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FROM THE DESK OF MR POSTMA

• We thank the grades 3B and 8B students and their teachers for hosting a wonderful Thanksgiving Day assembly today. The theme of following Jesus joyfully and thankfully is fitting for Thanksgiving. Students brought in a wide array of food items for Neighbour to Neighbour as part of their expression of thankfulness for the blessings bestowed on them. The amount of food was awesome. God has truly blessed us, even to the extent that we are in a position to give to others. Praise be His name. May He bless those in need. It is because of His giving that we have thanksgiving.

• Orientation Day for our new families has been scheduled for:
✓ Wednesday, October 12, beginning at 2:15 p.m. for all new Korean families; there will be a dessert for all Korean parents beginning at 2:45 p.m. Letters have been sent home.
✓ Thursday, October 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., for all our new families except our Korean families. Letters have been sent home to the families involved. The evening will be an opportunity to discuss CCS. We will spend some time going through the Parent Handbook.

• We congratulate the grade 6 students and their teachers for being part of a wonderful tradition involving soccer games with grade 6 students from various Christian schools. What happens is that the students get together and soccer teams are selected. The event is held in honour of Mike's Miracles – named after a St. Catharines Christian School boy who died from cancer. His parents raise funds to buy gifts for children at McMaster Children's Hospital.

• Ms. Amy, our Before and After School Care coordinator and supervisor, has sent a letter home to all current registrants about a few particulars. One of them is a question about an earlier start in the morning. Some parents need to drop off their children by 7:15 am. (Before School Care normally starts at 7:30.) There may be others who would be interested in this on a regular, occasional or as needed basis. Those who received the letter are asked to return the form by Friday, October 14. If there is interest on the part of any other parent, we ask that you call Ms. Amy at 905-536-7665 for more information.

• Last week, we "kicked-off" our CityKidz walk-a-thon plans. The students received a letter and a pledge sheet. Please take a moment to review the particulars. Thanksgiving weekend is a great weekend to connect with family, friends and neighbours, to encourage them to help raise funds for a very important cause – providing for the needs of children here in the city of Hamilton. Many of these children come from low income and impoverished homes. Thank you for your efforts to help them.



Upcoming at CCS

Thanksgiving (no school)	Monday, October 10
EDCOM	Tuesday, October 11
Korean Family Dessert Social	Wednesday, October 12
Brantford Cross Country Meet	Thursday, October 13
Transportation Committee	Monday, October 17
CCS Spelling Bee	Wednesday, October 19
Christian Schools Cross Country	Friday, October 21
City Kidz Walkathon	Monday, October 24
Grade 7 Immunizations	Wednesday, October 26
Edifide Educators Convention	
(no school) Thursday and Friday October 27 and 28	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 12



Kindergarten: After estimating how many items of food we had collected for Neighbour to Neighbour, KB was asked the question: 'If you worked at Neighbour to Neighbour, how would you sort all this food on the shelves?' The children came up with interesting ideas and sorted all the food we had collected. The two kindergarten classes collected 104 items for N2N. Thank you for your generosity! One more parent volunteer for our trip to Dyment's Pumpkin Patch on Tuesday would be wonderful - please email me if you are able to join us.

Have a blessed long weekend celebrating God's goodness to us!

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Grade 2: Yesterday all of grade 2 enjoyed a visit from one of our community helpers - a police officer! Officer Postuma helped all the students to recognize that police officers are in our community to help us and keep us safe. They enjoy helping people and caring for our community. We gave thanks for these wonderful community workers and prayed for their work here in Hamilton. The students were also excited to get an up close look at her cruiser. They were even allowed to go inside. Thank you Officer Postuma for your excellent visit.

Next week Thursday October 13, we will go on a class trip to Dyment's Farm to learn more about the earth and soil. We need at least 1 more volunteer, but have room for 2 more. Let Mrs. VanderWindt know if you can join us.

