



Calvin Christian School Courier

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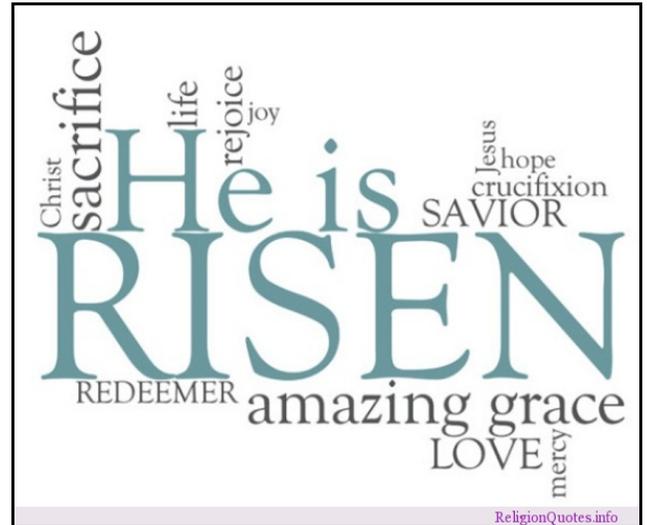
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From the desk of Mr. Boonstra...

- It was a joy to be able to gather as a school community this morning to celebrate Easter. I am thankful for the Easter message shared with us by our grade 1B and 6B classes. Blessings on your Easter celebrations with friends and family. "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!"
- Thank you for taking the time to meet with the teachers this past week. Conferencing with you is an important part of keeping the channels of communication between home and school open. We value the opportunity to collaborate with you, and encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher.
- In two weeks we will be celebrating Christian Education week at CCS and like usual we have an exciting week lined up. Join us for Open House on Tuesday, April 30. Visit the classrooms and check in with your children. In the afternoon, our grades 4-8 will share their projects with you as part of our Shine Festival. The Festival begins at 1:45 and runs until 3:00. The following day is Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day. We look forward to welcoming grandparents or grandfriends to the school. A special program involving many students begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by visits to the classrooms (11:00-12:00). The morning wraps up with a light lunch in the gym provided by our Public Relations Committee. We are looking forward to seeing you!
- As you know, CCS has been exploring options in dealing with our capacity concerns. That being said, if someone asks you about space at CCS, please have them contact the school office or me. Whereas we do not have space in a few classes, we do have limited space in many grades.
- I'm thankful for your cooperation in picking up your children in a timely manner in the Immanuel Church parking lot at the end of the day. It has been much easier to identify which children do not have a ride.
- Just a reminder that when your children come to school late or if they leave early, they need to check in at the office. We want to ensure that we know where the students are at all times for safety reasons. We also



Student employment opportunity

Calvin Christian School is accepting resumes for our student custodial position. This position offers full time hours in the summer, and 5 hours / week during the school year. Applicants must be currently attending high school and be at least 14 years of age. Those interested are invited to submit their resume to Mr. Hosmar at jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca by April 26.

Upcoming at CCS

Good Friday (No School)	Friday, April 19
EASTER!	Sunday, April 21
Easter Monday (No School)	Monday, April 22
Rescheduled Grade 7 and 8 Immunizations	Wednesday, April 24
Pita Day	Thursday, April 25
Spirit Day	Thursday, April 25
Christian Education Week!	
Open House / Shine Festival	Tuesday, April 30
Grandparent / Grandfriend Day	Wednesday, May 1
JK/SK Orientation Day	Thursday May 9
Sunrise Fest	Saturday, May 11
Save the Date!	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 16

prefer that you come and pick up your child from the office when leaving early. The office staff does not know what is going on if you text your child to come to you in the parking lot.

- For those of you interested in a copy of the Spring Musical that our primary students performed, you should know that we are working on it. We want to ensure that we are complying with copyrights laws.



Junior Kindergarten: Special thanks to Mrs. Demik, Mrs. Douwes, Mrs. Andree Wiebe, Mrs Shilton and Mrs. VanBentham for joining us at the Butterfly Conservatory this week! We saw many amazing creatures and stand in awe of our Creator! JH

Kindergarten: Thanks to Mrs. Harris, Mrs. (Grandma) Stevenson, Mr. Wrench, Mrs. Grootenboer, Mrs. Hoogland and Mrs. Sommer for joining us at the Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory. It was fascinating to see so many butterflies up close and to touch the thorny devil and the millipede. God is an amazing Creator! One or two more KB parent volunteers for our trip to the forest this Thursday would be wonderful. Have a blessed Easter weekend celebrating our Saviour's love for us! W²

Grade 5: As a way to kick-off our poetry unit in writing, we were privileged to have Mr. Neil Paul, a published poet, come to our classes and introduce to us the wonderful world of poetry. As poets, we learned the importance of using our God-given gift of imagination and imagining to create pictures and feelings. Through demonstration, Mr. Paul showed us the difference between literal and figurative language. Finally, Mr. Paul shared some of his poems and explained what inspired him to write it and why he chose the images he did. Some of us were even able to share some of our own personally written poems with Mr. Paul. We look forward to drawing on Mr. Paul's ideas when we begin writing our own poems in the coming weeks. Thank you for your visit, Mr. Paul. PV

Primary and Junior French - Students are working on memorizing their plays and saying their lines with correct pronunciation, good fluency and expression. If your child(ren) needs or wants more practice at home, this is possible via the AIM web portal. Please email jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca for login info. Junior

The Hamilton Beach Volleyball Club runs youth programs at the 4 new beach courts at Hamilton District Christian High. Last year was a huge success for our summer programs and we are looking forward to hosting many athletes again this summer.

