



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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**From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!** Greetings from Calvin Christian School! It is our hope that you and your loved ones are having a wonderful summer. With the beginning of school just around the corner we are excited to bring you up to date with our plans for the year. Going forward you will continue to receive our weekly courier via e-blasts.

This summer, my family and I travelled out east to visit New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I. I had never been to the east coast before and it has always been on the "bucket list." I was grateful for the opportunity to see and experience the beauty of Canada. Travelling throughout the country helped me reflect upon God's goodness to us, both as a family, but also as citizens of the country.

Perhaps it is fitting for me to also state that my travels allowed me to reflect upon the blessings we experience because of God's care and love. Our school theme for 2018/19 is "**I am a Child of God,**" based on 1 Peter 2:9. The theme will allow us to explore how we are all God's children and how we all experience his care and love. It is my prayer that your children will feel the blessings of our heavenly Father as they attend CCS this upcoming school year.

The teachers and staff at CCS have also been exploring ways in which we can provide for the needs of your children. Many of us took a course on Responsive Classroom (RC), which focuses on the social/emotional well being of children. I know many of you are familiar with RC because we adopted the program last year. Most of the CCS faculty has experienced at least some of the training required to implement Responsive Classroom. I had the privilege of joining the teachers in the course work this summer and I am pleased to state that it is a wonderful program that seeks to meet the needs of each child. I also believe the program will help us implement our theme and create a climate of community and one where each student feels that they are loved and cared for and that they are indeed a "Child of God."

Looking to the beginning of the school year, Tuesday, September 4 is the first day of school and we will begin with an assembly at 9:20 a.m. We welcome all our students and especially our new students and their families. We plan to have staff members available to escort young and new students to their classrooms when they arrive. Jubilee and SK children have already received separate instructions regarding their first day and week at CCS.

Enclosed with this Courier you should find the **class list(s), CCS calendar, September calendar, co-curricular and media consent form, student information verification form, and TRIP forms. Special lunch and milk orders and additional fees will all be dealt with by means of a form on our website.**

For the necessary paperwork that needs to be returned to the school, I ask that you pay close attention to the handy return envelope. Additional forms will be on the website under secure forms as well as easy access on the home page of our website.

A few things have changed in terms of staffing for the upcoming school year, including the hiring of our new Facility Manager, Mr. Cochrane. We also welcome back Mrs. Taekema from maternity leave and wish Mrs. Breimer God's blessing as she goes on maternity. Mrs. Taekema will replace Mrs. Breimer in grade 3. We offer our congratulations to Mr. de Schiffert and Ms. van der Woerd, as they both got married this summer. Finally, we have added teaching responsibilities to Mr. Schaeffer's work load. He will be teaching a couple of courses in the intermediate grades.

**Before School Care Program:** Our intent with this program is to make things a little easier for working parents. **The Before School Care Program will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 5.** It involves supervised care from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Parents can register their children on a *regular* or *occasional* or *as needed* basis by completing a form available on our website ... go to secure forms and see #730.2. Any child arriving before 8:25 a.m. should be registered into this program. There is no teacher supervision prior to 8:25 a.m., therefore it will be necessary for you to enroll your child(ren) in the BSC program. The registration form indicates a reduced fee for enrolment after 8 a.m.

**After School Care Program:** We will resume this program on the first day of school. You are reminded that students must be picked up by **3:45 p.m.** otherwise they should be enrolled in the After School Care Program. A registration form is available on our website ... go to secure forms and see #730.1. You must register annually if you require this program. An ASC session is any time from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

## **Please note supplies needed for September:**

All students are reminded to have **indoor shoes** for inside the school.

White soles or scuff-less soles are preferred to keep the gym floor clear.

**Kindergarten:** Please label all belongings.

**Grades 1-3:** Pencils, erasers, rulers and wax crayons will be supplied by the school. Students should provide high quality, sharpened pencil crayons. Please label each pencil crayon with your child's name. That would be very helpful. Grade 3 students are asked to bring one large glue stick. Markers are not necessary. All students in grades 1 through 3 require a personal set of headphones (or ear buds), labeled with their name and brought to school in a labeled freezer ziplock bag.

**Grades 4-6:** Blue pens for notes (CCS will supply the first set of blue pens only), a red pen, pencil crayons, markers and glue sticks are needed. Grade 4 & 5 students will need a protractor only, and not a full geometry set. Grades 4 - 6 students are asked to bring their Bibles back to school if they



brought them home for the summer as well as their recorders. A recorder will be given to grade 4 students. Replacements needed for grade 5 students may be purchased for \$6.00 from the office. Grade 6 students are required to have a geometry set and a calculator. Students are asked NOT to bring in their own binders from home. Students will need appropriate indoor shoes for P.E. as well as CCS gym uniform which consists of shorts and t-shirt with the CCS logo.