Grade 3: The grade 3 students enjoyed a wonderful day at Christie Lake Conservation Area enjoying the grand garden gifts that trees daily provide for us. We really enjoyed a hike, which went a little longer than anticipated, (we took a wrong turn somewhere :), but found the dam eventually. We sure saw some neat things along the way: purple fungi, baby snakes, yellow ants, lots of milk weed, and the sign of fall through the different colours popping up here and there. In the afternoon we enjoyed a number of fun Tree-Olympic games, some of our favourites being the 'Sugar Shuffle', "Photosynthesis Tag" and seeing how much water a tree drinks every day. We are thankful to God for providing us with beautiful weather, a safe ride to and from the park, by our bus driver Mr. Kikkert, and for the parent chaperones who were able to join us: Mrs. Pooni, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. Haanstra, Mrs. DeBoer, Mrs. DeJong, and Mrs. Ghesquiere. Thank you for joining us on our first field trip in Gr. 3!

Grade 4: We had a fantastic day at Niagara Falls yesterday! The weather was wonderful and we really got to appreciate the beauty and splendor of God's creation. We also had lots of fun asking people about which country they came from- answers ranged from Nepal, Israel, Sri Lanka, Ghana, China etc. to our own country of Canada. A big thanks to Mrs. Haanstra, Ms. Reed, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Van de Ban, Mrs. DeBoer, Mr. Lerch, Mrs. Van Barneveld and Mrs. Wagter for leading groups at Queenston Heights and at the Falls. Enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend!

JD/TB

Grade 5A: Greetings from Grade 5A! Today we had the privilege of visiting the SPCA and learning about the work that this organization does within our community. We enjoyed seeing all the different animals as well as taking a tour of this facility. We would like to thank Mr. Machiela, Mrs. Paul, and Mr. Versteeg, for accompanying us on this trip and for Mrs. Beldman who drove the bus for us. Have a wonderful weekend of giving thanks! PV



Grade 6 Community Project: Over the last couple of weeks, the grade 6 classes have had the opportunity to reach beyond our school walls and assist in harvesting vegetables from the Ancaster Community Garden located on Book Road. Not quite sure what to expect, we pulled up our sleeves, dug in our heels, and got to work. It was amazing at how fast, and how well, the harvesting was completed. All told, the grade 6 classes were able to harvest over 1000 lbs of food that was brought to Neighbour2Neighbour! Thanks, Lord, for the bounty and our healthy bodies, capable of doing this work!

Mike's Miracles Soccer Tournament (Grade 6):

The Lord blessed us once again with a beautiful sunny day for our annual Mike's Miracles Niagara



District Soccer Tournament held at Beacon Christian School. Students were divided up into teams, played 4 games of soccer, and had a great time with other grade 6 students from the Niagara District. After a long, hot day, we made our way to the bus, but we did leave some articles at Beacon. If you notice that your son or daughter is missing something from that day, please let Ms. Deweerd or Mr. Hosmar know asap.

Junior French: Students have learned MANY new words thus far! For those with access to the AIM web portal, we have learned all the words and actions from Sections A-E. These words will be regularly reviewed, but please review pronunciation and meaning up to Section E. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. If you/your child would like ACCESS to the AIM WEB PORTAL please send me an email and I will set up your account. jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca.

Senior Choir: The Senior Choir had its first practice this week! Senior Choir is made up of over 50 students from gr. 7-8. Many of the students are former Senior Choir or Junior Choir members. This year, a number of additional grade 7-8 students joined the choir. They participated in an audition for proper vocal placement in the choir (Soprano, Alto, etc.) Continuity in the choir is based on good attendance and cooperation during practices. There is a high level of expectation for good performance and commitment once students are in the choir. The students will meet twice a week during recesses, for either a full practice or a sectional practice. We are looking forward

to a great year
together, developing
our talents and sharing
our music in the
community. DVE



Junior Choir (grades 5 and 6) - We had a great start today with MANY students eager to sing! We will be meeting each Thursday at lunch recess, and participating in assemblies and other various small engagements during school hours. If your child was not able to attend today, but would still like to join, please direct him/her talk to me. I look forward to praising God in song with your children!

JVE

Spelling Bee: This past week the In-Class Spelling Bee took place in the grades 3-8 classes. We want to thank all students who participated in this competition. The top four spellers of each grade have come home with a note explaining the next phase of competition, rules and procedures for this bee, as well as a list of 100 words to study in preparation for the CCS Spelling Bee on Wed. October 19th. Remember to begin studying these words over the Thanksgiving weekend.
Mrs. Bosveld & Mr. Veldhuis



Blazer Sports

Boys' Senior Volleyball: Volleyball try-outs began Tuesday with a good sized group. We had the second one today after school, and our last try-out will be on Tuesday, October 11. The team list will be posted on Wednesday morning and schedules will be given out at a short meeting during the 10:30 recess that day. The season promises to be a lot of fun with skill focused practices and three tournaments to enjoy using what we have learned. We are looking forward to a great season with the boys! ~ Coaches Bosveld

Cross Country Meet: Volunteers Needed!

