

Calvin Christian School Courier

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We hope that you and your loved ones are in good health and enjoying the summer vacation. Another school year is approaching, and this is your first CCS Courier of the 2016/2017 school year. (We plan, the Lord willing, to keep you informed by sending many more Couriers in the weeks ahead but mainly by e-blasts.)

During this school year, we hope to focus on a new theme: "Go-For the Glory of the Lord!" (from Matt. 4:19). Our plan is to explore and engage spiritual topics that relate to this theme. Each month, we will hear and explore the call to follow Christ, to accept His call, and to prepare to go. Then, we go into the world to serve for the glory of the Lord!

Tuesday, September 6, is the first day of school and we will begin with an assembly at 9:15 a.m. We welcome all our students and especially our new students and their families. We plan to have staff members available to escort young and new students to their classrooms when they arrive. Jubilee and SK children have already received separate instructions regarding their first day and week at CCS.

Enclosed with this Courier you should find the **class list(s), CCS calendar, September calendar, co-curricular and media consent form, student information verification form, TRIP forms, special lunch & milk forms, and a form dealing with additional fees.** I ask that you pay close attention to the handy return envelope. Additional forms will be on the website under secure forms.

Staff members continue to prepare for the new school year. We have a few staffing changes as follows: We welcome back Mrs. Taekema from maternity leave. We are also pleased to welcome Ms. Aleida van der Woerd who will replace Ms. Lenters at the gr.7 level. Other changes include assigning Mrs. VanderWindt, to gr. 2B job share, Mrs. VanVoorst to full time gr.3. Mrs. Dekker and Mrs. Breimer are on maternity leave. There have been some changes regarding bus drivers. As soon as things are finalized, we will update you concerning our bus driver staffing.

Before School Care Program: Our intent with this program is to make things a little easier for working parents. The Before School Care Program will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 9. It involves supervised care from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Parents can register their children on a *regular or occasional or as needed* basis by completing a form available on our website ... go to secure forms and see #730.2. Any child arriving before 8:25 a.m. should be registered into this program. There is no teacher supervision prior to 8:25 a.m. and so your cooperation by enrolling your child(ren) into BSC is necessary. The registration form indicates a reduced fee for enrolment after 8 a.m.

After School Care Program: We will resume this program on the first day of school. You are reminded that students must be picked up by **3:45 p.m.** otherwise they should be enrolled in the After School Care Program. We have made it a bit more cost effective for larger families. A registration form is available on our website ... go to secure forms and see #730.1. You must register annually if you require this program. An ASC session is any time from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.



Please note supplies needed for September:

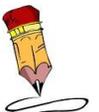
All students are reminded to have **indoor shoes** for inside the school. White soles or scuff-less soles are preferred to keep the gym floor clear.

Kindergarten: Please label all belongings.

Grades 1-3: Pencils, erasers, rulers and wax crayons will be supplied by the school. Students should provide good quality, sharpened pencil crayons. Please label each pencil crayon with your child's name. That would be very helpful. Grade 3 students are asked to bring one large glue stick. Markers are not necessary.

Grades 4-6: Blue pens for notes (CCS will supply the first set of blue pens only), a red pen, pencil crayons, markers and glue sticks are needed. Grade 4 & 5 students will need a protractor only, and not a full geometry set. Grades 4 - 6 students are asked to bring their Bibles back to school if they brought them home for the summer as well as their recorders. A recorder (required for music classes) may be purchased for \$6.00 (please see the Fee Form in your package). Grade 6 students are required to have a geometry set and a calculator. Students are asked NOT to bring in their own binders from home. Students will need appropriate indoor shoes for P.E. as well as CCS gym uniforms.

Grades 7-8: Large pencil case, pencil crayons, mechanical pencils, mathematical instrument set, calculator, red pens, (school will supply first set of blue pens and rulers only), 1 small binder and 3 ringed paper. The grade 7 & 8 schedule for the students will again be on a partial semester system. More information will follow in a special newsletter.



1. The School Directory will be forwarded as soon as it is ready (probably mid September). The Parent Handbook will be updated on the website and a hard copy will **ONLY** be made available for new families and by special request. CCS respects the right to privacy and is committed to upholding the confidentiality and security

of personal information. Personal information (such as name, address, gender, religious affiliation, ethnic origin) will only be disclosed for school related purposes (such as the school directory). Other disclosures will be subject to your consent. Be sure the office has all up-to-date information.