**Grades 7-8:** Large pencil case, pencil crayons, pencils, scientific calculator, red pens, (school will supply first set of blue pens and rulers only), 1 small binder, binder dividers, 3 ringed paper, scissors, 1 glue stick and a highlighter. All grade 7 and 8 students require CCS gym uniforms. Please remember to bring Bibles back to school if they were taken home. More information will follow in a special newsletter.

#### Other Information:

- The School Directory will be forwarded as soon as it is ready (probably mid September). The Parent Handbook will be updated on the website and a hard copy will ONLY be made available for new families and by special request. CCS respects the right to privacy and is committed to upholding the confidentiality and security of personal information. Personal information (such as name, address, gender, religious affiliation, ethnic origin) will only be disclosed for school related purposes (such as the school directory). Other disclosures will be subject to your consent. **Be sure the office has all up-to-date information.**
- Please also note that we have changed our Student Fee and Student Fund payment structures. We have rolled everything into one \$50/student fee that can be paid online through the CCS website. This fee covers the expenses associated with music instruments, agenda books, class trips and many other miscellaneous items. Students may still be expected to pay the replacement cost should items be damaged or lost. We have decided to forego chocolate bar sales due to dwindling interest.
- Parents who have special or **legal custody/access** arrangements with their (former) spouses must update or complete the necessary form (#562.7).
- If you wish to provide your child's teacher with important information about your child at the outset, please complete our **Parent to Teacher Information Form** (#533.1). It is on our website under secure forms. Please forward the completed form directly to your child's teacher. You can also contact the teacher directly via the teacher's school email address.
- Our nut free zone policy remains in effect. **This means students may not bring any peanut/nut products to school.** More details regarding our policy are given in the Parent Handbook.
  - Parents of students with health concerns needing Epipens or other special considerations must provide us with updated information and an Epipen by September 5.

- Parents of students requiring prescription medication administration at school must obtain an authorization form from the school's office. This includes the occasional use of asthma inhalers.
- Please check your child for head lice before the first day of school.

- The current **dress code** is attached and is also available on our website under secure forms (#551). We earnestly ask for your cooperation in respecting the code.
- CCS is pleased to offer school Spirit Wear this year. Student and parents can purchase CCS polo shirts and hoodies (zippered and pullovers). Samples and forms will be made available at the Back to School Dessert Social (Friday, September 14). Please be advised that the spirit wear is not intended to be part of a school uniform, neither now nor in the future.
- There is still room in the **Robotics Program**. If you wish to register your child, please find the registration form on-line under secure forms (#771).
- You are reminded that CCS has guidelines for the use of **personal electronic devices** (iPods, cell phones, laptops, etc.). Essentially a student may use the device with teacher permission otherwise the device must stay in the student's backpack. To access the complete set of guidelines, please go to secure forms (#552.2).
- We have given very careful consideration to **class placement** for your child(ren). We took into account specific requests, friendships, rapport, academic abilities and so forth. We appreciate your cooperation in accepting the class lists as they are. You were given opportunity to make your requests in May and June. Asking us to make changes at this point often creates a difficult domino effect involving more students.

All teachers are available via email at first initial, last name @ccshamilton.ca (eg. [aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca))

We invite the CCS community to follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter and to consider making the CCS website your homepage!



### UPCOMING AT CCS

Opening Assembly 9:20 am	Tuesday, Sept. 4
BACK TO SCHOOL Dessert Social	Friday, Sept. 14
Classroom Visit: 6:30 to 7:00 pm	
Dessert Social: 6:45 to 8:00 pm	
Individual / Class Pictures	Tuesday, Oct. 3 and Wednesday, Oct. 4
<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 24, 2018
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019

