



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ What an amazing opportunity for our grade 7 and 8 students this past Thursday. Both grades welcomed candidates for the upcoming municipal election to their classes. The students had the opportunity to listen to the candidates address election issues and to ask the candidates important questions.
- ★ This past week I gathered with leaders from across Canada, North America and from different parts of the world to attend the Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference in Ottawa. The theme of the conference was Faithful Presence. Speakers, including Jennifer and Sylvia Keesmaat, challenged leaders to be faithful to God amidst a fallen and broken world, and to be agents of transformation to bring healing and hope. Obviously, Christian school educators are well positioned to be a part of this important conversation. I think we are blessed to be able to provide Christian education that fulfills Christ calling to us to be agents of blessing to those who are marginalized. Pray for those faced with marginalization and for those who minister to them.
- ★ Congratulations to our boys' and girls' soccer teams as they both competed in the annual Christian school district tournament yesterday. Thank you also to coaches Koning and de Schiffert for leading the squads!
- ★ 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).
- ★ 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 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.
- ★ 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!

### UPCOMING AT CCS

Bus Patrol Training	Monday, Oct. 1
Individual / Class Pictures	
JKB / SKB, Grades 1 to 4	Tuesday, Oct. 2 and
JKA / SKA Grades 5 to 8	Wednesday, Oct. 3
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 2
Golf Meeting	Wednesday, Oct. 3
MAP Testing Begins	Oct. 1 to Oct. 19
Mike's Miracles (Grade 6 Soccer)	Thursday, Oct. 4
Thanksgiving Assembly	Friday, Oct. 5
Thanksgiving Day (no school)	Monday, Oct. 8
<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 24, 2018
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019

*Last spring, the CCS Board conducted an interim evaluation of Mr Boonstra as he approached the end of his first year as CCS principal. Faculty, staff, committee members, and the Board were invited to participate. With a strong response rate (~70%), I'm very pleased to share that the results were overwhelmingly positive and very encouraging. This is a great outcome for Mr Boonstra as he begins his second year of leadership at CCS. We pray he be blessed in his work and feel the support of our community in the year ahead.*  
 Sarah Bouma, Board Chair

**Jubilee School:** Special thanks to Mrs. Douwes, Mr. Dekker, Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Demik, Mr. Kovacsik, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Shilton, Mr. Terpstra, Mrs. Vyn, Mrs. van der Heiden, Mrs. Hulzebosch, Mrs. Bergstra, and Mrs.



VanHouten for joining us at the Twin Valley Zoo this week. The animals were very active and the students enjoyed the singing monkeys, the prowling tigers, the lions snarling and the zebras braying.

**Grade 2B:** We had an exciting week! We thank Mrs. Buys (Mrs. Vandenberg's mom!) for coming yesterday to teach us about her job as a nurse and community helper. We also had a great neighbourhood walk using our mapping skills. Thanks to Mrs. de Vries, Mrs. Groen, Mrs. Ouwehand, and Mrs. Harris for coming with us!



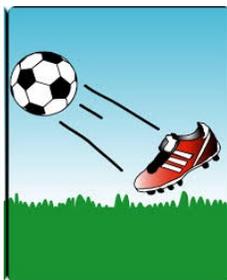
Grade 2A was also excited to use our mapping skills to find a secret location. Thank you to Mrs. Gesch, Mrs. Gonnering, Mrs. Ledin, Mrs. Toman, Mrs. Siebenga, Mrs. VanBentham, and Mrs. Wrench for keeping us safe along the road and helping us find all those landmarks!

**Grades 3A and 3B** had a lovely, sunny day at Christie Conservation Area today. It was a beautiful time of year to look at God's wonderful creation as we examined trees, went on a hike, did a scavenger hunt and made a beautiful creation with natural items. We thank Mr. Brennan, Mrs. Dobrenski, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Kikkert, Mr. VanHouwelingen, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. Gonnering, and Mrs. Hutten for joining us as chaperones on our trip. We are thankful to God for his beautiful creation to explore and enjoy through this outing. Thank you, also, to our wonderful bus driver, Mr Benno, who brought us to our destinations safely!

**Primary and Junior French** - We have begun reading each class's AIM story, singing the songs, and learning related vocabulary and gestures. If your student wants/needs more review at home, this is possible via the AIM web portal. Please email Mme Van Eek at [jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca) to get a username and password for your student(s). Junior students - look on your classroom web page for upcoming quiz and assignment dates. JVE

Please find attached to the email Courier an information letter from Mrs. VanEgmond regarding MAP, as well as a very informative Parents' Guide to MAP.

**SOCCER!** A huge thank you to the girls soccer team for a fantastic season. It was filled with much growth and excitement. We took what we learned at the HDCH tournament last week and applied it to our game play for the Niagara District Tournament yesterday with success.



Thank you to all the parents who came out to support our team. Can't wait till next year! RK

The boys soccer team fought hard at the regional tournament, heading into the finals undefeated. Despite a late goal for CCS, the boys lost to Heritage 2 - 1. Way to show heart and class, boys! JDS

**Junior choir** - we enjoyed our first practice this week, and are eager to learn songs to perform at future assemblies and special outings. If your student in Grade 5 or 6 would still like to join, that is possible next week Thursday at lunch recess. Come praise God in song!

**Robotics:** Our robotics class is starting up this coming week (October 2). We will meet each Tuesday after school until 5:00. I am very excited for us to learn about robotics, design our own robots, and program what we create! If you are still interesting in signing up for robotics, our next session will be starting in February.

Has your family picked up its free package of 20 Energizer batteries? Send an email to the school, and we will be happy to send one package home with your student!

CCS has once again been asked to host the re-Source Thrift Shop volunteer dinner on October 20. We are looking for someone who could help us with decorating and centre pieces. Please email the school office if this is something that would interest you!

## Prayer for the Week

Father,

We praise you today. Thank you for your love that never fails and never ends. Thank you for another week of Christian education at Calvin Christian School. Please continue to inspire and equip the teachers and staff for their important work at our school. And we ask that each student would come to a growing understanding of their gifts and how best to use them in your service and for your glory. We give you thanks for the changing season and the onset of cooler weather. You are faithful. Give us eyes to see you in the changes we see around us. We acknowledge that you are in control of everything.

We pray for your blessing on this weekend.

In the precious name of Jesus, Amen

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Please make the following changes to your CCS Directory:

Horlings Family - New home phone: 905-973-6146

Mr. Gary Kikkert - New main contact phone: 905-745-1828

Tahir Family main contact: 289-489-8818

Mr. de Schiffert's email: [jdeschiffert@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jdeschiffert@ccshamilton.ca)

**You're invited!** Hamilton District Christian High looks forward to hosting grade 8 students at our *Exceler8 Day*, Thursday, November 22. *Exceler8* 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](mailto:gdoucetcampbell@hdch.org) with any questions.