

# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the desk of Mr. Boonstra...

- As you may know, this past week we celebrated Christian Education week and what a week of celebration it was! Tuesday we opened up our doors to the community for our annual Open House. The highlight of the day was the Shine Festival hosted by our grade 4 - 8 students. The festival provides our students the opportunity to share their projects with family and friends and it is the culminating activity of our PBL inspired approach to learning. I had the chance to visit most of the classes and there were so many highlights for me. I'd love to hear what the highlights for you were.
- Also part of our Christian Education week celebration was Grandparents' Day, held on the Wednesday. It is such a special day to see the bond between grandparents and their grandchildren. We are thrilled to be able to help foster these important relationships. Thanks for being a part of Christian education!
- This past week the Board of Directors sent an important email to the broader CCS community. The email was an invitation to the upcoming Town Hall meeting, set for Wednesday, May 8, at 7:30. The meeting will focus on the school's membership policy. Please join us to share your thoughts on this important topic.
- The front office also sent out an email with Field Day information and information on how to access our Spring Musical, *Wing It*. Feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.
- We are looking for a coach for the girls' softball team. If you have an interest and some experience with the sport of softball, please contact me or the front office. Typically, practices take place a couple times a week after school (3:30-4:30). The tournament is set for Monday, June 10.
- This past week I received an email from Shane Farraway the Communications and Events Coordinator at Neighbour to Neighbour (food bank). Here is his message - "Last year we were so very touched by the amount of rice donations the students at Calvin Christian accumulated in just over 2 weeks. This year, I thought I'd send our poster once again (and much earlier) in the hopes that the Calvin Christian community would band together and support their next door neighbours. We hope that staff and students see the value in helping fundraise towards our 10k goal this year." Please consider supporting this worthy cause.
- As the weather becomes warmer (hopefully) and students are looking to grab their summer clothes, please familiarize yourself with the dress code. A few areas to take note and be aware of are that shorts/skirts/dresses must be past the fingertips when arms are naturally at the side, shirts need to have sleeves, and

### Job Opening (part time) - School Counsellor

The board of directors has recently approved the hiring of a school counsellor. This is a new position, created to provide support for students struggling with mental health concerns. Qualified individuals should send a cover letter, a resume, a statement of faith and a list of references to [a boonstra@ccs hamilton.ca](mailto:a boonstra@ccs hamilton.ca). For more information, please contact the school office.

### Possible Job Openings - Paraeducators

CCS also has possible openings for Educational Assistants. Qualified individuals should send a cover letter, a resume, a statement of faith and a list of references to [a boonstra@ccs hamilton.ca](mailto:a boonstra@ccs hamilton.ca). For more information, please contact the school office.

## Upcoming at CCS

Website live for Field Day food orders	Wednesday, May 1
MAP Testing	May 6 to May 17
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, May 7
SPECIAL LUNCH DAY	Wednesday, May 8
TOWN HALL MEETING - 7:30 pm	Wednesday, May 8
JK/SK Orientation Day (No school for current JK/SK students)	Thursday, May 9
Sunrise Fest	Saturday, May 11
CCS Field Day	Wednesday, May 22
CCS Track Day	Friday, May 24
CCS Walkathon	Saturday, May 25
New Student Orientation Day	Tuesday, May 28
Membership Meeting 7:30 registration	Wednesday, May 29
Master Field Day	Friday, May 31
Regular School only for JK Friday to Gr. 4)	
CCS Golf Tournament	Saturday, June 1
<b>Save the Date!</b>	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 16

shirts need to cover the midriff. Thanks for helping us promote dress that "reflects simplicity and promotes Christian values" (CCS Parent Handbook).

- A few changes regarding Master Field Day (MFD) are in the works. First, high jump has been eliminated as an event because of safety reasons and it has been replaced by ball throw for all age groups. This change also will be reflected in our own Field Day/Track Day practices. Secondly, in the past, even though only a few grade 4 students qualified for MFD, we gave all other grade 4 students the day off. We are going to change that practice. We will expect grade 4 student who do not qualify for MFD to be at school. There will be classes for JK-4 and no classes for grade 5-8.

**Grade 2A:** It was wonderful to have so many family members come to visit our classroom this past week. We saw God's faithfulness to so many generations as we spent time sharing our learning with younger siblings, parents, grandparents and even family friends. Thank you for being a supportive community and blessing us with your time and words of encouragement. JVW

**Concert Band:** The Concert Band performed well on Grandparents Day. Bravo! Concert Band is finished for the year, so all students in the Concert Band who do not have Music this semester should return their instruments and music. Thank you! MH

**Music Classes Gr.7B and 8B:** Good work this past week in class. Tests will be happening this month. Please look to your classroom calendar for test dates. MH



**The Senior Choir plans to attend the Festival of Music,** held at Canada's Wonderland, on Thursday, May 16. The students will travel by school bus, leaving CCS at 8:50 a.m.

and returning to the school at approximately 7:30 p.m. We have been working hard on the repertoire in preparation for the festival! A note will come home with the students next week, giving more details about the event. DVE

**GOLF!** 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 playground re-design project, with an inclusive design for all ages and ability levels! To learn more about the tournament and the playground design, please visit [www.ccshamilton.ca/golf](http://www.ccshamilton.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 [ivaneek@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:ivaneek@ccshamilton.ca). Your support is greatly appreciated!



## Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for a wonderful week. Thank for the gift of Christian education. Thank you that our students could put their work and learning on display this week. Thank you for the play and for the opportunity for so many students to demonstrate their different personalities and abilities. And we praise and thank you for grandparents. Thank you for their legacy and dedication to our school. Thank you for the important role they play in student's lives. We pray for the widowed grandparents that they would find community and encouragement. We also ask that you would be close to those who are struggling with ill health - restore them or give them the patience and strength to endure the pain and discomfort. Please use us and our learning to shine for you - that you would receive glory through everything we do.

In the name of Jesus, Amen

**GREAT WOLF LODGE, 2019....**It's that time of year again! A block of rooms has been reserved during the annual Fall PA days for our Christian schools.

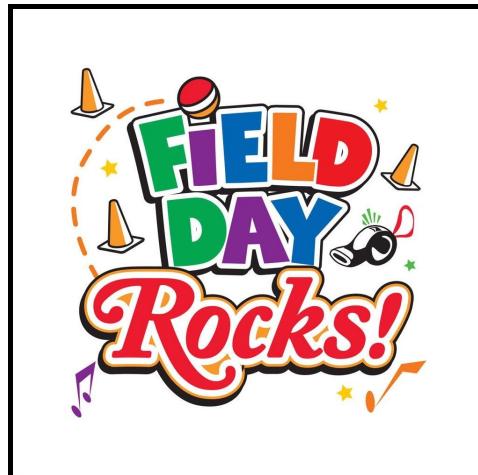
Discounted rates are available for the dates of Oct. 24, 25 & 26 2019. Room rates start at \$189.99/night. Our group booking code is: 1910CHRI\_001. To book your room go to: [www.greatwolf.com/niagara](http://www.greatwolf.com/niagara) or call: 1-866-949-9653 or 1-800-605-9653 Booking deadline is Sept. 24, so reserve early to avoid disappointment! For further information, please ONLY contact Tammy Veld [rtveld96@gmail.com](mailto:rtveld96@gmail.com) or call/text: 905.745.5609



**LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR – HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN 2019 TOUR** - In concert together with the Groot Mannenkoor Nederland forming a combined choir of 120 voices! Directed by Martin Mans and accompanied by Mark Brandwijk. Wednesday June 5 – Redeemer University College, Thursday June 6 – Port Hope United Church, Friday June 7 – St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, Saturday June 8 – The Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto \*\*\*All concerts begin at 8:00PM\*\*\* Reserve your tickets today! (Also available at the door) [www.libertasvoices.com](http://www.libertasvoices.com) 905.522.0001 [info@libertasvoices.com](mailto:info@libertasvoices.com)

**SUMMER PIANO LESSONS!** Up to 4 sessions available over the course of the summer with current CCS piano teacher, Winona Siebenga. Limited spots available. This is an opportunity for something new, including "ear" playing, jazz, composition and even just to give your child initial exposure to piano.

Email for more information: [winona.strikwerda@gmail.com](mailto:winona.strikwerda@gmail.com)



**Yes, it is that time of year again! Our annual CCS Field Day will soon be here!**

Teams met with their captains on Spirit Day to choose a unique team name and create an awesome team cheer! Two practice times are slated for May 7 and May 13 so that each team has the opportunity to become acquainted with the various events. Look for a new event this year - it is bound to be a challenge!

**For Field Day to run smoothly, we need MANY volunteers.** Thank you to those parents who have already filled in the online form found on our website. If you are able to volunteer for the full day, or only for the morning or afternoon, please fill in the form or email Mrs. Winnie Wiebenga @ [wwiebenga@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:wwiebenga@ccshamilton.ca). We hope to have all volunteers in place by Friday, May 17 - please be in touch soon!

Online forms for food orders should also be filled in by May 11 (see additional information below). Be sure to ask your children to practice their cheer with you so that you can join in on the fun and enthusiasm on Field Day!

## **FIELD DAY FOOD AND DRINK ORDERS! We are once again utilizing the online ordering system!**

You will once again be able to pre order food and drink for Field Day. You can place your child(ren)'s order, or any visitor to our Field Day, on our website at [www.ccshamilton.ca/fielddayfood](http://www.ccshamilton.ca/fielddayfood).

Please note there is no REGULAR milk/pizza/sub scheduled for the week of Field Day. To guarantee food you must have pre-ordered yours by way of the website. All items must be ordered and paid for by May 11.



**Sunrise Fest**  
at  
Calvin Christian School  
547 West 5th St.  
Hamilton  
Saturday May 11, 2019  
7:30 - 11 am

Join us for:  
 • Breakfast  
 • Plant Sale  
 • Vendor's Market

If you are interested in renting a table contact:  
[fundraising@ccs hamilton.ca](mailto:fundraising@ccs hamilton.ca)

**TRIP** TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Buy Gift Cards – Save on Tuition

And the winner of the Dollarama Gift Card for the April Fundscrip promotion is **Tryn Nykamp**, one of supporters from the community at large! A big thank you to all who ordered and participated last month and over the past year. We are currently compiling the savings report for the year end and hope to share that information in the next week or two. Your personal savings certificate will then follow and will be included with the tuition forms towards the end of May.

And now that May is upon us, a new year for savings begins. If you haven't participated before, now is the time to get started. You'll be surprised at how easy Fundscrip is to use and all the retail options available. For example, this month's promotions include:



If you have any questions regarding TRIP and how the program can benefit you and the school, please contact Lianna Reitsma at [reitsma@ccs hamilton.ca](mailto:reitsma@ccs hamilton.ca).

25TH ANNIVERSARY

# FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

We invite you to participate in the 2019 Junior Playground Re-design Project! Help us meet the criteria to become a *Play On! National Demonstration Site* for playground inclusivity.

For registration and sponsorship opportunities, visit [ccs hamilton.ca/golf](http://ccs hamilton.ca/golf)