



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ Yesterday our students had the opportunity to learn a little about the ministry of the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). VOM reps shared some stories and information at 3 different assemblies, each geared for the different divisions. We have selected VOM as our community fundraising organization this year and we will attempt to raise money through our annual walk-a-thon. We have planned the walk-a-thon for November 1. A letter with more information was sent home yesterday as well. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with VOM and to support this important ministry.
- ★ CCS will be used as a polling station on Monday, Oct. 22. As a result, there may be increased traffic in our parking lot.
- ★ The grade 6 class enjoyed a day of soccer this past Tuesday at the annual Mike's Miracles soccer tournament in St. Catherines. The tournament is a wonderful time of fellowship, fun and fitness!
- ★ Our cross country team participated in the All Ontario Cross Country meet today. CCS hosts the event and there were literally hundreds of participants and spectators. Thank you to Mr. Hosmar for organizing the event, as well as to our coaches Mr. Wensink and Mrs. Reid. Thank you also to the many parents who helped by volunteering at the run today. A special congratulations to our runners who represented CCS so capably.
- ★ The CCS board of directors has begun planning for the upcoming membership meeting, scheduled for November 28. We hope to share the latest on the work of the Compass Committee, as they have been tasked with exploring the options to help us deal with growth and expansion. The board also hopes to provide an update on the latest developments regarding our membership policy. The final presentation will be from our finance committee, as they share the financial statements with us. Please join us to help chart the future of CCS! Registration for the meeting is 7:30 in the school gym.
- ★ The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday (Oct. 25 & 26) for the Edvance (teacher's association) convention. Teachers will be attending keynote addresses and workshops during those days at Redeemer University College. The theme for this year's convention is "Deeper In and Further Out" and will focus on best teaching practices.
- ★ If you are interested in being placed on our substitute teacher or paraeducator list, please contact the school office or me. We will require a resume.
- ★ Over the course of the past couple of weeks we have brought in a nurse to help conduct a lice check. You are encouraged to conduct your own checks from time to time in order to stay on top of the problem. You can find out more at <https://informationhamilton.ca/redbook/record/HAM2652> and at www.licecrew.com/ Another unwelcome guest at our school has been pinworms. Parents, please be diligent about checking your child. More information regarding pinworms can be found here: <https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/pinworms>

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, by Nov. 2. Please be advised that, while we appreciate the interest shown by each applicant, we will respond only to those selected for an interview.

First Annual CCS Auction

We have some exciting news regarding the Auction that is part of the Annual Fall Fundraising Bazaar - we are separating it and moving it to the last Saturday in February. We hope that the auction will be a new tradition taking place in the Winter. This year the auction is planned for Saturday February 23, 2019 - we look forward to seeing you there! Please consider joining our committee to help us plan this inaugural event to ensure it is a wonderful time of community building. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or would love to help us plan this event, please contact Wendy Bootsma at auction@ccshamilton.ca or Mike Dekok at mdekok54@gmail.com.

UPCOMING AT CCS

Fundraising Committee Meeting	Monday, Oct. 22
Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, Oct. 22
Educators Convention (no school)	Thursday, Oct. 25
	Friday, Oct. 26
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 30
Photo Retakes	Wednesday, Nov. 7
SAVE THE DATE!	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 24, 2018
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019

Kindergarten: Thanks to Mrs. Wrench, Mrs. Groen, Oma Tuininga, Mrs. Grootenboer and Mrs. Ouwehand for joining us in the pumpkin patch! We are experimenting with our chosen class pumpkins: Will it float or sink?



How many unifix cubes tall is it? How many seeds are inside? God's life cycle for pumpkins is amazing! Check out the Kindergarten website this weekend to learn about "Guess our Letter Day" on Monday, Oct. 22.

Grade 1A & B The first Fall Spirit Event is on Monday and it requires us to dress up and to bring in some items related to our assigned letter of the alphabet (which is top secret!). A memo with the details was sent home! Please come to school prepared on Monday. Thanks for your help with this parents!
RK/DH

Grade 2: We had a fantastic time at Dymont's Pumpkin Patch today! We learned all about how pumpkins grow, which soil is best for growing, and even enjoyed a wagon ride. Thanks to our chaperones for coming with us! Ms. Whitehead, Mr. Game, Mrs. Groen, Mr. & Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. Schinkel, Mrs. Toman, and Mrs. Van Oosten. Remember that next Wednesday is Pumpkin Day where we will learn even more about that amazing vegetable, or is it a fruit?! Students are encouraged to dress in orange for the day :)

JV/MV

Spelling Bee Buzz: Students who were interested in participating in the upcoming Spelling Bee should have already signed up in their class and received a word list from their teacher to study for a grade-level in-class bee. In-class Spelling Bees will happen on or before Oct. 30. Next week is a short school week, so 'bee' sure to have all the materials you will need and to use your remaining study time well. Mr. Veldhuis and Mrs. Bosveld



FALL SPIRIT DAYS!