If you would like to learn and/or train for some Beach Volleyball this summer, the Hamilton Beach Volleyball Club would love to host you. Please find more information about our programs at our website: <https://www.hamiltonbeachvolleyball.net/> Information regarding other camp/sport league ideas can be found by the bulletin board in the office.

students' presentation dates are listed on their classroom pages; primary students will be presenting their plays to reading buddies in June. Happy practicing, tout le monde! JVE

Spring is here and that means the Public Relations Committee is busy planning for our **Open House/Shine Festival** on Tuesday, April 30 as well as our beloved **Grandparents Day** on Wednesday May 1. Please mark both dates on your calendar! Invitations will be coming out soon for the students to hand or mail out to their Grandparents/Grandfriends. Like always, we need a large number of volunteers to host these 2 days. Please contact Jenny Vyn at vyn.jenny@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!

From the Fundraising Committee: Spring is in the air! It's the time to order spring bulbs for summer flowers! Check out the Vesey's brochure for many choices. Order forms are due back April 24th. Orders will be ready for pick up at the Sunrise Fest.

Only one month until the **Sunrise Fest**. Bring the whole family for breakfast and find the perfect gift for Mother's Day! Lots of vendors and the plant sale too! Saturday May 11, 7:30 - 11 am. If you are interested in being a vendor please email fundraising@ccshamilton.com.

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. If you wish to apply or have any more questions please contact Mrs. Vander Wier, mvdanderwier@ccshamilton.ca.

Ready, Set, Go!!!

Plans and preparations for the annual **CCS Field Day** and the closely following Track Day have already begun. Some important dates to keep in mind are:

April 25 - Spirit Day

May 7 and 13 - Practice Days

May 22 - Field Day (gr. 1-8) *rain date May 23

May 24 - Track Day (gr. 4-8) *rain date May 27

***** URGENT:** Parents/guardians, please let teachers know ASAP if your child/children will be absent on either Field Day (May 22) or Track Day (May 24). Mixed grade teams are presently being created for Field Day, and we would greatly appreciate this information to keep the process running smoothly. Watch the Courier for more information about these exciting events and for opportunities to share in these fun-filled days with the students and staff.

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.ccs-hamilton.ca/golf

Our committee is busy gathering prizes for our prize table, so if you/your business, or friend's/family member's business is willing to donate product or a gift certificate in support of this fundraising effort for our special education department, please contact

jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The **re-Source Thrift Shop** is looking for people to help out! Wednesdays is pickup up and delivery day, and back up drivers are needed. Volunteers are always needed to help out in the shop as well! Contact resourcethrift@gmail.com for more information.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”

Matthew 28:6

Jesus, we grieve Good Friday. We grieve because of the intense pain you went through on our behalf. You took what we deserve upon yourself. Thank you for going all the way – to the point of death – for us. You lived the life we were to live. You died the death that we deserve. Thank you. Through our grief we know that Sunday is coming. Thank you for the empty tomb. Thank you for defeating sin and death. You are victorious and we praise you for all that you've done for us. Give us time to pause this weekend to reflect on your kindness and grace. And we pray that you would fill us with your Spirit so we live as people of the Risen King!

In the powerful name of Jesus,

Amen

Celebrating Christian Education Week (April 29 - May 3) at Calvin Christian School

Open House: Calvin Christian School, Hamilton, invites you to attend our annual Open House Day on Tuesday, April 30, at the school (547 West 5th Street, Hamilton). Come any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to see Christian education in action! Feel free to visit classrooms, explore the school, and talk with staff members. We encourage you to consider taking a friend or neighbour along.

Shine Festival: A special part of our Open House (April 30) celebration will be the CCS Shine Festival. Students in Grade 4 through Grade 8 will present projects that they have been working on throughout the school year. The festival runs from 1:45 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day: Calvin Christian School, Hamilton, invites all grandparents or grandfriends to join us for our annual Grandparents' Day, held on Wednesday, May 1. Join us for a short program involving many of our students beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a visit to the classrooms from 11:00 - 12:00 and then a light lunch beginning at noon.



Please note that due to the Easter holiday, there will be no Fundscrip delivered next week. Therefore, the next delivery date for Fundscrip is May 2nd.
(Inhouse orders will still be filled next week).

This month's promotions on Fundscrip include: Esso Savings Card (not a fuel card), Stokes/Think Kitchen and Premium Outlet Malls.

Don't forget that TRIP has a special offer for April!! For every weekly purchase through Fundscrip, your name will be entered into a draw for a \$10 Dollarama Gift Card. For every new user to Fundscrip, your name will be entered twice!

Hurry, the offer is only valid until the end of April!!

For those of you not yet signed onto the TRIP program, it's time to start saving for the next year's tuition. The TRIP cycle of savings runs from May 1st to April 30th. Simply, click on the Fundscrip logo at the bottom of the homepage on the website to get started!

If you have any questions regarding TRIP, please contact Lianna Reitsma at ltreitsma@ccshamilton.ca.

