



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ The start of the school year has gone very well. It has been particularly exciting to see student enthusiasm regarding our latest initiative, STEEL BEAMS. This program is designed to create opportunities for students to be involved in student life at CCS. Through the program, we are offering students in grades 4-8 opportunities to be involved in various leadership activities. It is a great way for students to develop the gifts and talents that they have been blessed with. A letter with more details was sent home earlier this week. We will post the teams next week.
- ★ We are also very excited about meeting with you at the Back to School Dessert Social tonight. You are welcomed to meet your child's teacher from 6:30 - 7:00 and enjoy delicious desserts from 6:45 - 8:00. Hope to see you there!
- ★ Look for the new CCS Spirit Wear at the Dessert Social. You will be able to check out sizes and colours.
- ★ Mrs. Heeg and Mrs. Eising hosted the "Welcome to CCS" Luncheon yesterday. At the luncheon, we welcomed students new to CCS to join us in a time of fellowship and fun. Over 15 students attended and it is our hope that all new students feel at home at CCS as soon as possible.
- ★ The co-curricular calendar (#571.3) can now be located on our website under secure forms. This calendar mainly benefits our grades 7 and 8 parents. The calendar exists alongside our CCS Calendar which you received with our August mailing. The dates and events are subject to change. Both of these documents will be included in our CCS Directory for easy access.
- ★ The new arrangement for parents picking up their children at the Immanuel parking lot at 3:30 seems to be working relatively well. A notice of instructions was provided this past week. If you did not receive one, please see the information attached to this courier. Please keep in mind that the reason for the changes was to ensure safety in the parking lot and on the playground.
- ★ The school telephone directory should be coming out within the next week or so.
- ★ Class and individual pictures are scheduled for Oct. 2 and 3. More details are coming.
- ★ We have had our first fire drills this past week. We hope to complete the rest of our safety drills over the next few weeks. Drills include, fire, lockdown, and tornado. Some children are frightened by the drills, so please consider taking time to discuss the importance of the drill with your child and let them know the drills are only practice sessions.
- ★ Just a reminder that CCS offers a Before School Care program (BSC). This program has been set up to provide supervision for children who arrive at school between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Staff supervision does not begin until 8:25 a.m., meaning children should be placed in the BSC program if they are here before 8:25. The BSC program form (#730.2) can be downloaded off our website. For those interested, we also offer an After School Care program.
- ★ Finally, students have been busy applying for positions in the STEEL BEAMS program. Part of the application process involves a statement as to why they would be an asset for a particular team. One student applying for a "School Ambassador" position wrote, "I've been in every room in this school besides the bathrooms. I have a good handshake and I know a lot about the school." Might just make a good "ambassador"! Have a wonderful weekend.



UPCOMING AT CCS

BACK TO SCHOOL Dessert Social	Friday, Sept. 14
Classroom Visit: 6:30 to 7:00 pm	
Dessert Social: 6:45 to 8:00 pm	
Senior Girls Soccer at HDCH	Tuesday, Sept. 18
Senior Boys Soccer at HDCH	Thursday, Sept. 20
Fundraising Meeting	Monday, Sept. 24
Niagara District Soccer Tournament	Thursday, Sept. 27
Individual / Class Pictures	
Tuesday, Oct. 2 and Wednesday, Oct. 3	
Thanksgiving Day (no school)	Monday, Oct. 8
SAVE THE DATE!	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 24, 2018
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019



Kindergarten: Be sure to stop by our classroom at the Dessert Social tonight - will you be able to find your child's self-portrait? Come and see our collaborative Circle Paintings and our "I am a child of God" thumb print friends!

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The Grade 7 class had a wonderful afternoon spending time together at Mrs. Mantel's house. We enjoyed games and a devotion time and even enjoyed some s'mores around the fire. Thanks to Mrs. Toman, Mrs. Paul and Mr. Brennan for joining us and helping all the game stations to run smoothly. CM/NW

The Girl's soccer team is heading to HDCH on Tuesday, September 18 for a friendly tournament. The girls are reminded to meet at the field for 8:30 and to be ready for a fun, soccer filled day!

HDCH Soccer Tournament: **The boys' soccer team** will be participating in the annual HDCH Invitational Soccer Tournament. The tournament is set for next Thursday (Sept. 20) at HDCH. Our first game is set for 9:00 a.m. Players are asked to meet at the HDCH soccer field at 8:45 a.m. Any students who can not meet at HDCH, must let Mr. Boonstra know and meet at CCS at 8:30. You will be driven to HDCH from CCS. Game 2 begins at approximately 12:30 and the final game is at 2:50. Please pick your son up at approximately 4:00 p.m.



