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FROM THE DESK OF MR POSTMA

● The annual bazaar is coming up tomorrow. A lot of work has gone into it and you are invited to benefit. The bazaar is a time for fellowship, meeting friends and long time supporters of CCS, enjoying games and good food, buying new and used items for the benefit of the school... the bazaar is FUN. Your presence is important and encouraged. I have been reminded that the bazaar is not a peanut free event. We urge those with peanut/nut allergies to be extra cautious – especially concerning bottles that are purchased from the bottle room.



● Today, you should be receiving a progress report of your child. This is not the regular report card – it will come out in January at the end of the first semester. The progress report will provide a “heads up” as to how your child is doing in various subjects but also in his or her behaviour. The intent is to provide a basis for discussion at the upcoming parent / teacher conference so that your child’s performance can improve where necessary before the semester report card comes out. This year, because we have two semesters, you will receive two mid semester progress reports and two ‘end of semester’ report cards. The ‘end of semester report cards will be very comprehensive, and include achievements in curriculum areas, performance in meeting the skill objectives and assessment learning skills, work habits and social skills. In addition, there will lots of room for comments. We believe we have significantly enhanced our communication and reporting with parents by means of the progress reports and report cards.

● In tandem with the progress reports, we look forward to further communication by means of the parent / teacher conference. The first set is scheduled for next week November 15, 17 and 18. We will again have online registration for you to book your conference with the teacher(s). You will need to go to www.schoolinterviews.ca. Registration will remain open until 12 hours prior to the conference start time for that day. **Our school event code is: ts6qw**

Upcoming at CCS

Progress Reports Distributed	Friday, November 11
CCS BAZAAR	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Parent / Teacher Conferences	
	Tuesday, November 15 - 6:00 to 9:00 pm
	Thursday, November 17 - 6:00 to 9:00 pm
	Friday, November 18 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
NO SCHOOL	Friday, November 18
CCS Fall Membership Meeting	Tuesday, November 22
Senior Girls' VB Tournament	Saturday, November 26
Senior Boys' VB Tournament	Saturday, December 3
Hosanna Choir	Monday, December 5
Pastor's Breakfast	Tuesday, December 6

● Our Fall Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22. We will be presenting the financial statements and various reports. The main feature for the evening will be a couple presentations about the facilities and grounds. We have come to a point where you need to know what the BOD is discussing. Included among the presentations will be a section on CCS demographics (static and trends) by Mr. Harry Meester, program needs (PBL) by Mr. Arn Boonstra, and I will round things up by discussing school building needs and various options. There will also be reports from the re-Source Thrift Shop and from the Principal Search Committee. You are strongly encouraged to attend. This meeting is for all CCS members. The meeting starts at 7:45 p.m. and will take place in our gym.

● We congratulate and thank our boys' and girls' basketball teams for their wonderful performances at the HDCH invitational volleyball tournament. All four of our teams did not quite reach the championship game but played well nonetheless. The next stop will be the Niagara district tournaments on Nov 26 (girls) and Dec. 3 (boys) held at Heritage Christian School in Jordan.



- CCS was pleased to host the Niagara District Spelling Bee this past Friday. Our student participants did well and are all great spellers. We thank Mrs. Benjamins for organizing the event and the volunteers who helped out.
- Some of our students will be attending a Boris Brott "Music Education Concert" on Nov. 16 or Nov. 23. The homeroom teacher will provide the details. The students will enjoy a fast paced interactive experience. The concerts will take place at Mohawk College.
- The grades 1B and 6B students hosted a wonderful Remembrance Day assembly today. The presentations were very meaningful. We thank them and their teachers. We also thank Mr. Gesch, one of our school parents, for playing the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

Update from the Principal Search Committee

The Principal Search process is now in the "recruitment" phase. As we reported in our most recent update, the Principal position has been advertised in a number of places (e.g., our school's website, the websites of the OACS, CSI, etc.) and the committee has taken other steps in order to make potential candidates aware of the opportunity. Applications have begun to come in and we anticipate others will come in during the next couple of weeks. We will then begin the exciting and challenging work of discerning the fit of the candidates with the needs of the position that are outlined in the Principal Profile we developed earlier in the process.

We ask for your support in two ways: First, please pray for God's guidance and wisdom during this process – for both the search committee and the candidates who will discern where God is calling them to serve. Second, if you know of anyone who may be qualified for the position, please invite them to consider applying or suggest their name to the search committee. Email can be sent to principalsearch@ccshamilton.ca or aaron.schat74@gmail.com.

If you are interested in seeing a copy of the position advertisement or Principal Profile document, you can find them at the following link on our school's website: <http://ccshamilton.ca/principalsearch>.

