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FROM THE DESK OF MR POSTMA

- We had the Pastors' Breakfast this past Tuesday. A large number of pastors and children's ministry personnel came out (at least 60) and we had a wonderful time together. A highlight of course was having the pastors visit the students in the classrooms. The students were very excited. I wish to thank the Public Relations Committee for organizing this event and for putting on a delicious breakfast. The event was so worthwhile and rewarding.
- We express our thanks to the Hosanna Choir and Mr. John Vanderlaan for organizing a splendid evening on behalf of CCS. Also, thank you to the Instrumental Praise Team, directed by Mr. Boer, and the the CCS Concert Band, directed by Mrs. M. Heeg, for their fine performances. Well done! We are pleased to announce that the freewill offering amounted to approximately \$1300 for the band program at CCS!
- With December approaching, we are looking forward to Christmas related events. Our Senior Choir and Concert Band have planned a tour to perform at various locations on Dec. 20: Wellingstone Senior's Residence at 9:30; Gore Park at 10:45, Hamilton City Centre Mall & Food Court at 12:00 and the Juravinski Hospital, Main Entrance at 1:30. Our Junior Choir, Bell/Recorder Choir and Violins will be performing at 2:00 at St. Peter's (Chedoke) on the same day. This certainly is a wonderful opportunity for our students to present the message of Christmas to the public.
- You are invited to attend our Christmas assembly scheduled for Friday, December 23 at 9:15. There will be a lot of student participation in this assembly.
- We commend our boys' volleyball team for their fine performance last Saturday. They reached the semi-finals. Well done boys, and thank you to the coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Bosveld.
- Our first Robotics Program session is completed and we are inviting registrants for the second session, beginning January through March. Robotics allows for individual creativity mixed with the principles of science and math plus working with IT and software. The registration form can be found on our website under secure forms #771.
- I noticed that our custodian, Mr. VanArragon already has the ice rink boards out – ready to be installed. So with winter upon us, here are a few thoughts: One of our rules is that no one is permitted on the CCS ice rink at anytime without a hockey helmet or a bicycle helmet. Helmets help reduce the risk of head injury. This is a heads up in case you are wondering what to purchase your child for Christmas ☺. Parents, please have your child(ren) label their names in the helmets. If you have extra helmets you would like to donate to the school for other children, we would welcome them. The same goes for skates. If you have extra or unused skates you can donate to the school, we'll add them to our stock pile. This way other children, who don't have skates, can borrow skates for the season. We're even open to you exchanging skates at CCS.

Upcoming at CCS

Sr Choir and Concert Band	
Christmas Music Tour	Tuesday, December 20
Jr Choir and Bell/Recorder/Violins	Tuesday, December 20
Pita Lunch	Wednesday, December 21
Last day of school before Christmas (½ day)	
Christmas Assembly (9:15 am)	Friday, December 23
Back to School	Monday, January 9, 2017

Grade 1A: We are looking forward to learning about fire safety in a visit to the fire station on Friday, Dec. 16. I will count on the following parents to come along: Mrs. Ledin,

Mrs. Mafa, Mrs. Speelman, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. vanderMeer. Please be at the classroom door at 9:00 as we will be leaving promptly. Thanks. WW

Grade 2B: We've been busy learning about the different cultures represented in our class this week! We've enjoyed many delicious treats as well, from Nigerian plantain and puff-puffs to Dutch speculaas and boterkoek. On Thursday, Dec. 22 we will be visiting the Battlefield Museum to learn about different Christmas celebrations around the world. We will leave the school at 12:30 and return at 3:00. We still need 1 or 2 more parents to make this trip possible. Please email or send a note if you can make it. Thanks! MB

Grade 3A: The students enjoyed learning all about pioneer life! Yesterday, we enjoyed making our own log pretzel cabins and have appreciated how hard this must have been for the pioneers with cutting down trees and using logs. Today we had a great time making ornaments as the pioneers would have. A big thank you to Mrs. Bootsma, Mrs. DeBoer, and Mrs. Vreugdenhil for volunteering to make a batch of salt dough for us this Friday. We also thank Mrs. Kovac for being able to bake our ornaments for us.

This week was our last week to have our Redeemer student with us. Rebekah Oosterhof has been a big help to our class since September and we will certainly miss her visits. We wish her God's blessings as she furthers her studies at Redeemer. RVV

Grade 7B: This past Thursday, 7B had the opportunity to have guest speaker, Mrs. Hosmar, come and speak to our class. She is a former teacher, and author of the book, "A Matter of Conscience" (and the mom of Mr. Hosmar.) She shared excerpts of her book with us, and then through a demonstration, showed the class how to take a Canadian historical event, and turn it into a short story. Students then had the opportunity to give it a try on their own.



Students learned that retelling history through the eyes of a historical character can help bring the story alive. It can help to gain a greater understanding of events that have shaped Canada. All of history is filled with individuals, each with their own story to share. Thank you for coming to speak with us, Mrs. Hosmar! We look forward to writing our own stories that bring Canadian history alive. CM

Grade 8 - Thank You: A big thank you to Micah van Dijk who spoke with the grade 8 students this past Thursday on the topic of Christian discernment and pop music. Micah challenged the students to carefully reflect upon their choice of music. We had an enjoyable time listening to some modern day pop songs and discussing what message the

songs delivered. Parents, why not ask your son or daughter about what they learned. If you wish to know more, feel free to connect with me as well. AB

NEW! TRIP is going online as of January 1, 2017. Shop from the comfort of your own home and reduce your tuition cost at the same time. Many more vendors and options for purchase! Check the school website for sign up instructions; the invitation code is 5S69RY.

Calling all basketball enthusiasts! Are you interested in the game, keen to get your hands on a basketball and your feet on the court? Are you interested in learning more about this amazing game? All grade 7 & 8 boys are welcome to join us for an open gym Thursday, Dec. 15 from 3:30-4:30 pm. No experience is necessary, just a love of the game. Come on out and join us for some fun! KT

Senior Choir and Concert Band: In recent months, the Senior Choir and Concert Band have worked hard to prepare Christmas music to share in our community. We are looking forward to performances at the following locations:

December 20, 2016:

- ° Wellingstone Senior's Residence - 9:30 am
- ° Gore Park - 10:45 am (near water fountain)
- ° Hamilton City Centre - 12:00 noon (Food Court)
- ° Juravinski Hospital - 1:30 pm (Main entrance by the Christmas Tree)

Friends and family are welcome to join us at the various locations. Students received a letter today with more information about the tour. MH/DV



Prayer for the Week

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah. 9:2

The season of Advent is upon us. We celebrate and look back at your first miraculous coming. The season when we look forward and anticipate your second coming - and your promise to make all things new. We look around us, and we yearn for things to be new again. We see suffering, decay and brokenness all around. We pray Lord that this year, we may be mindful to bring peace and love to those who suffer. Bring us also close to you.

As we celebrate with concerts, parties, and programs, we pray that you will be at the centre of everything we do. Help us to be mindful of your grace in every part of our lives. Fill us with your hope and peace. Amen