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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ After a lot of build up, we were finally able to allow the students to get on the ice rink the past 2 days. We are very thankful that we can provide this opportunity for the students. The ice rink provides a wonderful outdoor activity that keeps students engaged and active. Please check the school website for a schedule of class skating times.
- ★ Should you wish to book the ice rink, you must fill out the necessary forms before using the rink. You can find the forms on our website or pick them up at the office. Although we do not charge a rental fee for use of the rink, please be aware that a great deal of time, effort and material go into the construction of the rink. Donations and/or sponsorship is welcomed.
- ★ This coming Friday (Jan. 25), we will have an Evaluation Day. There is no school for our students. Teachers will be busy working on report cards, which will be sent home the following Friday, Feb. 1. Please also be aware that the official start of the second semester is Monday, January 28, and the next Parent/Teacher Conference session will be April 16 and 17. You are, of course, free to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions about your child's progress.
- ★ The CCS Personnel Committee will be meeting soon to explore potential staffing arrangements for the school year 2019/20. I'd like invite Christian teachers to submit a cover letter, resume, brief autobiography and a philosophy of Christian education to me if you are interested in applying for one of the potential positions (aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca).
- ★ Registration documents for the upcoming school year (2019/20) for JK-Gr. 8 has been sent home today. Please look for these important documents in your child's backpack.



In the event of a snow day, the best place to find out is our school website. We hope to have the information up by 7:00 a.m. We also try to have an announcement on 900 CHML radio, as well as a parent e-blast.

UPCOMING AT CCS

Transportation Committee	Monday, January 21
Little Caesar's Orders Due	Thursday, January 24
Pita Orders Due	Thursday, January 24
P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL!)	Friday, January 25
Fundraising Committee	Monday, January 28
First Semester Reports Issued	Friday, February 1
Re-registration Forms Due	Friday, February 1
Fair Glen (Grade 6)	Feb. 6, 7, and 8
<i>Save the Date!</i>	
Night time Auction and Dinner!	Saturday, February 23, 2019

Our FIRST ANNUAL CCS NIGHT AUCTION
will be taking place on
Saturday, February 23! This event is sure to
be a great night out with pre purchased
dinner tickets available! There will be a
silent auction along with the regular auction
with fabulous items ready for you to bid on.
Mark **FEBRUARY 23** on your calendars.
More information soon to follow!

Kindergarten: The children are excited and nervous about skating! For some, this will be their first time on an ice rink. We will all fall (that is part of the learning!) and so we will first practice getting up. Please be sure to have a helmet (a bike helmet is fine) and skates in a cloth bag ready to go for your child



on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Your child will be more confident and willing to accept this new challenge if they are properly equipped. We are also looking forward to our visit to the forest next Wednesday and Thursday - it will be a week full of enjoying God's winter wonderland!

Grade 4A: Our class had a wonderful day at Crawford Lake yesterday. We learned about Indigenous people who lived in longhouses, and played a fun game of camouflage in the woods. Thanks to Mrs. Gonnering, and "Grandma" Waters for accompanying us. Thanks also to Mr. Kurvits for driving the bus. JD



Are you a knitter with scraps of yarn that you're willing to part with? Grade 3b is looking for red yarn for an upcoming art activity. The colour should match that of the red cardinal bird. Thank you. ME

SKI TRIP: Ski Trip forms have been distributed to students and are also available on the website for the grades 7&8 ski trip to Snow Valley Resort in Barrie on Friday, February 15th. Forms are due Thursday, January 24th and should be sent into Mrs. Mantel. Interested chaperones can find forms on the website or request one to be sent home with your child. Please return or email them to cmantel@ccshamilton.ca. CM

and now for the Sports....

Blazer Hockey: The second 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 were sent home today one form per family. 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.

This week we also had a visit from Bruiser! We congratulate Carter W. (JKA) for receiving from Bruiser free tickets for this event!

2. Order some Little Caesar's pizza kits and enjoy a fun family dinner! There's even cookies for dessert!! (please note cookies are not peanut free) Order forms are due back Friday Jan. 24 (note the date change as the 25th is a PA day!). 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.



3. PITA DAY for January will be on the 30th. Pita forms went home this week and are due at the school by Thursday, January 24.

Prayer for the Week

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1:18

Dear God,

Thank you for another week in your service. Thank you for so many amazing things that take place at our school every single week. Thank you for volunteers, bus drivers, and others who serve faithfully behind the scenes. Father, many are excited about the year's first snow storm. We ask that you keep everyone safe during the storm. We also ask that you be near to those in our city who don't have good housing or any housing at all. Bless organizations who serve homeless people, especially during snowy and cold days. Help us also to see the beauty of the snow and it how reminds us that you wash us as white as snow. Our sins are forgiven because of what you've done for us in your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for this gift to us.

We love you.

Amen

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

<p>Shell</p> <p>3% regular 2%</p>	<p>Roots</p> <p>12% regular 10%</p>
<p>Pizza Pizza</p> <p>12% regular 10%</p>	<p>Pizza 73</p> <p>12% regular 10%</p>