



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the desk of Mr. Boonstra

- It's been an amazing week of fun activities and learning! The Book Fair has kept our students busy and I'm delighted in how it helps foster a love for reading. We were also blessed to have Shari van de Pol come and share some information regarding World Down Syndrome Day on Wednesday and as a school community we celebrated the event yesterday. Be sure to check out our social media posts to see the fun pictures.
- Speaking of the Book Fair, I'd like to thank Mrs. Bosveld, Mrs. Benjamins and Mrs. Hagen for their work in organizing the many activities. I would also like to thank the many parents who volunteered time to ensure the fair was enjoyable for our students.
- The primary teachers and students are into serious preparations for the upcoming Spring Program, entitled **Wing It**. We are pretty excited about sharing the program with you. Three shows are scheduled: the first on Monday, April 8, which is a matinee (1:30 start), Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 and Thursday, April 11 at 7:00. You should be aware that on the Tuesday performance, we have invited the volunteers from the re-Source Thrift Store to join us. We hope to honour their efforts in raising funds for CCS by providing this performance for them. As a result, we anticipate a larger crowd on the ninth.
- Just to let you know, Progress Reports are scheduled to go home with your child on Friday, April 12 and Parent/Teacher Conferences are set for the following week. We have added a time slot to the conferences. On Tuesday, April 16, the conferences will run from 3:30-5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, April 17, the conferences will go from 6:00-9:00 p.m. You will receive more information soon about how to sign up.
- Parents of grade 8 students, please look for a letter that was sent home earlier this week. The letter provides important graduation information.
- Hamilton Public Health Services works through schools, including CCS, to update families on immunization compliance. I thought I would take a moment to remind parents that the immunization of your children with the necessary vaccinations is a requirement for attendance at school. You may find yourself receiving a letter from Public Health regarding this fact. If you have more questions, please feel free to contact Public Health Services directly.
- Because of scheduling difficulties, the Grade 7 and 8 immunizations will now happen on Wednesday, April 24.
- It is a real privilege to pop into classes to see the amazing work that students are creating. I recently had that privilege in the grade 2 class. The students had constructed terrific "inventions". The driving question that students were asked to answer was "How can I design a vehicle for exploring that is safe to use and cares for God's creation?" I believe Ford Motor Company may be interested in hiring some of these young inventors!!

### Upcoming at CCS:

Science Fair Project viewing 1:45 to 3:00 pm	Tuesday, March 26
Pita Day	Wednesday, March 27
Grade 8 Graduation Pictures	Thursday, March 28
"Meet us Mondays" 1:30 to 3:00 pm	Monday, April 1
BOD	Monday, April 2
Battle of the Books	Tuesday, April 2
<b>WING IT!</b>	
Matinee Performance 1:30 pm	Monday, April 8
Evening Performance - 7:00 pm	Tuesday, April 9
Evening Performance - 7:00 pm	Thursday, April 11
Interim Progress Reports Issued	Friday, April 12
PT Conferences	
NEW!! 3:30 to 5:00 pm	Tuesday, April 16
6:00 to 9:00 pm	Wednesday, April 17
Rescheduled Grade 7 and 8 Immunizations	Wednesday, April 24

**JK:** Spring is here. Students used their senses to search for signs of Spring in the forest this week. Special thanks

to Mr. Burke, Mrs. Kovacsik, Mrs. Harskamp, and Mrs. Joose for joining us.

JH

**SK:** Thanks to Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Mobach for joining us in the forest this week. We searched for signs of spring and were excited to find them! W<sup>2</sup>

**Grade 2A:** The primary students have been practising hard for our upcoming musical. We hope you've put the dates on your calendar so you can come and join us and see all the fun. Grade 2 has also been working hard to conquer the concept of addition with regrouping. Their booklets are coming home today. Parents please take some time to look these over with your child in preparation for the test next Tuesday, March 26. JVV

**Grade 6:** Wednesday morning grade six launched catapults that they created in Engineering. We had been waiting for this day for a long time but it finally came. Students loaded up their catapults with a paint covered marshmallow and let them go at their target - Ms. Dean. What an opportunity to see learning come to life. Thank you to Ms. Cooper, Ms. Wall, and Ms. Westerhof for coming to help make this event a hit.



**Science Fair:** Our grade 7 and 8 students have been hard at work creating science fair projects over the last few weeks. We would love to share what we have created and will be having an open science fair on Tuesday, March 26. The gym will be set up from 1:45 - 3:00 for younger students, parents, and community members to come and see what the intermediate students have created. We hope to see you there! NW

**BOOK FAIR** was a huge success this year! The sales from Scholastic and Family Christian Bookstore translate into \$2,000 for the library. WOW! That is a lot of books!! A huge thank you to Marja Fledderus from The Family Christian Bookstore for all the work she put into preparing for the Book Fair. You are welcome to visit FCB at 750 Guelph Line in Burlington. Thank you to all the volunteers who came in to help out - the Book Fair success depends on the hard work of these volunteers! ABe

Last call to **7B students** who would like to purchase a copy of the class collection of historical stories. Please send in your payment. CM

**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** Applications for 2019/2020 School year are now accepted until APRIL 30th. CCS offers financial aid to those who qualify to help lower a

family's tuition fee. To find out more details or to apply go to our website at [www.ccshamilton.ca/ta](http://www.ccshamilton.ca/ta) If you wish to apply or have any more questions please contact Mrs. Vander Wier, [mrvanderwier@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:mrvanderwier@ccshamilton.ca)

**Calvin Christian School** presents its 25th anniversary golf tournament planned for Saturday, June 1, 2019. Enjoy a round of golf at the Willow Valley Golf Course in Hamilton, followed by a dinner at the course clubhouse. We welcome golfers, sponsors, and prize donations. This year's proceeds will be used for the inclusive playground project! To learn more about the tournament and the playground plans, please visit [www.ccshamilton.ca/golf](http://www.ccshamilton.ca/golf)

**Prayer for the Week**

Dear God,  
 Thank you for March Break. Thank you for a time for students and staff to step away from the school and enjoy some rest and relaxation. We pray for a great final several months as we look to finish this school year strong. We praise you for Spring, another reminder of your constant faithfulness in the turning of the seasons. You are good. We look forward to experiencing the signs of new growth and the sounds of birds in the early morning. We pray that our voices, too, would be active in praising you and doing what you created us to do. We also look forward to Easter in a few weeks. We praise and thank you for your selfless death for us. We're grateful for what you've done for us on the cross and for the victory you sealed for us through your resurrection.  
 In the powerful name of Jesus, Amen



**CCS is proud to perform Jacobson's and Higgins' production of Wing It!** Wing It is a musical about supporting your friends, believing in yourself, taking smart risks knowing you have a huge support system of family, friends, teachers and others to help you along the way. We invite family and friends to attend the upcoming school musical, put on by the Grades JK-3 students. Performances take place on Monday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.