2. Parents who have special or **legal custody/access** arrangements with their (former) spouses must update or complete the necessary form (#562.7).
3. If you wish to provide your child's teacher with important information about your child at the outset, please complete our **Parent to Teacher Information Form** (#533.1). It is on our website under secure forms. Please forward the completed form directly to your child's teacher. You can also contact the teacher directly via the teacher's school email address.
4. Our peanut free zone policy remains in effect. **This means students may not bring any peanut/nut products to school.** More details regarding our policy are given in the Parent Handbook.
 - ☛ Parents of students with health concerns needing Epipens or other special considerations must provide us with updated information and an Epipen by September 9.
 - ☛ Parents of students requiring prescription medication administration at school must obtain an authorization form from the school's office. This includes the occasional use of asthma inhalers.
 - ☛ Please check your child for head lice before the first day of school.
5. The current **dress code** is attached and is also available on our website under secure forms (#551) We earnestly ask for your cooperation in respecting the code.
6. There is still room in the **Robotics Program**. If you wish to register your child, please find the registration form on-line under secure forms (#771).
7. You are reminded that CCS has guidelines for the use of **personal electronic devices** (iPods, cell phones, laptops, etc.). Essentially a student may use the device with teacher permission otherwise the device must stay in the student's backpack. To access the complete set of guidelines, please go to secure forms (#552.2).
8. We have given very careful consideration to **class placement** for your child(ren). We took into account specific requests, friendships, rapport, academic abilities and so forth. We appreciate your cooperation in accepting the class lists as they are. You were given opportunity to make your requests in May and June. Asking us to make changes at this point often creates a difficult domino effect involving more students.

All teachers are available via email at first initial, last name @ccshamilton.ca (eg. tpostma@ccshamilton.ca)

Grade	Room	Teacher
Jubilee School (JK)	1	Mrs. J. Hagen
Optional JK	1	Mrs. J. Hagen (Fridays only)
KA/B	2	Mrs. W. Wiebenga
Optional SK French	3	Mme J. VanEek (Mes Amis Français) Fridays only
Optional JK/SK	3	Mrs. L. Ouwehand Tuesdays & Thursdays only
1A	4	Ms. W. Wierenga
1B	6	Mrs. D. Heeg
2A	9	Mrs. K. Taekema / Mrs. J. VanderWindt
2B	5	Ms. Buys
3A	13	Mrs. R. VanVoorst
3B	11	Mrs. G. Goodwin / Mrs. M. Eising
4A	29	Ms. J. DeJong
4B	31	Mr. T. Boer
5A	22	Mr. P. Veldhuis
5B	21	Mrs. R. Winkel
6A	24	Ms. R. Deweerd
6B	23	Mr. J. Hosmar
7A	32	Mr. N. Wensink
7B	30	Mrs. C. Mantel / Ms. A. van der Woerd
8A	26	Mr. A. Boonstra
8B	25	Mrs. S. Wikkerink
Special Education	15	Ms. A. Benjamins, Mrs. J. Bosveld Mrs. D. VanEgmond (Coordinator)
Principal Vice Principals		Mr. T. Postma Mr. A. Boonstra, Mr. J. Hosmar
Librarian		Ms. A. Benjamins
Band Director		Mrs. M. Heeg
Paraeducators		Mrs. L. Belanger, Mrs. T. Bouwers, Mrs. T. Brouwer, Mrs. R. Cook, Mrs. A. McKnight, Mrs. M. Star Mrs. S. VanderMeulen, Ms. K. Vos Mrs. K. Zantingh,
Office Manager Office Assistant		Mrs. M. Gallea Mrs. L. Reitsma
Finance Manager Database Manager		Mrs. M. Vander Wier Mrs. N. Rumph
Custodians		Mr. J. Van Arragon / Mr. Flowersmith
Bus Drivers		Mrs. H. Beldman,, Mr. B. Kurvits, Mrs. T. Nichols ...to be finalized....
Before / After School Care		Ms. A. Hood-Almas

Piano Teachers: Private piano lessons will continue with Mrs. Deb Wiebenga and Mrs. Marsha Heeg. Mrs. Helen Donker continues as our private violin teacher. They can be contacted as follows: helendonker@hotmail.com
marshaheeg@bell.net debwiebenga@gmail.com

The Transportation Committee: For our families who have requested bus transportation, a copy of the route information should have been emailed to you at the end of July. The posted times are approximate so children should be at their stops at least 5 minutes earlier. We ask for your patience as the routes are fine tuned during the first few weeks of school. If you have any questions regarding busing, or did not receive a copy of the bus route, please do not hesitate to call / email your route supervisor or Mr. Hosmar (jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca). Let's once again pray for safety on the roads as our children travel daily to and from school.