Grade	Room	Teacher
Jubilee (JK)	1	Mrs. J. Hagen
Optional JK	1	Mrs. J. Hagen (Fridays only)
KA/B	2	Mrs. W. Wiebenga
Optional SK French	3	Mme J. VanEek (Mes Amis Français) Fridays only
Optional JK/SK	3	Mrs. L. Ouwehand Tuesdays & Thursdays only
1A	4	Mrs. R. Koning
1B	6	Mrs. D. Heeg
2A	9	Mrs. J. VanderWindt
2B	5	Mrs. VandenBerg
3A	13	Mrs. R. VanVoorst
3B	11	Mrs. K. Taekema / Mrs. M. Eising
4A	29	Ms. J. DeJong
4B	31	Mr. T. Boer
5A	22	Mr. P. Veldhuis
5B	21	Mrs. D. Reid
6A	24	Ms. A. van der Woerd
6B	23	Mr. J. Hosmar
7A	32	Mr. N. Wensink (Mr. B. Schaefer)
7B	30	Mrs. C. Mantel
8A	26	Mr. J. de Schiffert
8B	25	Mrs. S. Wikkerink
Special Education	15	Ms. A. Benjamins, Mrs. J. Bosveld Mrs. D. VanEgmond (Coordinator)
Principal Vice Principals		Mr. A. Boonstra, Mr. J. Hosmar, Mrs. D. VanEgmond
Librarian		Ms. A. Benjamins
Band Director		Mrs. M. Heeg
Paraeducators		Mrs. L. Belanger, Mrs. T. Bouwers, Mrs. T. Brouwer, Ms. S. Knevel, Mrs. T. Kooistra, Mrs. A. McKnight, Mrs. M. Star, Mrs. S. Tigchelaar, Mrs. S. VanderMeulen, Ms. K. Vos, Mrs. K. Zantingh, Mr. B. Schaefer
Office Manager Office Assistant		Ms. M. Gallea Mrs. T. Voortman
Finance Manager Database Manager		Mrs. M. Vander Wier Mrs. L. Reitsma
Custodian Assistant Custodian		Mr. B. Cochrane Mr. L. Benjamins
Bus Drivers		Mr. B. Kurvits, Mr. R. Scott, Mr. G. Kikkert, Mrs. S. Kikkert Mr. B. McFarland
Before/After School Care		Ms. A. Hood-Almas

**Weekly Prayers:** We encourage parents and students alike to read carefully through the Courier to pick up on the comments for class trips, sports events, board and committee meetings, etc. and add these to your daily devotions. Any specific concerns, joys and request can be forwarded to the school office at [info@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:info@ccshamilton.ca)

If you would like more information about the prayer group who weekly cover our school in prayer, please email the office.

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17***

Lord God, as we enter into the 2018/2019 school year, there are a lot of new things to look forward to, but also to perhaps be a bit anxious about. New teachers, new classrooms, new classmates, new desks, new pencils and pens, perhaps even a new school for some of us! The start of a school year is always full of emotions. How will this year go? Help us to trust in you.

You will provide for all of us. You will guide us through the anxieties, you will enrich us through the exciting new experiences. And why would you bother to be with us in all this? Because we are yours! We are a new creation in you. The old is gone, the new has come! Help us also to remember this as some of us may carry over old worries from previous experiences. Help us to rejoice that in you we are new, and you will give us all that we need as we continue to learn and grow. Bless the teachers and staff as they prepare. Bless the families as they enjoy the last of their holidays. Continue to grant safety and protection. Be our guide into this new school year! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### The Transportation Committee:

For our families who have requested bus transportation, a copy of the route information will be emailed to you in early August. The posted times are approximate so children should be at their stops at least 5 minutes earlier. We ask for your patience as the routes are fine tuned during the first few weeks of school.



If you have any questions regarding busing, or did not receive a copy of the bus route, please do not hesitate to call / email your route supervisor or Mr. Hosmar ([jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca)). Let's once again pray for safety on the roads as our children travel daily to and from school. JH



#### TRIP! (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

If you are looking for an easy and painless way to reduce your tuition, make TRIP participation a part of your weekly/monthly routine. We all buy groceries, and we all buy gas - why not take dollars off your tuition with every grocery cart or gas tank fill up! Make it part of your routine and you will be amazed at how quickly it adds up. Ask family and friends to participate and direct savings to your account. In this school mailing we have included a 2018/2019 Brochure and Registration Form as well as an In House order form. Please read the brochure carefully to discover more about the In House option, or the FundScrip (on-line supplier) option, or check out the website to see just how easy it is to register.

If you have any questions at all, please contact [trip@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:trip@ccshamilton.ca).

Once again, the GYM CLOTHES that you ordered online will be available on the evening of the Back to School Dessert Social in the Library for trying on and to take home with you. **Students in grades 4 through 8 will require the full CCS uniform (both shirts and shorts) for participation in PE.** We will again be offering a handy back pack for the low price of \$5.00. Orders can be placed through the online order form.



