Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

★ Happy New Year! It's been great to be back at school this past week and I hope that you and your family were able to enjoy the Christmas break. I wish you God's blessings in the year that lies ahead.

★ As reported in the last courier, the CCS board of directors has recently approved a motion that amalgamates the Jubilee school program into the rest of the CCS structure. What this means is that Jubilee school will no longer have a separate tuition structure. Families that register for Jubilee school will now be expected to become members of the CCS society and pay the per family tuition rate. Those rates still need to be determined and approved, however, they will be in line with what tuition was for senior kindergarten.

★ Also reported in the last courier was information regarding space availability in our JK class for September 2019. Given the fact that all our current member families with children born in 2015 intend to enroll their JK child in Junior Kindergarten in September, there are no more spaces for new families. As you know, the board of directors continues to actively explore options in addressing our capacity concerns. Families seeking Christian education do have other options as there are a number of other local Christian schools in the area.

★ Registration documents for the upcoming school year (2019/20) for JK-Gr. 8 will be sent home with your child next week. Please look for these important documents in your child's backpack.

★ The STEEL BEAMS Ice Rink Team has begun setting up the rest of the ice rink this past week. The rink itself will be filled with water over the weekend and it is our hope that by late next week the rink will be ready to go. Please keep in mind that skates, helmets, and gloves are mandatory while on the ice. We also have a fabulous skate/helmet exchange program. If you need to borrow skates and or a helmet that is possible as we have a number available. The skates can be borrowed for the "season". Your son/daughter can take them home and you can get the blades sharpened if they need it. If you have any skates or helmets at home that can be donated to CCS, we would happily take them.

★ A special thank you to John Van Arragon, Harry Groenewegen, Justin Hosmar, Brandon Brodie and Nate Van Arragon who all assisted with the rink set up this morning.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lam. 3:22-23

UPCOMING AT CCS

Little Caesar's fundraiser begins	Friday, January 11
Finance Committee	Tuesday, January 15
Bazaar Committee	Tuesday, January 15
PR Committee	Wednesday, January 16
SPECIAL LUNCH DAY	Thursday, January 17
Little Caesar's Orders Due	Thursday, January 24
P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL!)	Friday, January 25
First Semester Reports Issued	Friday, February 1
Fair Glen (Grade 6)	Feb. 6, 7, and 8
Save the Date!	
Night time Auction	Saturday, February 23, 2019

Prayer for the New Year

Father,
Thank you for 2019! Thank you for a chance to be away to celebrate Christmas and to spend time with family and friends. Thank you that you never change, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. We praise you for your faithfulness. Thank you for a good start to the second half of the school year. We thank you for our teachers, staff and students. It is our desire that your name is exalted and glorified in all things at our school. We ask that this year would be an amazing year in seeing each student equipped to shine for you in their school, homes and community. Thank you for your love and grace.
In the name of Jesus, Amen

Primary and Junior French - this month we are practicing and beginning to memorize our plays. If your child needs or wants more practice at home, for pronunciation and fluency, this is available via the AIM web portal. Email jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca for a login name and password for access to this resource. JVE

Concert Band: Enjoy a break for the next few weeks. A new sign up sheet is posted for the Spring season. Please sign up if you would like to remain part of the Concert Band AND if you are interested in trying out. Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29, during the noon recess. MH

Flute Choir and Brass Ensemble: the rehearsals will be combined for this next session. New members are welcome. Our rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at noon recess. MH

SKI TRIP: The annual grade 7&8 ski trip to Snow Valley is scheduled for Friday, February 15th. Forms with all the necessary information are available at school and are also available on the website and with today's courier. Forms and cheque payment are due by Thursday, January 24th. Any questions, please direct them to Mrs. Mantel at cmantel@ccshamilton.ca CM

and now for the Sports....

Girls' basketball tryouts will be held next week Monday, January 14, and Thursday, January 17, from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. The two tournaments will be held on Tuesday, February 26 and Saturday, March 2. A complete practice schedule will be posted after the team has been made. Please be punctual in picking up your student-athlete at the end of practice. Students who have not been picked up by 4:40 pm will be put into after school care. Looking forward to a great season! If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Reid know at dreid@ccshamilton.ca

The 2019 **boys basketball team tryouts** are underway! With a strong turnout this past Thursday, we are excited to continue tryouts next week Tuesday and Thursday after school. Please make sure to organize rides accordingly.

Blazer Hockey: The first tryout for the school hockey team is set for this Monday. The practice is at the Mountain Arena (Dave Andreychuk) at 3:00 p.m. Players will be dismissed from class at 2:25 and will be driven to the arena. Please make arrangements to pick up your son/daughter at the arena after the tryout (4:00). The rest of the hockey team information was sent home in a letter and can also be found on the school website.

Great Ideas from our Fundraising Committee!

Looking for some fun ideas for the Family Day weekend? Why not try one of these?

1. Spend family time at a Bulldogs Game. Saturday February 16, 2019, $17 a ticket. Order forms are attached to the courier. CCS is also hosting the "chuck a puck" at this game. Contact fundraising@ccshamilton.ca if you would like to help out or need more information.

2. Order some Little Caesar's pizza kits and enjoy a fun family dinner! There's even cookies for dessert (please know that the cookie dough is not peanut free)!! Order forms came home today and are due back Thursday, January 25. Pizza will be ready for pick up at the school Wed. Feb. 13 between 3:00 - 5:30pm. Online orders are welcome, use fundraiser ID# 359647.

TRIP TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Buy Gift Cards – Save on Tuition

If your New Year's resolution was to save money, then see how TRIP can work for you. Check out Fundscrip this weekend and start saving money towards tuition costs! Fundscrip is offering the following promotions for January: Pizza Pizza - 12%, Shell - 3% and Roots - 12% earnings.
If you have any questions regarding how to get started, please contact Lianna Reitsma at lreitsma@ccshamilton.ca
Thank you for supporting the TRIP program! Buy Gift Cards – Save on Tuition

Shell	Roots
3% regular 2%	12% regular 10%
Pizza Pizza	**Pizza 73**
12% regular 10%	12% regular 10%

Occasional Bus Driver - HCTS (Hamilton Christian Transportation Services) runs a school bus from Burlington to Hamilton District Christian High, and we have a need for an occasional school bus driver. The route is from Burlington to Ancaster in the morning, and return in the afternoon. There is also a late Ancaster-Burlington run with two communal stops in the early evening. If you have a B licence, you like teenagers, you like driving, and you're interested in helping us out as needed from time to time, please contact Cheryl Webb at cwebb@hdch.org or 905-648-6655 x102