



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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



- If you haven't made any plans for tomorrow morning, why not come to the annual **CCS Sunrise Fest**. The CCS Fundraising Committee hosts a breakfast, vendor booths and a plant sale. You will also be given the opportunity to learn a little more about our new playground plans. Hope to see you there!
- This past Thursday we welcomed students who will be new to JK and SK in September to our school. The children and their parents had an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet the teachers. We look forward to the children becoming part of the CCS community!
- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the N2N (food bank) Great Rice Round Up. We have already filled a couple of large containers with dozens of bags of rice. There is still lots of time to bring in your contributions.
- This past Tuesday was National Teacher Appreciation Day. I would like to state publicly my appreciation for our teachers. I believe that CCS is blessed with Godly and caring teachers. Thank you for the work you do CCS teachers!
- Thank you to the many parents who attended the Town Hall Meeting this past Wednesday. The focus of the meeting was the school's membership policy. The CCS Board of Directors has been exploring what a single tiered membership might look like and specifically looking to be more inclusive when it comes to membership. If you were at the meeting you know that the desire to maintain the Reformed perspective was clearly articulated. A vote on the by-law relating to school membership will be put forward at the CCS Membership Meeting on May 29.
- Do plan to come to the Membership meeting (May 29) as we have a number of very important topics to share with you, including the new inclusive playground design and an update on our growth plans.
- 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 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 factors 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.

### 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 [aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca). For more information, please contact the school office.

### Job Openings - Paraeducators

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

## Upcoming at CCS

Sunrise Fest	Saturday, May 11
GAUSS Testing	Wednesday, May 15
PR Meeting	Wednesday, May 15
Pentecost Assembly - 2:00 pm	Thursday, May 16
Senior Choir to Festival at Wonderland	Thursday, May 16
Victoria Day (No School)	Monday, May 20
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

**Kindergarten:** Next week Tuesday and Wednesday, we are heading for the forest for the last time this school year! Please let Mrs. Wiebenga know asap if you are able to join us and lead a group of intrepid explorers in the forest from 9:30 - 11:00. We are wondering how much the forest has changed with all this lovely rain and sunshine... W<sup>2</sup>

**Grade 3:** On Monday afternoon, grade 3 students enjoyed a presentation by Ms. Pamela Metha who lived and taught in India for many years. She shared her beautiful pictures with us, some of her as a child, as well as pictures of an Indian wedding, told us stories about life in India, and brought in Indian snacks for us to taste. She also showed us beautiful outfits, her wedding sari (decorated with real gold!), and then taught us how to properly put on a sari... turns out we'd been doing it wrong all along :)

Thank you, Mrs Metha , for spending part of the afternoon with us. We enjoyed your visit!RV & ME

**Grade 7A History Class Trip:** On Thursday, May 30th, we plan to visit Westfield Heritage Village to take part in their educational program; When Two Paths Meet: Indigenous and Settler Relations in Early Ontario. We are looking for two or three parent volunteers to come with us. We would leave the school at 12:00 pm, and return by 2:30 pm. Please email me at [cmantel@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:cmantel@ccshamilton.ca) if you are able to join us.

**Transportation:** The transportation committee would like to thank **Mr. Kikkert** for his faithful service over the last 3 years. He has informed us that he will be moving on to different employment opportunities beginning next week, We wish him God's blessings in this time of transition. In his place, Mr. John VanArragon has agreed to drive the route for the remainder of the year. We welcome him back into the CCS community, albeit in a different capacity, and ask God for a safe transition. JH



**Senior Girls' Baseball:** Try-outs will be held next Monday(May 13) and Wednesday(May 15) after school from 3:30 - 4:30. Please come prepared to play with your baseball glove, gym clothing and appropriate footwear. Check out the CCS website for more information and our schedule for the next month. Looking forward to a great season! JB

**Senior Boys' Baseball:** Try-outs will be on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. Please meet on the back field. BS

**Senior Choir:** The students brought home a note for parents/guardians this week, giving information about the Canada's Wonderland Festival of Music to be held on Thursday, May 16. We are really looking forward to the festival trip! The choir still needs several chaperones. If you are able to accompany the choir, please let Mrs. Van



Egmond know as soon as possible. When the choir arrives back at the school, the students will perform the festival repertoire for parents/families. The students are eager to share the music they have worked so hard on in the last months. We hope you can meet us at 7:30 p.m. for the brief presentation! It will take place in the school lobby.

