



Calvin Christian School Courier

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FROM THE DESK OF MR POSTMA

- Parents, who were unable to attend the Focus Group Meeting concerning the options for addressing the need for expansions and/or growth of CCS, and who still wish to be heard, may send an email to me and I will add your thoughts to the file. I can't promise I will respond to each email, but I certainly will make sure your voice is heard as we compile all the feedback.
- Congratulations to both boys' and girls' basketball teams for their winning efforts at the HDCH Invitational Basketball Tournament. The boys placed third over all and the girls reached the final but ended up placing second. Thanks to the coaches Ms. Deweerd (boys) and Mrs. Taekema and Mr. Brouwer (boys). We especially acknowledge Mr. Brouwer, a parent volunteer, for helping us out.
- We thank our grades SK, 2, 5, and 7 students, their teachers, and other participants for presenting a wonderful assembly focused on how we go about serving each other here and also reaching out to serve others for God's glory. There were a lot of unique presentations also involving other cultures.
- Our next **Meet Us Mondays** is Monday afternoon, March 6. New inquirers are welcomed to join us without appointment for a school tour and a discussion about CCS with the Principal. We still have room in some of our older grades.
- 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.
- With March break approaching, we anticipate that some families will be leaving early. Please be sure to advise the school of your child(ren)'s absence.
- Last week and with the approaching warm weather, we removed the ice rink. We were able to access the ice here and there during the past few weeks. Hopefully most of our students had enough opportunity to improve their skating techniques. They certainly benefitted greatly from the dedicated work and commitment of Mr. Van Arragon and his helpers. Much, much thanks!

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) by March 31.

Can You Help? Once again, we are looking for parents to help serve at the **re-Source Thrift Shop volunteer evening dinner**. It will be held at our school on Sat., April 1. Please consider helping us honour those who cheerfully work at the shop, working hard because they value Christian education. Their work recently paid off in the form of a \$54,000 donation to our school. Please email mgallea@ccshamilton.ca if you are able to help.

Upcoming at CCS

"Meet us Mondays"	Monday, March 6
Next SPECIAL LUNCH DAY	Tuesday, March 7
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, March 7
March (Spring) Break	Friday, March 10 to Friday, March 17
School resumes	Monday, March 20
BOOK FAIR	March 22, 23, 24
Finance Committee	Thursday, March 23
Public Relations Committee	Monday, March 27

Grade 5A: On Wednesday afternoon, we were privileged to have Mr. Henry Veldhuis, a local architect, come to our school and share with us how homes in the Hamilton area are designed to withstand a number of climatic conditions. Mr. Veldhuis provided us with a number of hints of what to keep in

mind when designing and drawing out homes/structures. We look forward to incorporating these ideas into our model designs in the near future. We were really impressed with the precision of his drawings. Thank you for sharing your expertise in this area of designing homes, Mr. Veldhuis!

From your Student Council! On Thursday, March 9 we will have "Dress Like You're On Vacay Day!" to kickstart our March break excitement! Come dressed like you're already on vacation... ski suit, Hawaiian accessories, sunglasses, etc. (but remember.. dress code still applies.) Let's have some fun and see some creative outfits!



Girls Basketball - A BIG congratulations to the girls basketball team. We have had a very busy last week with our district tournament this past Saturday and the HDCH Invitational tournament on Tuesday. The girls had a lot of fun and were very successful, making it to the semi final game at the district tournament. Our day at HDCH was filled with many great accomplishments and a spot in the championship game but coming up just a little short of the win. What a fantastic week of basketball! A great season girls! RD and AS

Senior Choir: CCS has generously provided the opportunity for the choir to participate in past festivals, with very little additional cost to families. Now the school is asking the choir to participate in a very important dinner that honours the volunteers of the Resource Thrift Shop. The volunteers kindly give their time to support our school. CCS was blessed abundantly with almost \$90,000 in donations from the store last year!

The dinner will take place on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Students will need to be at the school from 6:15-7:00. We will have an opportunity to perform our festival repertoire at this event. If you cannot participate in the event, please let Mrs. Van Egmond know as soon as possible. DvE



Yo ho ho, We want you to know... that the book fair is very near!

Come join us for an adventure filled with lots of fun. We will join in pirate games, discover many treasures, have the pleasure of dressing up as our favourite book character, learn several pirate facts, talk like a parrot, get to meet the wonderful Christian author, Mr. Sigmund Brouwer, learn our pirate names, and imagine what it was like to sail on the high seas of long ago. For more detailed information check out the following link: <http://www.ccsHamilton.ca/book-fair.php>

What's "appening" with your children?

Children and youth today live in a digital culture that did not exist when most of today's parents were growing up. Children and youth are "plugged in" to this digital culture and involved with interactions in ways that we often do not realize, or if we do, that we do not understand. Children are very vulnerable in this digital world. They do not know how to protect their privacy. They do not know how to avoid negative social interactions. They do not know how to avoid or react to



inappropriate or predatory attacks. As parents, we do not always know how to guide and teach our children to navigate this unfamiliar digital landscape. There are a great number of resources available for parents, but sometimes the amount of information is overwhelming.

We have posted a selection of websites that we believe are excellent resources for parents, to learn more about the digital world that today's youth and children live in. They can be found on our website at www.ccsHamilton.ca/dc. ABe

Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for being a great Father. Thank you that we have the privilege of being your children. You love us unconditionally and we praise you for your kindness toward each of us. Thank you for a committed Board, staff and teachers at Calvin Christian School. We pray that each student would feel loved and that their skills, abilities and passions would be further developed for service in your Kingdom. Thank you for the freedom to learn at a Christian school and for the opportunities to freely worship you in Canada. We pray for persecuted Christians around the world - provide for them and encourage them. Please bless our weekend. Give us times of renewal and rest. Help us to worship you in everything.

Thank you for sending Jesus.

In His name we pray, Amen

FROM YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

This is a reminder to check out the CCS Fundraising webpage at ccsHamilton.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.

March opportunities:

THE PITA PIT - A healthy lunch day offered once a month. This month Pita Pit lunch will be served on Tues., March 28. More information is coming and can be found on the fundraising webpage.

BIG BOX OF CARDS - An exciting fundraising opportunity that contains 33 cards for all occasions for only \$33 (cheaper than the dollar stores). More information can be found on the fundraising webpage.

GOLF TOURNAMENT! CCS presents its 23rd annual golf tournament planned for Saturday, June 3, 2017. Enjoy a round of golf at the Willow Valley Golf Course in Hamilton, followed by a dinner at the course club house. There will be games and contests, and a chance to win specialty prizes. We welcome golfers, sponsors, and prize donations. Proceeds provide much needed assistance for the Special Education Department at CCS. Avoid disappointment and register soon; the tournament is already 60% sold out! To register or make donations, visit the CCS home page at www.ccsHamilton.ca/golf.