



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr Postma

• Well, our staffing needs for this September are now quite clear. Both Mrs. Goodwin (gr. 3B) and Ms. Wierenga (gr. 1A) will be retiring at the end of this year. Each of these ladies has served in Christian education for over 35 years. Two faculty members currently on maternity leave have decided they will not be returning: Mrs. Dekker (gr. 2B) and Mrs. Winkel (gr. 5B). May they experience much fulfillment as they stay home to raise their children. Our Jubilee School TA, Mrs. Cook, has also advised us that she will not be returning, and we know that Mrs. Rumph (database manager) will be leaving as well. Both of these ladies have given us steady services and they too will be missed. Finally, Mrs. Taekema (gr. 2A) will be going on maternity leave and we are anticipating the return of Mrs. Breimer (gr. 6A) from maternity leave before the end of this school year.

We have begun to fill the vacancies (we advertised and interviewed for possible openings about a month ago) and we hope to provide you with all the final results in next week's Courier.

• Grade 2A parents are informed that with Mrs. Taekema's maternity departure, which should take place before the end of the school year, the Lord willing, Mrs. VanderWindt will assume full time employment for the days left in the school year.

• Grade 6A parents are informed that with Mrs. Breimer's return from maternity leave within the next month, the BOD has approved my request to keep Ms. Deweerd in the grade 6A classroom for the rest of the school year and to appoint Mrs. Breimer to provide teacher support across the system on a pre-determined and needed basis. She may take over a class from time to time or even for a whole day as we get closer to the final report cards.

• Mr. Veldhuis, our grade 5A teacher, has been placed on an indefinite leave of absence due to fatigue and related health concerns. Mrs. VanderMeulen, who has been in a substitute capacity in grade 5A this past week, will continue on in a full time capacity until further notice. Ms. van der Woerd (gr. 7B part time teacher) will continue on in the class for the mornings as an educational assistant and may be called upon to team teach now and then as needed. We are pleased with this arrangement as both teachers know the students and are known by them. We anticipate a good transition. Mrs. VanderMeulen will attend the upcoming parent / teacher conference in place of Mr. Veldhuis. We appreciate your prayers for Mr. Veldhuis, the teachers and the students.

• We thank the grades 2B & 7B students and teachers (Ms. Buys, Mrs. Mantel & Ms. van der Woerd) for hosting an Easter Assembly. The message of Easter truly makes Christianity a religion that is like none other. The Lord Jesus bore the punishment of sinful people so that there is redemption for His people. We also express our appreciation to the other participants: recorder and bell choir, flute choir, concert band and pianists. We thank Mr. Boer and Mrs. M. Heeg for their ongoing work in those areas. I would like to single out our Praise Team and Lights/Sound Crew. These students have responsibilities which are needed at each assembly. We are very dependent on them and they faithfully come through for us in a big way. Thanks very much for your services and thanks to Mr. Wensink and Mr. Hosmar.

• Progress Reports are coming your way today. You may recall that under our new system progress reports come out mid semester and final report cards come out at the end of the semester. The progress report provides an early indicator as to your child's progress – we

Job Opportunity at CCS!

Calvin Christian School will have an opening this September for an office secretary. This person should be able to multi-task many different assignments including but not limited to those associated with a receptionist and a secretary. This position should involve approximately 10 hours per week. Interested applicants should submit their resume by email to aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca by Friday, April 28.

Upcoming at CCS

Progress Reports issued	Thursday, April 13
Good Friday (No School)	Friday, April 14
Easter	Sunday, April 16
Easter Monday (No School)	Monday, April 17
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Tuesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 20
Gr. 7 Immunizations	Thursday, April 20
Variety Show	Friday, April 21
Volunteer Appreciation Tea -10:30	Friday, April 28
Christian Education Week!	
Tuesday, May 2, Open House (all day)	
Tuesday, May 2, Shine Festival (1:20 to 3:00)	
Tuesday, May 2, <i>Swamped</i> performance - 7:00 pm	
Wednesday, May 2, Grandparents Day - 9:30 am	
Thursday, May 3, <i>Swamped</i> - 7:00 p.m.	
JK/SK Orientation Day	Thursday, May 11
(No school for current JK and SK students)	

are not dealing with final marks. The report can be used at the parent / teacher conference as a springboard for discussion so that your child can continue to progress for the balance of the semester.