OCT 22 - OCT 24

Monday, October 22 - "Guess Our Letter Day"

Each class has been given a letter to "wear" and asked to dress up with articles that represent (but do not display) the letter. The rest of the school will get to see a picture of your class and have to guess what letter your class is :)

Tuesday, October 23 - "Wear Comfy Clothes, Hot Chocolate, and Reading buddy day."

On this day, you are invited to wear comfy clothes and bring in \$1 for hot chocolate to raise money for our sponsor child. We will enjoy the hot chocolate with our buddies.

Wednesday, October 24 - "Wacky Hair and Sock Day"

You are invited to do your hair wacky, wear wacky socks, or wear fall colours.

Voice of the Martyrs: Yesterday we were privileged to have 3 speakers from Voice of the Martyrs address the students about the persecution of believers. JK through 2 were told about hardships of Christians in India, grades 3-5 heard about persecution in China, and grades 6-8 learned about how hard it is for Christians in North Korea. Each family received a magazine from Voice of the Martyrs as well as an envelope with a letter from Mr. Boonstra and a pledge sheet for the walk-a-thon on Nov. 1. We would love to reach our goal of \$5000 by each student raising at least \$10. During the next week students will also make bookmarks, post cards, or letters to go to these nations. We pray that we may be a blessing for Christians in these countries.

Ms. DeJong / Mrs. D. Heeg

Boys' Volleyball Update - B-B Blazers Team: We've had a great start to the season. Our first practice focused on basic skills and an introduction to positioning. We will cover a

lot of things volleyball during next week's Wednesday practice, so it will be important to be there. Please note that there is no Monday after school practice due to CCS being used as a polling station for the Municipal Election. All team members were given a blue information sheet with a season schedule on the back half. A season schedule can also be found on the school website under the tabs School Life-Sports @ CCS-Volleyball. We are looking forward to an exciting season of volleyball. ~Coaches Bosveld

Prayer for the Week:

Dear Father in heaven,

Thank you for another wonderful week of learning. Thank you for committed teacher, parents and students. Thank you also for the legacy of grandparents and others who work hard to establish Calvin Christian School. We pray that you continue to provide for all the teachers and administration staff. Give them the health and energy they need to do their work with excellence so that students are well-equipped to shine in this world; not to just shine for themselves, but to shine for you and your glory. We also ask you to heal those who are sick - we know it's the season where colds and influenza sets in. Thank you for being a Father who loves to heal. We pray a blessing on this weekend and we pray that we come back refreshed next week! We love you. Amen

TRIP - Just a reminder that there will be no orders delivered this week due to the Educators' Convention - October 25 and 26. All orders placed will be delivered on Thursday, Nov. 1st in the office. If you haven't signed onto TRIP / Fundscrip yet, check out the CCS website for all the details! Simply click on the fundscrip logo at the bottom of the homepage to get started. Thank you for supporting the TRIP Program. Buy gift cards; save on tuition.

The Bazaar is coming!

It will be here on November 24 from 9:30 am -1:30 pm. Come with your family and friends to enjoy the day and visit all the wonderful rooms. Visit favourites like the Christmas Room, Home & Style and box maze. Don't miss the bottle room's return or see what the escape room is all about. Enjoy lunch in the Dutch Cafe or the gym. Don't forget to visit <http://signup.com/go/uWLhsKA> to select a room and time where you would like to volunteer.

USED TOYS NEEDED!

The Bazaar Committee is looking for gently used toys to be sold in the Toy Room at the Bazaar! Please consider donating any clean toys that you no longer need such as stuffed animals, toy vehicles, figurines, building toys, etc. Toys will be collected in each classroom starting on Monday. Please e-mail squich7@hotmail.com with any questions.

CROQUETTE Time again! Place your order for croquettes on-line at www.ccsHamilton.ca/bazaar with or by calling Lisa at 905-973-3162. New this year, pre-cooked Chicken OR Beef Croquettes! 36 pieces pre-cooked \$45, 72 pieces for \$80 or if you would rather cook your own, uncooked Beef are available 36 pieces \$45 or 72 for \$75 .

To place an order visit the Calvin Christian School website www.ccsHamilton.ca/bazaar with various payment options available, or call Lisa at 905-973-3162. Pick up at the Bazaar, Saturday November 24. Don't miss out!