



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ Next week Thursday is the annual CCS walk-a-thon. This year we are supporting Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). Students had an opportunity to listen to VOM presentations last week. Teachers followed up with lessons focusing on specific countries and committing to praying for the Christians in those countries. A letter with more information and a pledge form were also sent home last week. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.
- ★ Last Saturday the re-Source Thrift Shop thanked their volunteers with a lovely dinner here at CCS. They also blessed CCS with a cheque of \$125,000! On behalf of the entire CCS community and the board of directors, I would like to thank everyone involved with re-Source for their amazing donation to Calvin Christian School. It was a delight to be a part of the celebrations on Saturday, and if you are ever looking for a wonderful way to volunteer your time and support CCS at the same time, consider working at the store.
- ★ The school will be closed tomorrow 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.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Next Wednesday (Oct. 31), teachers will be spending some time reflecting upon Reformation Day. We give thanks that our salvation is dependant on the grace of God.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Blessings to you and your family in this shortened school week.

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](mailto: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.

### UPCOMING AT CCS

Educators Convention (no school)	Thursday, Oct. 25
	Friday, Oct. 26
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, Oct. 30
Voice of the Martyrs Walkathon	Thursday, Nov. 1
Meet us Mondays	Monday, Nov. 5
Photo Retakes	Wednesday, Nov. 7
Next Special Lunch Day	Thursday, Nov. 8
SAVE THE DATE!	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 24, 2018
CCS Membership Meeting	Wednesday, November 28
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019



**Kindergarten** After discussing that Mrs. Wiebenga is going to "teacher school" this week and that they had two days off to spend with their families. The children shared what they like to do with their family that makes them feel happy. Here



are a few of their responses: going to the park, having movie night, playing games, going on a hike. Special memories are created with simple pleasures; enjoy your family time!

**Spelling Bee:** All in-class Spelling Bees will be held on or before Tuesday, October 30th. This long weekend is the perfect time to review the word list your child received from their teacher last week at school. If your child cannot find their word list or has only recently decided to participate in the Spelling Bee and needs a word list to study, one can be downloaded from the bottom of their classroom page. It is important that your child only study the word list posted at the bottom of their classroom page as they are specific to the grade and Spelling Bee divisions. Have a magnificent, m-a-g-n-i-f-i-c-e-n-t, magnificent weekend! PV/JB

**Voice of the Martyrs:** VOM Walk-a-thon: Our walk-a-thon is next Thursday, Nov. 1 (rain date the Friday). Students are encouraged to have comfortable walking shoes, plus extra drinks and snacks that day. Please remember to bring in your pledge sheets and money (unless it's donated online) by Nov. 1. Please help us reach our goal of raising \$5000 to help persecuted believers in India, China, and North Korea.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please let Ms. DeJong know at [jdejong@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jdejong@ccshamilton.ca) if you can help with the walk-a-thon next Thursday. We need two people from 9-10:30 for the 1 km route by Athens street, and 2 volunteers from 11- 12:30 for the longer 3 km route across the street .

**Cross Country:** Last Friday over 20 Christian schools sent over 400 students from grade 4 - 8 to the Dundas Valley Conservation Area where CCS hosted the Christian School Cross Country Invitational. Although a few minor injuries occurred, we were blessed with an overall great day. All the runners should be proud of their accomplishments for the day, A special shout out to the CCS junior boys team for their first place win. Way to go team! I also want to thank the parents who came to support their sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, and grand kids. A special thanks to all the volunteers who came to help out for the day: Mrs. Vanderzwaag, Mr and Mrs Cooper, Mrs Ritskes, Mrs Dijkema, Mrs. Hosmar, Mr. Zantingh, Mrs. Rauwerda, and especially Mrs Hoogland who, at the last minute was able to lead the fun run! This day could not have happened without all of you. Many thanks go out to Kaitlin Hoogland for her involvement in coaching the CCS Cross Country Team this season! Mrs. Hoogland came to school every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to help the students train. Her expertise in this area was very much appreciated! Thanks so much, Coach Hoogland!

**Boys' Volleyball Update:** We've had a great start to the season. Our first two weeks of practice focused on basic skills and an introduction to positioning. We continued to cover a lot of things volleyball, and encourage the boys to practice their serve toss over the weekend. The toss is one of the hardest things to do when serving, and can make all the difference in the success of your serve. Next week Monday, we, both senior boys' volleyball teams, will be hosting a mini-tournament (the CCS Cup) here at Calvin in the hopes of seeing the return of this trophy to our display case. The tournament will run from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Please note the change of pick up time is an hour later than the regular practice pick up time. Parents are

encouraged to come cheer their student-athletes on. Siblings that stay after school to watch the tournament must be supervised by an adult as the teachers and coaches will be otherwise occupied at that time. Our Wednesday practice will be a regular practice (3:30-4:30).  
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### Prayer for the Week:

Dear God,  
Thank you that you never change. You are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. In a world of change and insecurity you are our rock. Bless the teachers over the next few days as they participate in professional development opportunities. We pray they would be enriched and encouraged. We praise and thank you for the dedicated teachers at our school. Bless all the students as they have a couple of days off of school. Keep them safe and allow them to have a lot of fun.  
Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ.  
In His name, 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 flyer sent home today with all the details! Or see our website: 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](mailto:squich7@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**CROQUETTE Time again!** Place your order for croquettes on-line at [www.ccsHamilton.ca/bazaar](http://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 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](http://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!