- The second set of parent / teacher conferences will come your way April 18 and 20 in the evenings only. The e-blast attachment will have the sign up instructions. We look forward to another occasion where we can discuss your child's progress.

Grade 3: Students in both grade 3 classes enjoyed a visit by Mrs. Whetstone's grade 9 drama class. The students from HDCH entertained our students with three different folktales...each having their own moral to the story. Our students also enjoyed watching and learning how the drama class used techniques such as tableaux, pantomime and sound effects to add to their story presentation. Thank you for sharing your work with us!

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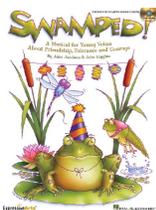
Celebrating Christian Education Week (May 1 - May 4) at Calvin Christian School in Hamilton:

Open House: Calvin Christian School, Hamilton, invites you to attend our annual Open House Day on Tuesday, May 2, at the school (547 West 5th Street, Hamilton). Come any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to see Christian education in action! Feel free to visit classrooms, explore the school, and talk with staff members. We encourage you to consider taking a friend or neighbour along.

Shine Festival: A special part of our Open House (May 2) celebration will be the first CCS Shine Festival. Students will present projects that they have been working on throughout the school year. The festival runs from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day: Calvin Christian School, Hamilton, invites all grandparents or grandfriends to join us for our annual Grandparents' Day, held on Wednesday, May 3. Join us for a short program involving many of our students beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a visit to the classrooms from 11:00 - 12:00 and then a light lunch beginning at noon.

Spring Program - Swamped: The swamp is all a-buzz with party preparations galore. Naturally, the turtles are running late, and Grumpy the Frog is grumpy. The frogs have learned a new dance, the tadpoles are growing appendages, and the dragonfly larvae need encouragement to spread their wings and fly. The storyline is based on lessons of friendship, tolerance, courage and celebrating the differences God made us with. Come join us Wednesday May 3 or Thursday May 4 at 7:00 pm. as JK - 4 present Swamped!



due to the wonderful acting and singing, but also since it pointed so well to Christ's sacrifice at Easter time. We wish to thank Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Dorricott, and Mrs. Van de Ban for coming with us, and Mr. Kikkert for driving the bus. JD/TB

TUITION ASSISTANCE for September 2017: The online application process has started. All applications are due by May 1st, 2017 to be eligible for next school year's financial assistance. For returning families NO LATE applications will be accepted. For more information go to our website www.ccsHamilton.ca/ta or contact the Finance Manager, Mrs Vander Wier.

From Mrs. Benjamins: Sigmund Brouwer is coming to CCS April 19 from 12:30-1:15 to sign copies of his books.



Prayer for the Week

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Loving Father, we thank you for your deep love for us. Thank you for sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Your love is unfathomable for us. Give us a deeper sense and appreciation for what you have done for us by going to the cross and bearing the pain and punishment. Thank you for rising again and defeating death. Thank you for life. Thank you that we have life; life eternal with you. We pray that this resurrection hope would comfort those who mourn.

Thank you for a Christian school environment where the resurrection message can be communicated clearly. Please give us a hope and joy-filled long weekend. Please keep our school community safe as many families will be travelling. Please also provide a time of refreshment and renewal for all teachers and staff. Thank you for your grace and mercy.

In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

Grade 4: Yesterday both grade 4 classes went to Covenant School in Smithville to watch the play of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Earlier in the year we had studied the story by C.S. Lewis and now it was great to see the story brought to life. Attending the play was a marvelous experience - not only

FROM YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

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