We are once again hosting the Christian Schools Invitational Cross Country Meet, and we are looking for volunteers to help out on Friday, October 21. The meet will be held from around 10AM-1PM at the Dundas Conservation Area. If grandparents or other family members are interested in volunteering, we would love to have them connect with us as well. Please email Mrs. Winkel (rwinkel@ccshamilton.ca), Mr. Wensink (nwensink@ccshamilton.ca), or Mr. Hosmar (jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca) if you are able to help out.

RW



Volunteers Needed for CityKidz Walkathon:

Please let Ms. DeJong know if you can help supervise one of the routes for the upcoming Citykidz Walk-a-thon. Our date is Monday, Oct. 24th - with the 26th being the raindate. We need 2-3 volunteers for each of the shifts. The shifts are 9-10:30 on Route A, 11:00-12:00 for route A, 11:30-12:30 for route B, and 1:15-2:30 for Route B. Thanks for considering how you can help out.

TRANSPORTATION: Bus parents, you are respectfully reminded that if you make plans with your child to pick him or her up from school, you MUST also send a note (or an email the night before) to your child's teacher. If the school is not notified, the child will be put on the bus as normal.

JH

Finance Office will be closed for a week at the end of October, the 24th-28th. Regular Finance Office hours are Mondays to Thursdays 8:30am - 4:30pm

Update from the Principal Search Committee

The Principal Search Committee would like to share the following update.

First, the “Principal Profile” (which outlines the key attributes that we are seeking in the next Principal) has been completed and approved by the Board of Directors. The profile document will be made available on the CCS website next week. Interested members of the CCS community are welcome to check it out.

Second, with the completion of the profile, we will soon begin advertising for the position. If you know anyone who may be suitable for the position, please encourage them to apply or suggest their name(s) to members of the search committee or by emailing

principalsearch@ccshamilton.ca or
aaron.schat74@gmail.com.

Third, we are inviting several members of the community with gifts in prayer to regularly pray for the search process; and we invite you to support the search process in prayer as well.

We thank you for the input, encouragement and prayers you have provided for the search process. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to speak to a member of the search committee or send a message to one of the above email addresses.

FROM YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This is a reminder to check out the CCS Fundraising page at ccshamilton.ca/fundraising to see the various fundraising events that are available. Fundraising events available year round:

MABEL'S LABELS – Hand personalized labels that will stick on all of your children's items.

BLUE OCEAN INK & TONE PRODUCTS – Order printer ink at a discounted rate.

October fundraising opportunities:

SOLDAAT'S CHICKEN – Fresh and frozen products available. Don't forget to include your name on the order form. Order deadline is Wednesday, October 12.

THE PITA PIT – A health special lunch day. More information to come.



Prayer for the week,

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Blessed Lord, the only living and true God,
 the Creator and Preserver of all things,
 We live by you;
 and our whole dependence is upon you,
 for all the good that we either have or hope for.
 We now desire to bless your name for those mercies,
 which in so large a measure
 you have generously given us.

Worthy are you, O Lord our God,
 to receive all honor and glory,
 all thanks and praise,
 and love and obedience,
 as in the courts of heaven,
 so in all the assemblies of your servants upon earth;
 for you are great, and you do wondrous things;
 you are God alone.

You have looked favorably on your land,
 and you have dealt graciously with us.

Instead of giving us over to all the calamities
 that we feared,
 you have multiplied your mercies towards us,
 for which we are now called to solemnize a
 day of thanksgiving.

How sweet and wonderful is it
 to recount all the instances of your patience
 with us, and your blessings to us!

O what shall we render to the Lord for all his
 benefits!

O let not our hearts be stingy towards you,
 whose hand has been so open and generous unto us.
 But do enlarge these hearts of ours,
 and fill them with more love and thankfulness
 to the gracious Giver of all our good things.

Amen

Charles Simeon, 1850. Adapted.

**Check out the Bazaar flyer attached
 to the electronic copy of this Courier!**