



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

★ Thank you for joining us at the annual Hosanna Christmas Concert this past Monday. In addition to the Hosanna Choir singing, our Concert Band, Recorder and Bell choirs also performed and, I might add, they did a wonderful job. Thanks to Mrs. Heeg and Mr. Boer for their expert directing. We are also thankful for the financial support for our music program as over \$1000 was raised.



★ December is a great month here at CCS. There is so much to look forward to, not the least of which is our celebration of Christmas. Part of our celebrations include a number of "outings." The Senior Choir and Concert Band are scheduled to go to Wellington Senior's Residence, Hamilton Central Public Library, Hamilton City Centre Mall and Juravinski Hospital on Dec. 18, while the Junior, Recorder, and Bell choirs will be visiting St. Peter's Residence and the Village of Wentworth Heights on Dec. 19.

★ Be sure to take a peek at the school Christmas Service Project info sheet attached to this courier's email. We are once again collecting donations for Mission Services. The info sheet clarifies some of the needs that Mission Services has. Thank you to our Public Relations Committee for organizing this project.

★ The CCS board of directors has also launched the Annual Campaign Drive. Brochures regarding the drive will be coming your way. In the brochure, you will notice that funds raised will go towards facility and playground redevelopment, with specific plans to make our playground more accessible for students who are challenged with mobility issues. We are very excited about the possibilities!

★ Please consider joining us for our school Christmas celebration on Friday, December 21. The assembly will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m. and will involve many of our students, including the primary and senior choirs, as well as the concert band.

★ Please pray for our grade 7 teacher, Mrs. Mantel, as her husband Dave is scheduled to undergo surgery on December 10. May our heavenly Father provide healing.

★ Please also keep Kyra Dobrenski, a student in grade 8, in your prayers as well. Kyra has struggled with significant health concerns in the past and unfortunately some of those concerns have come back. The family asks that you specifically pray for guidance from God for the doctors to help them sort out the next steps and long term treatment plans. You can follow Kyra's progress and learn about additional prayer requests on the family's blog: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kyradobrenski>

UPCOMING AT CCS

EDCOM	Tuesday, December 11
Popcorn Day	Friday, December 14
Last day for TRIP orders before Christmas	Friday, December 14
Senior Choir Tour	Tuesday, December 18
Junior Choir Tour	Wednesday, December 19
Last Day of School in 2018 (½ day)	Friday, December 21
Christmas Assembly - 9:20 am	Friday, December 21
First School Day of 2019	Monday, January 7, 2019
Save the Date!	
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019

★ On a personal note, I finally got the invite from Kindergarten (and Jubilee) to join them in the forest! We head out to do some exploration this Wednesday. Thank you Kindergarten students for your invitation!



Junior Kindergarten: Special thanks to the grandparents and parents who joined Jubilee this week to help bake Christmas treats! Thanks to Mrs. Tigchelaar, Mrs. Shilton, Mrs. Bergstra, Mrs. Postma, Mrs. Hutten, Oma deVries, Nana Tigchelaar, and Grandma Paterson!



Kindergarten: Please send in paper towel rolls/TP rolls/wrapping paper rolls, etc for an activity with our Big Buddies next week. Thanks! W²

Grades 3A and 3B enjoyed a hands-on musical workshop this morning. This Ontario curriculum-based workshop was presented by Jim Arnold, from Folklore Music and Arts with a focus on songs from "Around the World". The students were so excited to be able to touch and play a large variety of instruments. Music is a gift from God and we really appreciated the opportunity to be able to participate in this workshop this morning. RVV/KT

TRIP: Just a reminder that there are two weeks remaining to place your TRIP order for Christmas delivery! TRIP orders will be accepted until December 14th with delivery scheduled for December 20th.

From Your Fundraising Committee: Many thanks to all who participated in the Under One Sun ornaments fundraiser! All orders were sent home this week. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at fundraising@ccshamilton.ca

Just a reminder - all stamped receipts from the Samko toy sale are due back into the office by Wed. Dec. 12. Remember to keep a scanned copy for your records. Thank you for your support!

Ms Amy is looking for someone available to supply for her in the **Before and After School Care program** on an emergency basis. First aid and current police check are required.

Please contact Amy Hood Almas at 905-536-7665 or ahoodalmas@ccshamilton.ca for more information.

Prayer for the Week,

"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship."
Galatians 4:4-5

Dear Father in heaven,

Thank you for coming to rescue us. You came at just the right time. We were lost in our sin. But because of the work of Jesus Christ we are now your children, part of your family, receiving full rights of belonging to you. We confess we don't deserve this but accept it as a free gift of amazing grace. Open our eyes in fresh ways this December into the reality and beauty of your gift to us. We pray for those in our school community and community who have difficulty experiencing joy at this time of the year. Surround them with your love. As winter approaches, we also pray your blessing on all our bus drivers as well. They have a big responsibility to transporting so many students each day. We pray for safety and protection on the roads over the next few months.

Thank you for your love.

In Jesus name,

Amen

We encourage each family of Calvin Christian School to bring in one gift item to place under the Christmas tree in the school foyer.

Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to make this service project a success.

There is absolutely no obligation to participate and all donations are welcome even if it is not listed below!

We assigned items to ensure the variety of needs of the families and individuals are met.

Based on your last name, see the suggestions listed below. Mission Services has prioritized these items.

Last name A-D - New hats, gloves, mittens, warm socks, snow pants, sweaters, pyjamas, underwear, thermalwear for all ages (55 families)

Last name E-H - Toys for all ages(39 families)

Last name I-L: Sporting equipment (27 families)

Last name M-P: Personal Care products for infant to adult (34 families)

Last name Q-T: Tween Gifts (gift cards, itunes, art supplies, movie passes, bus passes, curling irons and flat irons, make up gift sets, etc.) (43 families)

Last name U-Z: Diapers, Baby food & Baby Formula (50 families)