Information Verification Form (**PLEASE SIGN BOTH SIDES!**)

**Additional Forms as Required** (available on our website): Request for Medication Administration, Before and After School Care Program Registration, Parent to Teacher, Custody Arrangements, Robotics Registration.

(In House)TRIP order 2018/2019 Registration Form (must be filled out for each new school year if participating)

CCS School Day Times	
8:50	Entrance Bell
8:55	Classes Begin
10:30	Recess Bell
10:55	Entrance Bell
11:00	Classes Resume
12:30	Lunch Bell
12:45	Recess Bell
1:15	Entrance Bell
1:20	Classes Resume
3:20	Closing Bell
3:25	Recess Bell

**Remember!** The following sheets from your summer mailing should be returned the first week of school. We have provided a convenient return envelope to help keep you organized!:

**YELLOW:** Media Consent/Co-Curricular Consent - *reverse side* - Student

### From the CCS Finance Office:

*Welcome to another school year!* For your convenience we are once again using the online Additional Fees form available through our website. You have the option of paying via Interac e-Transfers® or with your credit card (2 % fee will be added to your total), or pay via cheque or with our debit machine in the school office. More instructions can be found on the information card included with the summer mailing package. Contact Mrs. Vander Wier for more information.

If you have set up pre authorized bank payments for tuition, just a reminder that they will begin on September 20, 2018.

Another reminder, the finance office will be closed on Fridays throughout the school year. Finance office hours are Mondays - Thursdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Any questions or concerns you can contact Mrs. Vander Wier, Finance Manager,

[mvanderwier@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:mvanderwier@ccshamilton.ca)

**Piano / Violin Teachers:** Private piano lessons will continue with Mrs. Deb Wiebenga and Mrs. Marsha Heeg. We welcome Ms. Brielle Goheen as our private violin teacher. They can be contacted as follows: [briellegoheen@gmail.com](mailto:briellegoheen@gmail.com)

[marshaheeg@bell.net](mailto:marshaheeg@bell.net) [debwiebenga@gmail.com](mailto:debwiebenga@gmail.com)

## Student drop-off and pick up reminders:

✓ **Passenger vehicles are prohibited from entering the bus loop (including the school parking lot) between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. on school days.** You may enter the school parking lot only if you plan to stay past 9:00 a.m. We ask that you please respect this rule. School buses must have right of way and are severely hindered when passenger vehicles are trying to exit the entrance area of the bus loop or are blocking the bus parking zones in the bus loop. Buses are also in the loop between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and we ask that passenger vehicles stay out at that time as well.

✓ **Please do not use the Hungarian Church parking lot at any time** for either pick up or drop off purposes. It is a private parking lot.

✓ There will be a staff member assigned to escort Jubilee and SK children to the school from the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church's parking lot at 8:45 a.m. This way parents or caregivers do not have to remove younger children from the vehicle in order to escort the older ones to the school.

✓ We still request that parents park their vehicles in the designated parking places at the church, in such a way to avoid having to back out after the children arrive. Lastly, students who bike to school will be encouraged to leave the school property before the cars leave.

✓ **NEW THIS YEAR:** All parents who pick up their children from school are asked to do so at the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church's parking lot before 3:40 p.m. **Because of safety reasons, students will no longer be brought to the parking lot; instead, the students will remain by the school building on the north side paved area.**

Parents, you will be required to come through the gate on the north end of the property, walk down the path to the school building and pick up your child(ren) at the designated paved area. A teacher will remain at the north gate to ensure that each child is accompanied by an adult as they make their way to the car. Students in grades JK-3 will be led by a teacher to the designated paved area. The parking duty teacher will remain at the north gate until all children are picked up. There will be a bell rung at 3:35 p.m. Any child not picked up will need to let the parking duty teacher know that their parents have not arrived and they will be brought back to the school office and assigned to the Afterschool Care

✓For your information, the soccer field gate is locked from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.

✓If your child is going to be absent, it is important to notify the school. Please call or email the school office by 9:00 a.m. If you email the teacher regarding attendance, please cc the school office, keeping in mind that teachers may not have access to their emails once their duties begin at school in the mornings. If you are picking up your child early in the day due to an appointment, please email the teacher at least 24 hours in advance and cc the school office.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Unless a parent has communicated alternate hometime arrangements to the teacher or office, regular hometime routines for your child will be followed. This helps us avoid misunderstandings that can happen between you and your child. Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds during school hours unless accompanied by a parent or designate. **Students must report to the office to sign in if they are late.** If they are repeatedly late, the parents will be advised and asked to make adjustments.

## BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON THE 2018/2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

### CCS CALENDAR 2018/2019

	Mon.-Thurs.	August – Sept.	27-30	Faculty Preparation Days
	Tuesday	September	4	First Day of School Term
	Friday	September	14	Back to School Dessert Social
	Tues./Wed.	October	2&3	Class/Individual photos
H	Mon.	October	8	Thanksgiving Day
P	Thurs./Fri.	October	25&26	P.A. Days - Educators Convention
	Friday	November	9	Progress (Interim) Reports Issued
	Sunday	November	11	Remembrance Day
P	Tues./Thurs.	November	13&15	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evenings only)
	Friday	November	16	Parent-Teacher Conferences (a.m. only)
	Saturday	November	24	Bezaar
H	Monday	December	21	Last day of classes (1/2 day)
	Mon. - Fri.	Dec. / Jan	24-4	Christmas Holidays
	Monday	January	7	School resumes
P	Friday	January	25	P.A. Day - 1 <sup>st</sup> evaluation
	Friday	February	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Report Cards Issued
P	Friday	February	15	P.A. Day - Niagara District Conference
H	Monday	February	18	Family Day
	Thursday	March	7	Last day of classes
H	Fri. - Fri.	March	8-15	Spring Break
	Friday	April	12	Progress (Interim) Reports Issued
	Tuesday	April	16	Parent-Teacher Conferences (3:30 to 5:00 pm)
	Wednesday	April	17	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening only)
H	Friday	April	19	Good Friday
	Sunday	April	21	Easter
H	Monday	April	22	Easter Monday
	Tuesday	April	30	Open House Day / Shine Festival
	Wednesday	May	1	GrandParent/GrandFriend Day
	Saturday	May	11	Sunrise Fast
H	Monday	May	20	Victoria Day
	Wednesday	May	22	CCS Field Day (rain dates: May 23&24)
	Thursday	May	30	Ascension Day
P	Saturday	June	1	CCS Golf Tournament
	Friday	June	7	P.A. Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> evaluation
	Sunday	June	9	Pentecost
	Tuesday	June	18	Graduation Ceremonies
	Friday	June	21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Report Cards Issued
	Friday	June	21	Last day of School (1/2 day)
	Mon. - Wed.	June	24-26	Faculty Year-end Days

H Designated Holiday school closed  
 P Professional Activity Day school closed

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#### CCS - Hamilton STUDENT DRESS CODE

The school's standard of dress code may be different than any one parent or student's level of acceptance. The CCS dress code serves to provide guidance for you as parents as you determine what your child should wear at CCS. The CCS dress code also establishes guidelines which we respectfully ask you to follow.

Clothing worn at CCS must be tasteful in appearance, suitable for school activities and weather. Student dress should be clean, neat, and modest, reflect simplicity and promote Christian values. Clothing should reflect that students are in a Christian learning environment. Students using our services for the purposes of transportation to or from HDCH are expected to be wearing their HDCH uniform while on the CCS bus. Enforcement of the dress code will be at the school's discretion and students wearing inappropriate clothing may be asked to change (i.e. gym shirt to be worn instead).

##### Shirts and tops

- must have sleeves and a modest neckline
- must be long enough to cover midriff at all times
- tank tops, muscle shirts, and spaghetti straps are not permitted
- sayings, words, pictures, and logos must be positive in nature

##### Pants

- must be worn no lower than the hips and must cover all underwear
- must not drag on the ground but may be rolled up to accommodate differences in shoe height
- must not have torn knees, hems or backsides
- active wear is permitted, however, yoga or spandex bottoms must be paired with a long shirt

##### Shorts and Skirts

- must be an appropriate length (at least to the tips of the fingers with the arm hanging at the side)
- must not have frayed edges
- spandex shorts are not appropriate
- undergarments should not be visible, regardless of the activity

##### Accessories

- head coverings must be taken off when entering the classroom
- for safety reasons, we suggest that jewelry and earrings be close fitting
- facial piercings are not permitted
- must not promote an unacceptable life style (i.e. inappropriate music groups, alcohol, etc)

##### Footwear

- shoes must be worn with socks
- shoes must be suitable for school life
- sandals without socks are appropriate if securely attached to the foot
- flip flops are not acceptable
- students will need a pair of non-marking shoes for Phys.Ed. and/or indoor use.

Approved by the Education Committee, December 2013

Your cooperation is appreciated to ensure that your child arrives comfortably dressed in clothing suitable for a day of learning in a Christian school. Concerns and questions should be brought to the attention of the Education Committee.

I  
am  
a  
child  
of  
God.