# Calvin Christian School Courier

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# From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- Please consider joining us next Friday for our school Christmas assembly. The assembly will be hosted by our grade 5 classes and the kindergarten class. It will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m. and will involve many of our students.

- Next week a number of our students will be celebrating Christmas in the broader community. 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.

- In addition to celebrating Christmas in the broader community, here at school our STEEL BEAMS Winter Spirit Team has also planned a number of fun activities. Students can look forward to a Christmas Photo Booth, Decorate the Teacher like a Christmas Tree, Christmas Spirit Dress Up Day and other fun activities. Thank you Winter Spirit Team!

- Our students have done an amazing job of bringing in gifts for our Christmas Service Project. If you get a chance to take a look at the Christmas tree in the front lobby, you will see dozens and dozens of items. Thanks for supporting this wonderful cause and thank you to our Public Relations Committee for organizing the project. Mission Services will be picking up the items Monday morning.

- 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!

- With the ice rink taking over a chunk of our playground, students who wait for their parents at 3:30 must stay off the rink. We will expand the waiting area to include the areas around the rink. Parents, please still make your way to the playground and escort your children to your car as soon as the second bell rings. Incidentally, I realize the Immanuel Church parking lot is very crowded. We continue to explore ways to ensure safety and we are thankful for your help in this endeavour.

- Dave Mantel, husband of our Gr. 7 teacher, Mrs. Mantel, is recovering well from his GIST tumour removal and gastrectomy. The family appreciates the community's prayers and ask that you continue to pray for a smooth healing process.

- Please continue to pray for Kyra Dobrenski as she remains hospitalized in order to control the seizures that she is experiencing. Specific prayer for next steps and long term treatment is what the family asks of us.

- Now I can see why the Jubilee and Kindergarten students enjoy the forest classroom so much. This past Wednesday I joined the students to explore the "forest". It was a beautiful morning and we looked for "treasures" and letters of the alphabet as nature revealed them to us. Thanks Jubilee and SK for inviting me!

- After School Care - Friday, December 22. The last day of school before the Christmas break is Friday, December 22. Students are dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and the buses leave shortly after that time. We realize that some families may not have child care arrangement for when the children come home early. As a result, CCS is extending its after school care program on that day. Ms. Amy is willing to begin supervising children at 12:30 p.m. until her regular time, 5:30 p.m. The fee for the extended hours is a flat rate of $40/family or $20/child. If you wish to use this service, please make arrangements with the front office or with Ms. Amy.

## UPCOMING AT CCS

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| Last day for TRIP orders before Christmas | Friday, December 14 |
| PITA ORDERS DUE! | Monday, December 17 |
| Senior Choir Tour | Tuesday, December 18 |
| BOD Meeting | Tuesday, December 18 |
| Junior Choir Tour | Wednesday, December 19 |
| PITA DAY | Thursday, December 20 |
| 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 |
| Next PD Day | Friday, January 25, 2019 |
| Report Cards Distributed | Friday, February 1 |
| Save the Date! | |
| Night time Auction | Saturday, February 23, 2019 |

**Kindergarten:** Thanks to Mrs. deVries, Mrs.Harris, Mr. Boonstra, Mr. VanBenthem and Mr. VanderZwaag for joining us in discovering alphabet letters in the forest. God also surprised one group with four beautiful deer! KB is excited to share their songs at the Christmas assembly; please join us if you are able. (KA will have their chance to shine on stage on Grandparents' Day next May, 2019. :) ) $W^2$

**Jubilee School:** Special thanks to Mrs. A Demik, Mrs. L Demik, Mrs. VandenDool and Mrs. Andree Weibe for joining us in the forest this week. Students enthusiastically searched for letter shapes and co-created alphabet letters in small groups using forest materials! JH