**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.ccs-hamilton.ca/golf](http://www.ccs-hamilton.ca/golf).

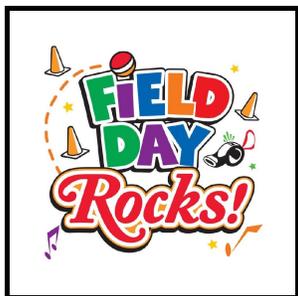
Our committee is busy gathering prizes for our prize table, so if you/your business, or friend's/family member's business is willing to donate product or a gift certificate in support of this fundraising effort for our special education department, please contact [jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca). Your support is greatly appreciated!

#### **Piano Lessons at CCS:**

Families who currently receive piano lessons at CCS are asked to indicate their intentions for next school year by May 31. To new families: If you are currently on the registration/waiting list, then you will be contacted by mid June for confirmation about next year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in piano lessons, please contact Marsha Heeg ([marshaheeg31@gmail.com](mailto:marshaheeg31@gmail.com)) for more information. There is limited space for 2019-2020 but you could still be added to the list for the following school year.

**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)

**Retirement Celebration for Elaine Zwep:** Saturday, May 25 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please join the Brantford Christian School community as we take the opportunity to thank Elaine Zwep for her 30 years of dedicated service at BCS and to celebrate with her the milestone of her retirement. In addition to her years at BCS, Elaine also taught Grade 4 at Calvin Christian School from September 1970 until June 1974. Please RSVP to [elainesretirement@bcsbrantford.ca](mailto:elainesretirement@bcsbrantford.ca) by Saturday, May 18. In addition, if you have any best wishes, memories, or photos you would like to share, please send them to the same e-mail address.



The sand pits have been dug up, the children have been practicing running and jumping, team members are rolling along in a wheelchair (which is much harder than it looks!) and enthusiastic cheers are being heard - CCS Field Day will soon be here!

Thanks to the volunteers who have already signed up to make the day run smoothly on May 22. We still need 8 volunteers for the morning events and 13 more afternoon volunteers. The food stand is a very popular "event" with all of the hungry children at lunch time - if you are able to volunteer just for this busy time between 11:30 - 12:45, or for any morning or afternoon events, (or on May 23 in case of a Rain Day), please let Mrs. Wiebenga know asap @ [wwiebenga@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:wwiebenga@ccshamilton.ca).

We hope to have all volunteers in place by May 17. If you know of a community member who may wish to volunteer, please have them be in touch with Mrs. Wiebenga as well. Your child's team and team number have been posted on the individual class websites. You can find out general information about Field Day on the school website - look under School Life, Sports @ CCS, Field Day. You will find your child's schedule for the day, look up Field Day Standards and Records, a map of events, and more. Food orders should be in by this weekend; see below for more information.

We look forward to an awesome day celebrating our healthy bodies, teamwork, and cooperation!

#### SCHEDULE OF FIELD DAY EVENTS

Start Time	Running Long	Targets	Sack Races	Ball Throw	Dashes	Triple Jump	Obstacle Course	Standing Long	Games	Shuttle Relay
8:50	DEVOTIONS									
9:15	1-11	2-12	3-13	4-14	5-15	6-16	7-17	8-18	9-19	10-20
9:45	2-13	3-14	4-15	5-16	6-17	7-18	8-19	9-20	10-12	1-11
10:15	3-15	4-16	5-17	6-18	7-19	8-20	9-12	10-11	1-14	2-13
10:45	4-17	5-18	6-19	7-20	8-12	9-11	10-14	1-13	2-16	3-15
11:15	5-19	6-20	7-12	8-11	9-14	10-13	1-16	2-15	3-18	4-17
11:45	Lunch	7-11	Lunch	9-13	Lunch	1-15	Lunch	3-17	Lunch	5-19
12:15	6-12	Lunch	8-14	Lunch	10-16	Lunch	2-18	Lunch	4-20	Lunch
12:45	7-14	8-13	9-16	10-15	1-18	2-17	3-20	4-19	5-11	6-12
1:15	8-16	9-15	10-18	1-17	2-20	3-19	4-11	5-12	6-13	7-14
1:45	9-18	10-17	1-20	2-19	3-11	4-12	5-13	6-14	7-15	8-16
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2:45	CLOSING									