Bus Patrollers: All students in grade 6 - 8 who ride the school buses daily, and are interested in being a Bus Patroller, you are invited to check out the school website for information and or to sign up. JH

Weekly Prayers: Each week in the CCS Courier we would like to share a prayer. We encourage parents and students alike to read carefully through the Courier to pick up on the comments for class trips, sports events, board and committee meetings, etc. and add these to your daily devotions. Any specific concerns, joys and request can be forwarded to the school office at info@ccshamilton.ca

More information to come soon regarding our prayer group who weekly cover our school in prayer.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Lord God, as we enter into the 2016/2017 school year, there are a lot of new things to look forward to, but also to perhaps be a bit anxious about: new teachers, new classrooms, new classmates, new desks, new pencils and pens, perhaps even a new school for some of us! The start of a school year is always full of emotions. How will this year go? Help us to trust in you.

We pray for Mr. Postma who will need to undergo surgery once again on Aug. 22. We know you are there to provide for him and his family and for us all.

You will guide us through the anxieties, you will enrich us through the exciting new experiences. And why would you bother to be with us in all this? Because we are yours! We are a new creation in you. The old is gone, the new has come! Help us also to remember this as some of us may carry over old worries from previous experiences. Help us to rejoice that in you we are new, and you will give us all that we need as we continue to learn and grow. Bless the teachers and staff as they prepare. Bless the families as they enjoy the last of their holidays. Continue to grant safety and protection. And be our guide into this new school year! In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen.

TRIP! (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

If you are looking for an easy and painless way to reduce your tuition, make **TRIP** participation a part of your weekly/monthly routine. To make it as easy as possible, we offer instant order pick up at the office, monthly order with pre-authorized debit option, and of course regular orders with your child as the courier. Payment options include cash, cheque or our office **DEBIT MACHINE**

We all buy groceries, and we all buy gas - why not take dollars off your tuition with every - grocery cart or gas tank - fill up! Make it part of your routine and you will be amazed at how quickly it adds up. Ask family and friends to participate.

In this school mailing a 2016/2017 registration form as well as an order form.

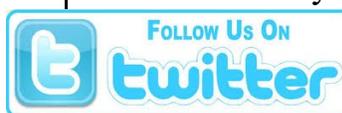
Please contact Nancy Rumph, TRIP Co-ordinator at the school office, or at nrumph@ccshamilton.ca if you have any questions.

Once again, GYM CLOTHES will be available on the evening of the Back to School BBQ in the Library for trying on and to take home with you!! Students in grades 4 through 8 will require the full CCS uniform (both shirts and shorts) for participation in PE.



We will again be offering for sale a handy back pack for the low price of \$5.00. Orders can be placed through the additional fee form included with this summer mailing. All proceeds from the sale of this item will go to the student fund.

We invite the CCS community to follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter and to consider making the CCS website your homepage!



Remember!

The following sheets from your summer mailing should be returned the first week of school. We have provided a handy return envelope to help keep you organized!:

PINK: Media Consent/Co-Curricular Consent - *reverse side* - Student Information Verification Form (**PLEASE SIGN BOTH SIDES!**)

TAN: Additional Fee Form **GRAY:** TRIP order and **SALMON:** 2016/2017 registration form (must be filled out for each new school year)

Additional Forms as Required (available on our website): Request for Medication Administration, Before and After School Care Program Registration, Parent to Teacher, Custody Arrangements, Robotics Registration, Mes Amis Français Registration. Special Lunch Form

UPCOMING AT CCS

Opening Assembly	Tues. Sept. 6	9:15 a.m.
BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ	Fri. Sept. 16	5:45 p.m.
Individual / Class Pictures	September 28 and 29	
SAVE THE DATE!		
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 12, 2016	

Student drop-off and pick up reminders:

✓ **Passenger vehicles are prohibited from entering the bus loop (including the school parking lot) between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. on school days.** You may enter the school parking lot only if you plan to stay past 9:00 a.m. We ask that you please respect this rule. School buses must have right of way and are severely hindered when passenger vehicles are trying to exit the entrance area of the bus loop or are blocking the bus parking zones in the bus loop. Buses are also in the loop between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and we ask that passenger vehicles stay out at that time as well.



✓ **Please do not use the Hungarian Church parking lot at any time** for either pick up or drop off purposes. We have been reminded to respect private property.

