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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ Thank you for joining us for the Thanksgiving Day assembly this morning! It is a delight to celebrate God's blessings as a community. I'm not sure if we reached our goal of 2000 food items, but I know that the students did a wonderful job supporting N2N. Thank you to our grade 3B and 8B classes for hosting the assembly.
- ★ I recently had the privilege of updating the re-Source Thrift Shop of our latest purchases because of the awesome financial gifts shared with CCS. I thought it might be good to let the CCS community know that the Thrift Shop has helped us purchase new flooring in many of our upstairs classrooms, as well as new security cameras on our buses and a new Chromecart with 30 more Chromebooks. Thank you again re-Source Thrift Store for your support! If you are ever looking for a great way to support the shop and CCS at the same time, they are always looking for volunteers.
- ★ This past Thursday our grade 7 and 8 students welcomed 3 mayoral candidates to their World Life class, including the incumbent mayor, Fred Eisenberger. I'm thrilled to see our older students get involved with local civics. I believe these are very important experiences for them. Thank you to the grade 7 and 8 teachers for facilitating the opportunity.
- ★ 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!

Teaching Position: CCS is seeking a qualified teacher to fill a maternity leave position at the grade 1 level. The ideal candidate should be a member of the Ontario College of Teachers and have a Christian School Teacher Certificate. Please submit a resume, a statement of faith, a philosophy of Christian education, and a list of references to aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca. Please be advised that, while we appreciate the interest shown by each applicant, we will respond only to those selected for an interview.

UPCOMING AT CCS

MAP Testing Begins	Oct. 1 to Oct. 19
Thanksgiving Day (no school)	Monday, Oct. 8
Edcom Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 9
Korean Tea	Wednesday, Oct. 10
Cross Country	Thursday, Oct. 11
NEW DATE! Mike's Miracles	Thursday, Oct. 16
Voice of the Martyrs Assembly	Thursday, Oct. 18
Cross Country	Friday, Oct. 19
Educators Convention (no school)	Thursday, Oct. 25
	Friday, Oct. 26
SAVE THE DATE!	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 24, 2018
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019

Wishing you God's blessings as you celebrate Thanksgiving this weekend. "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things" - Psalm 107:8-9.

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

Student Dress Code: Just a reminder to parents that CCS has a dress code that can be found in the CCS Parent Handbook. It might not be a bad idea to review the code with you child. Ripped or torn jeans are fairly fashionable these days, but they are against the code. Thanks for your support.

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.

Grade 4: Both grade four classes had a wonderful day at Queenston Heights and Niagara Falls yesterday. We enjoyed the beauty of

God's creation, and the fun of seeing how many countries were represented by the tourists there. A big thank you goes to our bus driver Mr. Kikkert, and our chaperones: Mrs. Guichelaar Gesch, Mr. Kawapong, Mrs. Malda, Mrs. VanBenthem, Mrs. Wagter and Mrs Wall.



Writer-in-Residence Sigmund Brouwer

This year, we are very excited to have Sigmund Brouwer back as our Writer-in-Residence. Sigmund provides engaging lessons on a variety of topics, encouraging students to tell their stories. With this program, all CCS students and families are given unlimited access to 85 eBooks written by Sigmund Brouwer! To access the ebooks, go to www.writerinresidence.org/ccs and follow the instructions "CCS ebook instructions.pdf" (attached). ~ABE

Grade 5: Yesterday we were privileged to visit Whitehern Historic House. We enjoyed touring this home which was filled with original artifacts from the McQuestern family, learning about the government-implemented programs which Thomas McQuestern was involved with in the 1930s, participating in a mock election, and taking a tour of City Hall. We would like to thank Mrs. Ghesquiere, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. Pooni, Mrs. Speelman, and Mrs. Van Houten for accompanying us on this trip and to Mr. Kurvitz for capably driving us to and from Whitehern.

Grade Five News: Thank you to all the parents who helped to make our Thanksgiving Feast possible! We had a wonderful time building community, sharing what we are thankful for, and eating delicious food!

Congratulations to two of our grade 8 students, Kirstyn B. and Caleb B., for placing in the top 30 finalists in all of Canada in the Kayak Magazine Illustrated Kids History Challenge! They each researched and wrote a historically accurate story and created artwork to go along with it. The final winner of the contest has not yet been determined. CM

Girls' Volleyball tryouts will be held next week Tuesday, Oct 9th, and Thursday, October 11th from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Knee pads and non-slipping shoes are recommended. A full schedule of practices and tournaments can be found on the CCS website. Students who are not picked up by 4:45 pm will be put into after school care. AD, CM

Senior Boy's Volleyball tryouts will begin this coming Wednesday, October 10th after school at 3:30-4:30 pm. The final tryout will be Monday, October 15th at 3:30-4:30. There is a season schedule posted on the school website under the tabs, School Life/Sports @ CCS/Volleyball, so you and your son can check to see if being a member of this team will work with your family schedule. We ask that you be punctual in picking up your student-athlete at the end of practice. Any students remaining at the school later than 15 minutes after practice will be asked to go to after school care which parents will be asked to pay for. If your son will be riding home with someone other than his parent please send Mrs. Bosveld a note or email before 3 pm that day. After that time she will be in the practice and will not be checking for emails. We look forward to sharing our love of the sport of volleyball with your sons. If you have any questions or concerns please let Mrs. Bosveld know at jbosveld@ccshamilton.ca



Coaches Bosveld

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 simple decorating and centre pieces. Please email the school office if this is something that would interest you!

Prayer for the Week

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Ps. 100:4-5

Dear God,
You are a good, good Father. Your love is perfect and it endures forever. Thank you for your steadfast faithfulness that continues from one generation to the next. Thank you for evidence of that faithfulness at our school over the years. On this very special weekend, we pray that we would find time to reflect and give you thanks for so many things. And at the same time, help us Lord to keep our priorities and focus on the things that are truly important. We thank you for Jesus. Thank you for wiping away our sins. Thank you for the hope we have because of Jesus. Please allow us to have a wonderful weekend with apples, pumpkin pie, our families and other fun things that you provide!

In Jesus name,
Amen

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