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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ Thank you for joining us at the Back to School Dessert Social last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many people come out to the social. We hope that you enjoyed the time of fellowship and community. We are particularly grateful to the school's Public Relations Committee for their awesome work in hosting this event.
- ★ Next Thursday, our volunteer coordinators will be hosting the annual volunteer orientation session. We are very thankful to the many parents who dedicate their time in helping out at the school. Volunteering is a great way to be a part of the school community and your children's school experience. Call the office if you wish to know more about the volunteer opportunities at CCS.
- ★ Just a reminder that class and individual pictures are scheduled for Oct. 2 (JKB, SKB, and Gr. 1-4) and Oct. 3 (JKA, SKA, and Gr. 5-8).
- ★ This past week we were privileged to welcome 3 educators from Nicaragua and 2 from Haiti. The visit was arranged by EduDeo Ministries. The educators received a tour of the school and visited a number of classrooms. I was reminded by them how blessed we are here in North America. We have beautiful facilities, excellent curriculum and tremendous support systems. Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters working in education in less than ideal conditions.
- ★ We were recently made aware that a few of our students have pin worms. Should your child have pin worms, it is necessary to go to the doctor or to the pharmacist for medication, and please inform the school. We have a document on our website about pin worms – preventative measures, monitoring and treatment. You will find it under Secure Forms.
- ★ I'm pretty excited about the grade 7 and 8 classes, as they will be welcoming a number of candidates for the upcoming municipal election to their classes next Thursday. The students will have a great opportunity to listen to the candidates address election issues and to ask the candidates important questions.
- ★ Congratulations to our boys' soccer team as they went undefeated at the Hamilton District Christian High School tournament on Thursday. They played 3 games and won all three, while conceding only one goal. Great job, guys! The girls' team also played this past week and although they were a little less successful in terms of winning, I understand that they had a good day as well. We wish both teams well as they play in the district tournament on Thursday in Dunnville.
- ★ With Thanksgiving Day just around the corner, we thought we would let you know that you are invited to our annual Thanksgiving Day assembly. We have set the assembly date for Friday, October 5. Once again students are encouraged to bring in food items for Neighbour2Neighbour. In this way we can show our support for our next door neighbour! This assembly will also begin shortly after 9:00 a.m.
- ★ We are also pleased to offer orientation for all new families to CCS.
Wednesday, Oct. 10 - an orientation session for new Korean families, beginning at 2:15 p.m. and a tea social for all our Korean families beginning at 2:45 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11 - we invite all other new CCS families to learn a little more about our school - beginning at 7:30 p.m.
For both events, we will send letters of invitation to the new families and we will spend some time going through the Parent Handbook. Looking forward to seeing you!
- ★ Lastly, I was pretty excited when two grade one students wanted to eat lunch with me in my office this past Wednesday. Knowing that students think that is a fun opportunity means a great deal to me. Thanks for joining me for lunch, Christian and Alexis!

UPCOMING AT CCS

Fundraising Meeting	Monday, Sept. 24
Niagara District Soccer Tournament	Thursday, Sept. 27
Gr. 7 and 8 Immunizations	Friday, Sept. 28
Individual / Class Pictures	
JKB / SKB, Grades 1 to 4	Tuesday, Oct. 2 and
JKA / SKA Grades 5 to 8	Wednesday, Oct. 3
Bus Patrol Training	Monday, Oct. 1
MAP Testing Begins	Oct. 1 to Oct. 19
Mike's Miracles (Grade 6 Soccer)	Thursday, Oct. 4
Thanksgiving Day (no school)	Monday, Oct. 8
SAVE THE DATE!	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 24, 2018
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019



Grade 1: Today we had the opportunity to visit the Ancaster Fair and to see lots of animals, shows, and agricultural demonstrations. Thanks to Mrs. Douwes, Mrs. Dijkema, Mr. Skoutarou, Mrs. Harsevoort, Mrs. van der Heiden, Mrs. Arcega, Mrs. Veldpaus, Mrs. Siebenga, Mr. Kovacsik, Mrs. Knight, and Mrs. Blokker for helping to chaperone this fun trip! DH/RK