Grade 1: Grade 1 has just completed a unit which included learning about how to care for God's world through reducing, reusing, and recycling. To put this into practice, we donated toys that we no longer wanted to the re-Source Thrift Shop. We paid them a visit yesterday to see how they sort items to sell. We brought old batteries as well. The best part was being "let loose" in the toy section to make some purchases. All the children were allowed to select a book for free, and all stuffies were reduced to 25 cents. That made everybody very happy. Thanks to Mr. Kemper, Mrs. Demik, Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. Ghesquiere, Mrs. Gonnering and Mrs. Elliott for coming along to help. We also thank Mrs. Flokstra and the other volunteers for showing us around to make our learning more real. WW/DH

Grade 2B: We are still in need of 2 parent volunteers to accompany us to the Boris Brott concert on Wednesday. We will leave at 9:20 am and be back around 11:30 am. Please email me or send a note if you can come with us. Thanks! MB

Grade 4: Thank you to Mrs. Cook, Mrs. de Vries, Mr. Vanderzwaag, Mrs. Mercer and Mr. Rudy who accompanied both classes to the Gore Park Cenotaph this morning. Thanks also to Mrs. Beldman for driving the bus.

National Cycling Center of Hamilton (NCCH): This past Thursday the NCCH joined us for a day of time trials and cycling. Students hopped on compu-bikes and tested their cycling abilities over a 500 m computerized course. NCCH personnel encouraged the students to have fun and consider cycling as a means of living an active lifestyle. Students who excelled at the time trial were invited to the center see if they might be interested in going further with their cycling abilities. Over 20 students were invited! Thanks NCCH for a great day. AB



GOUDA CHEESE SALES: We just have been notified from our supplier there will be no more gouda cheese available until January 2017. The reason for this that two months ago a 40 foot container of gouda cheese shipped from Holland had to be dumped because it was not refrigerated and they were not allowed to bring in extra cheese because of the Canadian cheese quota system. This means we will not have enough gouda cheese for the Student Fund fundraiser that is sold from the office until January. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this causes you. Ms. Gallea

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus,
 Thank you for being the ruler supreme of this country, continent and universe. Thank you for having all things under your powerful control. On this special day we remember those who have given up their lives for the sake of our freedom. Thank you for those still serving for peace and freedom around the world. We live in a great country. We praise you for the freedom in Canada - the freedom to worship you and to attend a Christian school. Please keep our country glorious and free. We pray a blessing on the bazaar this weekend. Thank you for the donations and all the volunteers. We pray for a great fundraising result.
 Thank you for Jesus, the one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. We love you, Jesus.
 In his name, Amen

FROM YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

This is a reminder to check out the CCS Fundraising webpage at www.ccs-hamilton.ca/fundraising to see the various fundraising opportunities that are available.

Year round opportunities:

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

BLUE OCEAN INK & TONER PRODUCTS - Order printer ink at a discounted rate.

November opportunities:

THE PITA PIT - A healthy lunch day offered once a month. Look for more information and the order form on the CCS Fundraising webpage.

December opportunities:

SAMKO - The Christmas season is slowly approaching and you can purchase discounted toys, games and many more children's items at the Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse. Look for more information on the CCS Fundraising webpage.

TRIP: Christmas is just 6 weeks away! Start your Christmas shopping now by stopping by the office to pick up gift cards for those special people on your

list. Please note that the Ultimate Dining Card (Kelsey's, Montana's, Swiss Chalet, etc) now includes New York Fries. Although we hope to keep well stocked for the holidays, should you require a large quantity it would be great if you could give us some advance notice. To guarantee delivery for Christmas, your order must be received by the end of the day Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at the latest. Orders received after this date will be filled while supplies last. Thanks!

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The Re-Source Thrift Shop is hosting their annual **Christmas Open House** on Friday November 18th 3:00-8:00 pm. It's an event that our community looks forward to all year as our volunteers create a wonderful seasonal set-up of vintage and current Christmas items for purchase. Come on out and show your support. Goodies will be served while they last.



We are in need of some help to prepare for their Christmas Open House. Volunteers are needed (especially some muscle) on Thursday Nov 17th 5-8 pm to shift around furniture and Friday Nov 18th 10-3 pm to set up our seasonal displays. This event is a big financial boost which goes directly to CCS and your help boosts our success. Come on out and show your support.

Foster Families Needed: There is a great need for families to care for local children who for various reasons are not able to live at home. A group of Christian foster parents will host a Foster Parent Information Night at Flamborough Baptist Church (41 Concession 5 East, near Hwy #6) on Monday, November 14 from 7:30 pm to 9 p.m. Come and hear firsthand about their passion for fostering and why fostering might be the perfect option for you and your family! Everyone welcome! For more information, please contact Al Karsten, Hamilton Children's Aid Society - Christian Outreach Liaison, albertkarsten@gmail.com.

