



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## FROM THE DESK OF MR POSTMA

• We are now planning our staffing for this September. It appears that there may be openings at various grade levels (1-8). We invite Christian teachers to submit their resumes (along with a brief autobiography) by email to the principal, [tpostma@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:tpostma@ccshamilton.ca) before March 1. We are also welcoming resumes from teachers with some administrative or curriculum skills.

• What should the future look like for Calvin Christian School? How do we respond to growing interest in CCS? CCS welcomes input from current parents, members and past members, as well as those interested in becoming part of the CCS community. Join us for a FOCUS GROUP evening this February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the CCS gym. A flyer was sent home this past Wednesday. If you missed your copy, you can find the flyer on our website on the home page or in the eblast. When you arrive, you will be given a "backgrounder" document providing more information about each option. If you wish to preview it, you can find it on our website or in the eblast.

• This past Monday, we had our annual **Information Evening**. The evening went well and we enjoyed our conversations with several interested families. I thank Mr. Boonstra and Mrs. Gallea for their assistance. We watched a video about the school, explored our website, answered "frequently asked questions" and provided a tour of the school.

• The CCS BOD has established an adhoc committee to begin the process of coming up with nominations for new board members. You are invited to forward names to the secretary of the BOD. A final list of nominees will be voted on at the spring membership meeting.

• We have sent home the Extended Registration Forms for our Korean families. Please return the form by the March 1.

• Next week, will see a flurry of activities involving Concert Band at the Music Festival (Feb. 22), Indoor Games/Track in Hamilton (Feb. 23), Senior Chamber Choir at the Music Festival (Feb. 23) and then are the Niagara District Basketball Tournaments this Saturday for the girls in Smithville and the boys in St. Catharines (Feb.25). May the Lord grant enjoyment, success and safety.

## Focus Group

### Employment Opportunity

Calvin Christian School is seeking qualified individuals to fill 2 definite openings for full time bus driver. Three years experience in driving a school bus, or similar sized vehicle would be an asset. If you would like more information, or are interested in submitting a resume, please contact Jim Hosmar ([jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca)) by March 31.

### Upcoming at CCS

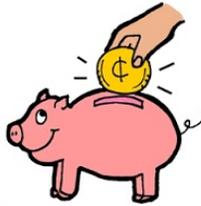
P.A. Day - No School	Friday, Feb 17
Optional ski trip for Gr. 7 and 8	Friday, Feb. 17
Family Day - No School	Monday, Feb. 20
<b>FOCUS GROUP MEETING</b>	Tuesday, Feb. 21
Transportation Committee	Wednesday, Feb. 22
Concert Band at Music Festival	Wednesday, Feb. 22
Indoor Games	Thursday, Feb. 23
Senior Choir at Music Festival	Thursday, Feb. 23
Boys' Basketball Tournament (Smithville)	Saturday, Feb.25
Girls' Basketball Tournament (St. Catharines)	Saturday, Feb.25
HDCH Invitational Basketball Tournament	Tuesday, Feb. 28



**Kindergarten:** The children are excited for their monthly visit to the forest next Wednesday and Thursday. Please be in touch with Mrs. Wiebenga if you would like to join

us on our adventures. Two more parents per class would give us a great adult-child ratio for exploring. Have a wonderful long Family Day weekend!

**Grade 5:** On Tuesday, Mr. Tony Deweerd came to speak to both of the grade 5 classes about how to design structures to withstand hurricanes. Mr. Deweerd and his wife volunteer with World Renew. The presentation was very interactive as the students were given the chance to use drills and hammers! A big thank you to the Deweerts for taking the time to come to our school and present to the grade 5 students.



On Wednesday, Mrs. Letitia Fluit came to **grade 5B** to talk to the students about finances. Mrs. Fluit has a background in finance and spoke to the students about how to budget money (ie. spending, saving, and tithing). The students enjoyed her presentation. Thank you so much, Mrs. Fluit, for taking the time out of your day to share your knowledge with our grade 5 students!

Last Friday in **5A** we learned more about the effect forces have on structures in a "Scientist In School" workshop. We really enjoyed putting our learning into action by constructing a newspaper structure that would bear the load of a number of math textbooks. A special thank you to Scientist Dave for leading this workshop for us.

**Blazer Hockey:** The Blazer hockey team participated in a second tournament this past Tuesday and once again experienced tremendous success. The team won all 4 games played, including the championship game. This particular tournament was hosted by Guido de Bres and Hamilton District Christian High School and we were grateful for their invitation and their willingness to host a elementary hockey tournament.



Congratulations to team members: Joel, Mitchell, Jason, Aidan, Abi, Lucas, Paul, Josh, Matthew, Adrian, Justin, Jean, Daniel, Mason, John and Andrew - you were a great group to coach and I especially enjoyed you singing of "Let It Go". Thank you to Mr. Ritskes who helped coach the team!  
Coach Boonstra

**Fair Glen:** The grade 6 classes had a wonderful time at Fair Glen. We had great activities, wonderful weather, and awesome chaperones. Thanks to all the parents for entrusting your child to us for those three days. Special thanks to Mrs. Ghesquiere, Mrs. Rauwerda, Mrs. Reichow, Mr. Regnerus, Mr. Slootweg, and Dr. Marshall for your willingness to give up three days to accompany us on this outing. We appreciate your involvement.

**Ski trip:** All grade 7 & 8 students joining us for the ski day tomorrow are reminded to be at the school for 6:45 AM SHARP. Please DO NOT BE LATE! If you are unable to attend, please call / text Mr. Hosmar (289 244 1115). Our intent is to be back at the school for 7:00 PM. Please make arrangements to be picked up from the school bus loop at that time. Parents, please check the website prior to picking up your child, if we are late, we will update our ETA on the home page.



**The Senior Choir** is looking forward to participating in the Golden Horseshoe Music Festival next Thursday, Feb. 23. The choir will sing in the Redeemer University-College auditorium at 3:00 p.m. Spectators are welcome! Students are reminded that they must dress in blue concert shirts and black bottoms. Students, please make arrangements for your own ride home from Redeemer at 4:00 p.m. DvE

### *Prayer for the Week.*

Ephesians 5:1-2: *Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

Dear God, Thank you so much that we can call ourselves your dearly loved children. Thank you that you love us so much that you sent your Son to die for us.

Help us to respond in love for others. Help us to show love by our actions, by sacrificing, by doing good and by praying for those who mistreat us.

We love you, God. Amen

**TRIP:** (Special Note! because of Family Day being a holiday, FundScrip orders will be available for pickup on Friday after 3 pm instead of Thursday. For all other weeks, please follow the information given below). We appreciate your patience as we continue to work to streamline the TRIP/FundScrip programs and to utilize our volunteers and their time. Both online and in-house paper orders will be due on FRIDAY at noon. All orders will then be processed and we will do our very best to have them delivered and available for pick-up on Thursday after 3:00 pm. Please visit [www.ccsHamilton.ca/trip](http://www.ccsHamilton.ca/trip) to learn more about the benefits of this fundraiser and how your friends and family can contribute as well. **We have also added \$100 Pioneer gas cards to our in-house order forms.** Previous denominations of Food Basics and FreshCo/Sobeys are still available for ordering (through the school, not FundScrip) while quantities last. Also, we still have some \$25 Bath & Body Works cards available. If you have any questions or require assistance with the sign up process, please email Thea Voortman at [trip@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:trip@ccshamilton.ca).