**Grade 3A and 3B** enjoyed a visit to Westfield Heritage village where we saw beautifully decorated buildings and were able to learn about how early Canadians prepared for Christmas. Students visited a log home and experienced some traditional decorating techniques and Christmas foods. We also stopped at the Cathcart School where students had an opportunity to sit in pioneer desks and created a take-home ornament. A highlight was stopping at the Mountsberg Church where students staged a traditional play, based on the birth of Christ. A big thank you to all the parents who were able to chaperone this trip: Mrs. DeBoer, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Tigchelaar, Mrs. Veldpaus, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. Vyn, Mrs. Van der heiden, Mrs. vanderMeer, Mrs. Gonnering, Mrs. Bartels, and Mrs. Speelman, and to our wonderful bus driver Mr. MacFarland for driving us safely. ME/RVV

**Grade 7B**: A huge thank you to Dr. Brouwer who visited our world life class yesterday to share his passion about global warming. Dr. Brouwer challenged us to start thinking of how we can begin to make a difference now, and for the future. We look forward to coming up with ideas in the new year! KT

## WINTER SPIRIT WEEK!

The count down is on! Only a few more days until the Christmas break! The Winter Spirit Steel Beams team is putting on a special week for the students and staff of CCS, filled with dress up days and fun activities.

**1. Christmas Photo Booth** - Sometime in the upcoming week, your son/daughter's class will be invited to take pictures with friends at the Christmas photo booth! Get those smiles ready!

**2. Tuesday - Decorate the Teacher Like a Christmas Tree** - students are invited to bring along 1-2 Christmas tree decorations to dress up the teacher like a Christmas tree! Some ideas could be: an ornament, tinsel, a star, popcorn garland, etc.... The wackier, the better! A fun picture of the teachers will be taken later in the day, showing off their Christmas tree fashions!

**3. Wednesday - Christmas Spirit Dress Up Day** - students can dress up in their wacky Christmas gear. Some ideas include: wearing red/green/white clothing, reindeer headbands, elf shoes, ugly sweaters, Christmas light necklaces, Christmas hats, etc.. Let your school spirit shine!

**4. Thursday - Theatre Thursday** - students can bring along comfy blankets and a favourite movie snack to eat while watching a nice Christmas movie.

**Concert Band**: We are looking forward to our Christmas Music Tour on Tuesday. Please spend extra time on your Christmas pieces and look to the classroom calendar for more details. I am looking forward to a great day! MH

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC TOURS

**Senior Music Tour** - Tues., December 18, 2018

The Senior Choir and Concert Band have worked hard to prepare Christmas music to share in our community.

Friends and family are welcome to join us at the various locations. We are looking forward to performances at the following locations:

Wellingstone Senior's Residence: 9:30 a.m. (Reception room)

Hamilton Central Public Library: 10:45 a.m. (Living room, near glass windows facing York Boulevard)

Hamilton City Centre Mall: 12:00 (food court)

Juravinski Hospital: 1:30 p.m. (Main entrance, by Christmas tree)

**Junior Choir, Bell and Recorder Choir Tour** - Wed., December 19

Village of Wentworth Heights - 9:45 a.m.

St. Peters at Chedoke - 11:30 a.m

## Prayer for the Week:

"*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:10-11*

Dear Father,

You are worthy of our worship. We are overjoyed with your coming into this world. It humbles us to know that the Saviour of the world came to this world as a baby, surrounded by animals, to save us from our sins. We pray that we would respond with lives that honour and glorify you. As we prepare for the final week of school before Christmas break, we ask that we find the time to reflect on your gift to us. Don't make us too busy that we forget about you.

Thanks for your amazing love.

In Jesus we pray, Amen

**Remember! Next week Friday is a half day - students are dismissed at 12:30!**

**Fundraising Committee Presents: Hamilton Bulldogs Game Saturday February 16, 2019**

Looking for something to do Family Day weekend? How about a Bulldogs game! Tickets are $17 each. Order forms came home today with the courier. Sales will continue in 2019. Tickets would make a great Christmas gift! Any orders in by Wed. Dec. 19/18 will be sent home Thurs. Dec. 20 - in time for Christmas!

This is the last weekend to order your **TRIP gift cards** for delivery before the Christmas holidays. In house orders were due today, however you can order online through Fundscrip until 8:00 am Monday December 17th.

Thank you for your support of the TRIP program. It`s been a great year of savings!!