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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra!

- ★ Thank you to our Grade 1A and 6A classes as they led us in a praise assembly this morning. It was particularly special listening to them lead us in "My Lighthouse".
- ★ Tomorrow is an evaluation PD day. There is no school for our students. Teachers will be busy working on report cards, which will be sent home next 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 at any time.
- ★ One of the things about community is the opportunity to pray with and for each other. I ask that you do that for Mrs. Benjamins. Mrs. Benjamins has been dealing with a number of tragic events in her personal life. As a result, she has been granted a leave. We pray that God provides Mrs. Benjamins and her family the comfort that is needed when loved ones die.
- ★ If you haven't seen our Annual Drive brochure, I'd like to take a moment to let you know what our plans are for the funds raised. Over the years CCS has developed wonderful personalized learning programs for students who struggle academically. Now we hope to support students who find navigating our playground a challenge. The plan is to fund a fully accessible playground space that meets the needs of children with a wide spectrum of abilities. If you wish to learn more, please feel free to come and chat with me. Thank you for considering a donation to this project.
- ★ I often receive requests from prospective parents who are hoping to enrol their child at CCS. These parents often mention that they know another family whose children attend CCS and that these families speak highly of our school community. I'd like to thank you for the kind words spoken on our behalf and thank you for being part of an amazing Christian school community.
- ★ As you can imagine, it has been a tricky week with the ice rink. However, students have been able to enjoy it for couple of days and it is wonderful to see how much fun they are having. You can check the school website for a schedule of class skating times.

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.

Our FIRST ANNUAL CCS NIGHT and SILENT AUCTION will be taking place on Saturday, February 23 at 7:00

Why not make a night of it and come for the February Fiesta Mexican Dinner! Mexican hor d'oeuvres or el entremés followed by a delicious February Fiesta dinner or Fiesta de Febrero! More information regarding reserving tickets and tables will be coming your way soon!



If you can't make it for the dinner, plan on joining us for the auction!

UPCOMING AT CCS

P.A. Day (NO SCHOOL!)	Friday, January 25
Fundraising Committee	Monday, January 28
PITA DAY	Wednesday, January 30
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, Feb. 23
February Fiesta Mexican Dinner!	Saturday, Feb. 23
Mexican hor d'oeuvres or el entremés!	5:00 pm
February Fiesta dinner or Fiesta de febrero begins	5:30 pm

- ★ 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.
- ★ Just a reminder to parents to continue to be diligent in checking your children for pinworms and/or lice. Keeping in mind their life cycle, it may be necessary to check often. Occasionally we run into these problems at the school. The CCS Parent Handbook has more information on these infections as does our website (found under secure forms - 539.1).
- ★ The CCS Personnel Committee will be meeting soon to explore staffing arrangements for the school year 2019/20. We will be looking specifically for a band instructor. I'd like to invite Christian teachers to submit a cover letter, resume, statement of belief, and a philosophy of Christian education to me if you are interested in applying for this position or any other potential positions (aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca).
- ★ Registration documents for the upcoming school year (2019/20) for JK-Gr. 8 were sent home last week. These documents are important for budgetary purposes, so we ask that you return them as soon possible.

Junior Kindergarten: Special thanks to Mr. Vandersluis, Mrs. Wensink, Mrs. Vyn, and Mr. Bergstra for joining us in the forest this week. We got to enjoy a winter wonderland! JH

Kindergarten: Thanks to Mr. Taekema, Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. Bennink and Mrs. Vanderheide who helped us create animals in the snow during our trip to the forest. The packing snow certainly was good for building! Please keep an eye on the Kindergarten page of the CCS website for skating updates. Have a wonderful long weekend with your families. W²

Primary and Junior French: Listening quizzes and written work will be sent home next week. Please review and discuss them with your child(ren). I think you will be impressed with what they've learned this past semester! Extra help is always available via the AIM web portal (email me for access info jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca) and my French site (access on your child's classroom web page).

We still have two spots open for the **Robotics** session beginning February 5. Forms are available on our website.

Ski forms were due today to Mrs. Mantel! Chaperones will be contacted this week to confirm a chalet schedule.

and now for the Sports....

Blazer Hockey: The team has been selected and we have a exhibition game scheduled this Monday. The game is against Providence at the Mountain Arena (Dave Andreychuk) at 3:00 p.m. Players will be dismissed from class at 2:20 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.

Girls' basketball practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm through the months of January and February. 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. The two basketball tournaments will be held on Tuesday, February 26 and Saturday, March 2. Looking forward to a great season! If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Reid know at dreid@ccshamilton.ca.



Boys' basketball practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 until 4:30. Again, please note that students not picked up by 4:40 will be asked to go to after school care.

Prayer for the Week.

My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:0

Dear God,

We come before you and we confess that we are weak. We are unable to live as we should. We are unable to do all the things that are required of us.

Dear God, thank you that we have Your presence in our lives. Thank you that Your grace covers over all our weaknesses.

Help us, Lord, to love others. Help us, Lord, in all our tasks.

You are All in All. Amen