✓ There will be a staff member assigned to escort Jubilee and SK children to the school from the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church's parking lot at 8:45 a.m. This way mothers do not have to remove younger children from the vehicle in order to escort the older ones to the school.

✓ All parents who pick up their children from school are asked to pick them up at the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church's parking lot before 3:40 p.m. Students in grades JK-3 will be led by a teacher to the church parking lot. The parking duty teacher will remain at the church lot until all children are picked up. There will be a bell rung at 3:35 p.m. All remaining children will then need to come to the parking duty teacher and tell them if their parents are here. If not, they will be brought back to school and asked to wait in the front foyer for their parents or assigned to the Afterschool Care Program if their parents are very late.

We're Going Back To School



✓ Parents with children in grades JK-3 are asked to exit their cars and pick up their children at the north gate (the gate leading from the soccer field). Grades 4-8 students will proceed on their own but with caution. Parents are asked to park their vehicles in the designated parking places at the church, but park in such a way to avoid having to back out after the children arrive.

✓ For your information, the soccer field gate is locked from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.

✓ If your child is going to be absent, it is important to notify the school. Please call or email the school or have a sibling notify the teacher or the school office by 9:00 a.m. Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds during school hours unless accompanied by a parent or designate. **Students must report to the office to sign in if they are late.** If they are repeatedly late, the parents will be advised and asked to make adjustments

- 8:50 Entrance bell
- 8:55 Classes begin
- 10:30 Recess bell
- 10:55 Entrance bell
- 11:00 Classes resume
- 12:30 Lunch bell
- 12:45 Recess bell
- 1:15 Entrance bell
- 1:20 Classes resume
- 3:20 Closing bell
- 3:25 Dismissal bell

CCS CALENDAR 2016/2017			
	Mon.-Thurs.	August – Sept.	29-1
	Tuesday	September	6
	Friday	September	16
	Wed./Thurs.	September	28&29
H	Mon.	October	10
P	Thurs./Fri.	October	27&28
	Friday	November	11
	Friday	November	11
	Saturday	November	12
	Tues./Thurs.	November	15&17
P	Friday	November	18
	Friday	December	23
H	Mon. - Fri.	Dec. / Jan	26-6
	Monday	January	9
P	Friday	January	27
	Friday	February	3
P	Friday	February	17
H	Monday	February	20
	Thursday	March	9
H	Fri. - Fri.	March	10-17
	Thursday	April	13
H	Friday	April	14
	Sunday	April	16
H	Monday	April	17
	Tues./Thurs.	April	18&20
	Tuesday, May 2:	Open House Day	
P	Friday	May	5
	Saturday	May	13
H	Monday	May	22
	Wednesday	May	24
	Thursday	May	25
	Saturday	June	3
	Sunday	June	4
	Tuesday	June	20
	Friday	June	23
	Friday	June	23
	Mon. - Wed.	June	26-28
	Faculty Preparation Days		
	First Day of School Term		
	Back to School BBQ		
	Class/Individual photos		
	Thanksgiving Day		
	P. A. Days - Edifice Convention		
	Remembrance Day		
	Progress (Interim) Reports Issued		
	Bazaar		
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evenings only)		
	Parent-Teacher Conference (a.m. only)		
	Last day of classes (½ day)		
	Christmas Holidays		
	School resumes		
	P.A. Day 1 st - evaluation		
	1 st Semester Report Cards issued		
	P. A. Day - Niagara District Conference		
	Family Day		
	Last day of classes		
	Spring Break		
	Progress (interim) Reports issued		
	Good Friday		
	Easter		
	Easter Monday		
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evenings only)		
	Tuesday, May 3: GrandParent/GrandFriend Day		
	P.A. Day – curriculum		
	Sunrise Fest		
	Victoria Day		
	CCS Field Day (rain dates: May 25&26)		
	Ascension Day		
	CCS Golf Tournament		
	Pentecost		
	Graduation Ceremonies		
	2 nd Semester Report Cards issued		
	Last day of School (1/2 day)		
	Faculty Year-end Days		
H	Designated Holiday		school closed
P	Professional Activity Day		school closed

Finance Office: Welcome to another school year! Just a reminder that the school year's Automatic Bank Payments will begin on September 15, 2016. Another reminder that the finance office is closed on Fridays. Finance office hours are Mondays - Thursdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Any questions or concerns you can contact Mrs. Vander Wier, Finance Manager, mrvanderwier@ccshamilton.ca.