Students not picked up will be driven back to CCS and placed in the After School Care Program.

A BBQ lunch (hamburgers) is provided, but players should take along their own water bottles and snacks. Keep in mind our final two practices are after school on Monday (Sept 17) and Wednesday (Sept. 19) from 3:30-4:30. Players not picked up by 4:40 will be placed in the After School Care Program. Finally, our second tournament is the following Thursday (Sept. 27) in Smithville. A letter will be set home next week with details. Drivers to the tournament will be needed.

to share the commitment with another parent, we would love to hear from you. We are flexible in scheduling! Please email Ms. Benjamins (abenjamins@ccshamilton.ca) or Mrs. Van Voorst (rvanvoorst@ccshamilton.ca) as soon possible so that we can start our library program soon.

Prayer for the Week

*The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love. Ps. 103: 8*

Father God,

We thank you for your abounding and unfailing love. You love this school and you love each one of us. You are compassionate and gracious. It's our prayer that we would more and more reflect these characteristics in our lives. You created us to be your image bearers - fill us with your Holy Spirit to better honour and reflect you every day. And we pray, Father, that Calvin Christian School would provide an education that prepares and equips students to be your ambassadors into this world. Thank you for a great start to the school year. We pray your blessing on Mr. Boonstra and all the teachers, staff and volunteers. We pray for a great year of learning to your glory. Please allow us to grow to in our sense of community together and that the dessert social this evening will serve that end.

We love you Jesus, Amen.

PE Department: CCS PE department is wondering if there are any families that have soccer balls at their house that are going unused and still in good working order. If so, we would love to have them. To donate, please have your child bring it to school and give it to Ms. Dean.

Thank you to everyone who have taken the time to fill in and return their yellow information form as well as doing the additional fees form online.

This is a reminder to send payment in to the office if it is still outstanding. Questions? Please contact the office.

GREAT WOLF LODGE, 2018....It's that time of year again! A block of rooms has been reserved during the annual Fall PA days for our Christian schools. Discounted rates are available for the dates of Oct. 25 & 26, 2018. Room rates start at \$184.99/night.

Our group name is: **Christian Schools Getaway** and the booking code is: 1810CHRI. To book your room go to: www.greatwolf.com/niagara or call: 1-866-949-9653. Booking deadline is Sept. 25, so reserve early to avoid disappointment! For further information, please ONLY contact Tammy Veld - rtveld96@gmail.com or call/text: 905.745.5609

We will have sleeves of 20 AA batteries (expiry Dec 2026) available for you, free of charge, at the Back To School Dessert Social, located with the gym clothes pick up and the spirit wear clothing samples in the Library.



Library Volunteers Needed: Each week our students enjoy heading to the library to hear a story read to them and then to have an opportunity to check books out. Our program depends on our parent volunteers. Some of the tasks we need help with include the circulation of books, shelving materials, reading to the primary classes, setting up displays and more. Volunteers receive on-the-job training and perform tasks they are confident in doing. Plus, it's always a bonus to see your own child come through the library!

If you are able to volunteer once a week in the afternoon or

TRIP TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Welcome to another year of savings through TRIP!! 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.

There are two ways to save:

1. Inhouse orders – Inhouse orders are due to the office by Friday morning and delivered the following Thursday. Inhouse orders include: Food Basics/Metro, No Frills/Fortinos, Tim Horton's, Pioneer and Dutch Toko
2. Fundscrip – Fundscrip orders online can be purchased up until Monday morning 8:00 am and delivered the Thursday of that week. Fundscrip offers over 200 retailers to meet all of your needs!

Fundscrip also offers monthly promotions. The following are on promotion for September:

If you have any questions at all, please contact Lianna Reitsma at lreitsma@ccshamilton.ca

Build-A-Bear Workshop® Contest - Win 2 Teddy Bears One Entry for Each \$25 Build-A-Bear Workshop® Gift Card Purchased During the Month		9% regular 7%
The Ultimate Dining Card		
6% regular 5%	AND MORE	
La Vie en Rose laVieenRose 11% regular 8%	Bikini Village BIKINI VILLAGE 11% regular 8%	
3% regular 2%	Fruits & Passion FRUITS&PASSION 13% regular 10%	
THE FACE SHOP THEFACE SHOP 13% regular 10%	Nature Collection Nature Collection 13% regular 10%	
Hudson's Bay HUDSONS BAY 5% regular 3%	Home Outfitters Home Outfitters 5% regular 3%	

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