They were flying everywhere and some even landed on us. Thanks to Mr. Vreugdenhil, Mrs.

Salmon, Mrs. Boekee, Mrs. Mercer, Mr. DeJong, and Mrs. Van Bentham for joining us. We are excited for our Field Days next week Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Come on out and cheer us on! (If you would still like to volunteer, even for a few hours, please let me know.)

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Grades 3A and 3B enjoyed a fun-filled soccer clinic on Tuesday morning at HDCH. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Heidbuurt and his grade 11 students for organizing a large variety of drills and games to help improve our soccer skills.

Grade 6A: This week we had the privilege of having Mr. Kim come to our class and talk to us about how to control and drive a plane. Mr. Kim is a commercial pilot and was able to speak to the students first hand of his experience flying! We also had the pleasure of having three grade 9 HDCH students come and present on E-Waste. It was a great presentation, which really opened our eyes to a new type of waste. They shared with us that HDCH is having an E-Waste day on May 30th where they will safely dispose of any electronics.

Master Field Day Help: CCS hosts Master Field Day and the event is set for Friday, June 5. We have a couple of volunteers who help sell pizza and snacks to the students who participate in the events. However, they could use some more help. If you are able to help with either of these events please contact the office or Mr. Boonstra (aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca).



Tuition and Fees Form:

It is that time of the year again! You should have received your forms home last week, if not please contact the office for additional forms. They are due back in a week, May 29th! If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Vander Wier.

Senior Boys' Baseball: Our next after school practice is slated for Wednesday from 3:30-4:30, weather permitting. Our tournament is slated for Monday, June 8th at Henning Park in Caledonia. I will send along more information as soon as it becomes available. The boys need to make their own arrangements to get to the park. TB



Senior Girls' Baseball: We have another practice next Tuesday from 3:30 - 5:00. Only two weeks until the tournament!

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Note from the Chairman of the Board:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I just wanted to send out a special thank you note for a few recent events. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organizing and giving us the Sunrise Fest. The Fundraising Committee is a small committee with a number of hardworking individuals. Thank you to all who came out to the Spring Membership meeting. The meeting was well attended and the information that was given was very positive. Thank you for the involvement of the staff and volunteers how

helped out with Field Day. It may have been cool but the hearts of the children were warm and it didn't rain! A special thank you to those who helped out with the move of the Re-Source Thrift shop. The move and new set up went very well. The store looks great and in the first few days of being open without a sign or advertising, business is going well. Thank you to the Board of the Thrift shop for their dedicated work in making this happen and trusting in God's leading. Please take note that this is a considerably larger store so please keep the quality donations coming in as well. There are many committees that are always working behind the scenes, so a continued thank you to you as well.

Most of all we thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us individually and Calvin Christian School. God has blessed us with many gifts and talents through our many volunteers. God Bless you as we continue in this final stretch of this year's school journey.

Do you have items from the CCS kitchen that you have taken home to clean and not yet returned? We are looking for dish towels and dish cloths and table cloths. Please return all kitchen items to the school. Thanks for your help!

Changes for the CCS Directory:

Kerssies Family: 4570 Hwy #6, Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Home phone: 905-768-8370

Schoon Family: 71 Horizon Court, Hamilton, ON L9B 1X1

Mrs. Sarah Bouma email: sarahlbouma@gmail.com

Calvin Christian School Golf Tournament

80% sold out! CCS presents the 21st annual For All God's Children golf tournament planned for Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Willow Valley Golf Course in Hamilton.

Proceeds provide much needed assistance for the Special Education Department at CCS. For sponsorship, donation, and golfing opportunities, visit the CCS home page at www.ccsHamilton.ca/golf.



Prayer for the Week

Hebrews 12:1-2b

Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and the perfecter of faith.

Dear God,

As we reflect back on this week, we praise you for the gifts of our bodies. We had fun in your creation, on a beautiful day: racing, jumping, climbing and playing games. You have made us with different muscles and bones that allow us to do many unique things. You have gifted us in many different ways. Thank you Jesus.

We pray Lord, that just as you kept us as we ran races and completed physical tasks, you may keep us in your tender care in everything. When our life is easy and we experience success, keep us close to you. When our life is difficult and filled with loss, help us to rely on you for our strength. Thank you for your presence.

Amen.

re-Source Thrift Shop has moved!

re-Source Thrift Shop has been blessed by numerous helping hands to make our move to Upper Gage successful. Thank You to each one of you who helped out. Please share our excitement by visiting our new location at 1050 Upper Gage (at the linc) donations are needed to keep our shop full. Open Mon-Fri 10:00-5:00 Sat 10:00-3:00

From the Fundraising Committee!

Pita Pit order forms went home with your child today. This special lunch fundraiser will be on Friday, May 29. Please have these forms back with payment by Tuesday, May 26. The cost is \$5 per pita. 8 healthy choices are available. Take a break from making lunches and support CCS!!

WALK - A - THON: The Walk-a-thon is almost here! Whether you are walking or biking come on out next Saturday to the Rail Trail. You still have one more week to raise money! For eve

ry \$100 raised the student will get a \$10 gift card! What a great opportunity for your family to get some exercise, enjoy time together and raise money for a great cause! Please refer to the Walk-a-thon Form that was sent home for further details.

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT: The FOOD TRUCKS are coming the Calvin! The Fundraising Committee is putting together another great family event. Mark your calendars and come on out to CCS on Monday June 8th from 4:00 - 8:00 pm with the family to enjoy some yummy food. We have the following food trucks coming: The Luchador, The Salted Pig, Georgia Hots, The Meatball Shoppe and Kool Jims Ice Cream! Spread the news!