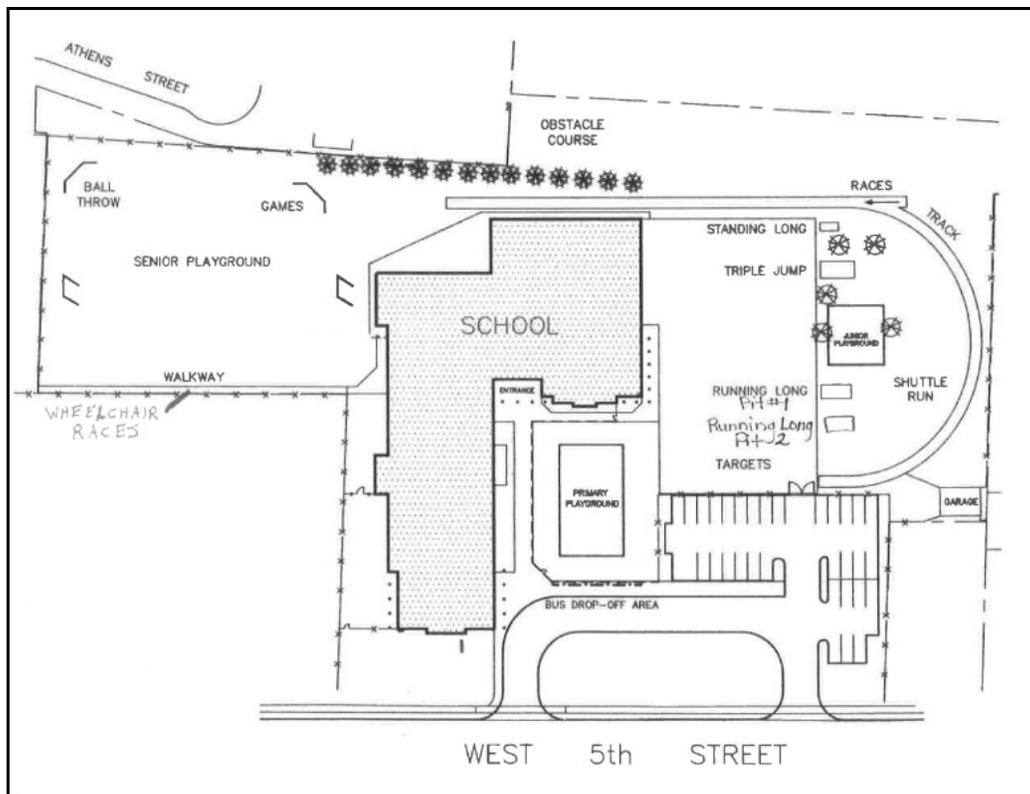
**FIELD DAY FOOD AND DRINK ORDERS!**  
We are once again utilizing

**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 this weekend.

# Updated CCS Field Day Map



## TRIP TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Buy Gift Cards – Save on Tuition

Planning on some home improvements this Spring, new patio furniture, garden tools or plants? Fundscrip has a number of Big Box Store (Home Depot, Rona, Canadian Tire, etc.) to meet all your needs.

Please note that Fundscrip will be closed the week following the Victoria Day holiday. This means there are only 5 weeks left for ordering to the end of the school year. So, start your summer planning early! Fundscrip will be delivered on the following Thursdays: May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup> (Last order for the summer).

Just a reminder that your savings certificate will be sent with the tuition forms at the end of May. Thanks for your support of the TRIP program!

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

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**Join us on Saturday May 25th for the annual CCS Walkathon/bikeathon, 9am-noon. We are in a new location - T.B. McQuesten Park. It is a great location to walk/bike and has 2 fun playgrounds. Also new, we are partnering with New Hope Bikes for a bike drive. New Hope will take your used bikes, fix them up and donate to those in need. They are also creating 2 fun bike courses to try - one for younger students and one for older. Sponsor forms came home today! We look forward to walking with you!"**