Grade 2B: We are still looking for a couple more chaperones to join us on Friday, September 28 as we use our mapping skills to take a neighbourhood walk. We will leave at 1:45 and return at around 2:30-2:45. Please let me know via email or a note if you can come. Thank-you! MV

Grade 5: We had a great time on our Grade 5 retreat. From learning more about our school theme in a devotion, to playing Goldmine and swimming, the day was amazing. Thank you to all of our chaperones who helped make this day possible! PV/DR

The **grade 7** classes are looking for opportunities to serve the community in practical hands-on ways. Do you know of a place that would benefit from having the willing hands of 52 students (or 26 at a time) showing up to do some work? Please email Mrs. Mantel at cmantel@ccshamilton.ca if you have a suggestion. CM/NW

Grade 7A and 8A band classes: Students each have an instrument chosen, a method book, theory workbook and a music folder. Practicing at home should be happening regularly now and all information about tests can be found on your classroom page. We are off to a great start! MH

Concert Band: The CCS Concert Band is off to a great start. The second audition/rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 25. If your child is in the concert band, please take time to talk to your child about keeping up with the extra practicing. Information regarding the band can be found on the website: "school life - band". I hope you are hearing the instrument at home!! MH

Flute Choir: The flute choir had an excellent rehearsal this week. We are looking forward to another rehearsal on Wednesday, Oct. 3. All information for the flute choir can be found on the website: "school life - band". MH

Athletics Department: Thanks to our CCS community we are fully stocked with soccer balls. Thank you so much to those who gave this donation, we now not only have a class set of size 5 but also size 4, and size 3 making teaching the skills and game of soccer easier for all of our students. Since we have so many we are looking to see if anyone has a hockey bag that we can use to transport these soccer balls easily. We have one which works really well, but now that we have size 3 and 4 we would love two more to aid in carrying our supplies outside and storage. If you have a hockey bag that is in good working order and you are willing to donate it please connect with Ms. Dean by email (adean@ccshamilton.ca). I am asking that you don't just drop one off but you connect with me first. Thanks again for supporting our Athletics Department.

The Boys' soccer team participated in the Hamilton District Christian High School tournament this past Thursday. It was a great day for soccer and the team played superbly. We won all three games, conceding only one goal all day. Teamwork was the calling card of this group of young men - great job, guys! Please remember that we have a tournament set for Thursday in Dunnville and that we need drivers for the day. Let Mr. de Schiffert know if your mom or dad is able to help out.

VOLUNTEERS needed - ONE TIME EVENT!

We are looking for 5 or 6 people to volunteer as yard duty supervisors on picture day while the staff has their staff photo taken. This would be on Wednesday, October 3rd from 12:30 to 1:15. If you can help out, please send an email to Mrs. Van Voorst at rvanvoorst@ccshamilton.ca.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for another week. We take so many things for granted. Make us more mindful of your good gifts to us, big and small. Thank you most of all for your son, Jesus Christ. We were lost in our sin, but you sent him to rescue us. Thank you. Fill us with your Spirit to live lives of joy and thankfulness for what you've done for us. Make us humble and bold for you and your purposes. We thank you, specifically, this week for class trips and soccer tournaments. Thank you for healthy bodies and healthy minds. Please be near to those who struggle with ill health, mentally or physically. We pray your blessing on a great weekend. Thanks for Fall weather and opportunities to enjoy it!

In the precious name of Jesus, Amen

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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

You're invited! Hamilton District Christian High looks forward to hosting grade 8 students at our *Excele8 Day*, Thursday, November 22. *Excele8* is a day for grade 8 students to experience HDCH, meet teachers, and interact with other prospective students. Parents and guardians of Grade 7 & 8 students are then invited to HDCH the evening of November 22 at 7:00 pm to learn more about HDCH, tour the school and ask staff, teachers and students questions. Connect with Gillian Doucet Campbell, Director of Admissions and Advancement at 905-648-6655, ext. 113 or gdoucetcampbell@hdch.org with any questions.