



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr. Boonstra...

- The last courier for the 2018/19 school year! Praise to the Lord for the amazing year that he provided for us. Thank you to the boys and girls and our entire supporting community for a wonderful school year. We are thankful that year end trips went well and that our grade 8's could enjoy the graduation ceremony this past Tuesday. A special thank you to the parent praise team that lead us in song at the grad and to Mr. Bosveld who played the organ for us. We are also thankful to Mrs. Fledderus who was our parent speaker, as well as Ryan Brouwer who delivered a wonderful valedictorian address, to James deJong who shared great grad memories as the historian, and to Aurora Whitehead who shared a beautiful song with us at the dinner. Thanks also go out to the grade 7 students and the many parents who helped decorate the gym and serve the grad dinner. I should also thank the office staff and their family support team!
- Congratulations to Hayley Vos and Deanna Game who raised over \$20 for Neighbour to Neighbour by selling book markers. The food bank was grateful for their support!
- I know it will be a busy summer for staff, but for a few staff members it will be extra busy. We wish God's blessings to Mrs. Vandenberg, Mrs. Huizinga, Mrs. Taekema, Mrs. C. Brouwer, and Mr. de Schiffert as they and their spouse eagerly await the arrival of their babies. We wish Mr. Schaeffer, Mrs. Heeg, Mrs. Terpstra, Mrs. Billiald, and Mr. Kikkert God's blessings as they move on to other opportunities in life. We look forward to Mrs. Breimer and Mrs. James returning from their maternity leaves and to Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Dekker joining us in part time roles. We also look forward to Ms. Champahom joining us in September as the new band instructor and to Ms. DeVries filling the grade 2 position.
- This will also be my last opportunity to ask that you consider donating to the revamping of our junior playground area. We are thrilled to be able to provide a playground space that provides enjoyment for children of all ages and abilities. If you are not in a position to donate financially, perhaps you will consider donating some time to help with the installation of the equipment. The construction date is set for Saturday, August 10. For more information on the new playground, check out our website or click on this link - <https://ccshamilton.ca/donate-to-playground-redesign.php>. Thank you for your consideration!
- During the summer months you may want to access certain school related forms. I'd like to remind you that most of them can be found on the school website. All forms should be updated by mid summer.

CCS is looking for a full time bus driver beginning September 2019. If you, or someone you know is interested in this position, and would like more information, please contact Jim Hosmar (jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca). Interested persons are invited to submit a resume to Jim Hosmar. Please note, the successful candidate must be willing to hold a valid B class license by



UPCOMING AT CCS!

Last Day of School (½ day)	Friday, June 21
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, June 25
First Day of School 2019/2020	Tuesday, September 3
Save the Date!	
Back to School Social	Friday, September 13
Edifide Teachers Convention (no school)	October 24 and 25
March break 2020 is March 13 through 20, 2020	

Blessings on your summer and from 2 Thessalonians 3:16 - Now may the Cord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Cord be with you all.

- The August mailing will include class lists, the 1st courier and various forms. The mailing should come your way sometime in mid August. If you are hoping to contact the office during the summer, we will be checking email and phone messages from time to time.

Come-Along K has had another great year. We were amazed at how much we have grown, as we looked at our pictures from the start of the year and compared them to us now. A special thanks to those who contributed to our ice cream party. Have a wonderful summer!



LO

Junior Kindergarten: Special thanks to all the volunteers who joined our cleaning party last evening! Our classroom is spic and span for new students in September! May you have a safe and blessed summer with family and friends!

JH

Kindergarten: It was a wonderful year of growing our brains! It was so fun to watch the children as they opened their Kindergarten Treasures envelope and see them laugh at their first portraits and first journal entries - they have come so far this year! Have a blessed summer and enjoy God's amazing creation!

A huge thank-you to all the moms who helped spic'n'span the Kindergarten classroom and all the things in it...Mrs. Moshi, Mrs. Vander Zwaag, Mrs. Postma, Mrs. Wrench, Mrs. VandenDool, Mrs. Froese and Mrs. McKnight. The room looks and smells great!

W²

Grade 1A: I have really enjoyed working with your children this year! Thank you so much to Mrs. Silva, Mrs. VanderMeer, Mrs. Siebenga, Mrs. Fursman, and Mrs. Veldpaus for joining us to help out on our year-end class trip to Pier 4 Park. And thank you to all of the parents for your encouragement and support this year!

JS

Grade 1B: We are excited to be at the end of grade one! The students have worked hard and have achieved so much. They have formed beautiful friendships and have learned what it means to be a child of God. Blessings to you as you begin the summer (officially today!) holidays and enjoy more time together as a family!

DH

Grade 2A: It has been a blessing and a privilege to teach all of your children this year. They have all grown and learned so much over the course of the year. In addition they have also taught me many things. We've had a wonderful adventure together this year. I wish all of you a blessed and relaxing summer. Thank you also to all the parents who joined us on our end of the year class trip to the Bird Kingdom; Mrs. Peereboom, Mrs. Gonnering, Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Ledin, Mrs. Brouwer, Mrs. Wrench, and Mrs. Siebenga. We had a "flying" good time.

JVV

Grade 2B: We did it, Grade 2! What an incredible year it's been. I want to say thank you to each of the parents for partnering with me in teaching your children over the past school year. We worked hard, learned so much, had many

laughs, and made many wonderful memories! Thank-you also to the many parent chaperones we had on class trips throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you! Most recently, thank-you to Mrs. Postma, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. van der Woerd, and Mrs. Ouwehand for coming with us on our trip to Bird Kingdom this week. Thanks also for the many prayers, well wishes, and gifts for Baby V! We will have to come visit you in grade 3 next year :) Have a fantastic summer!

MV

Grade 3A enjoyed a wonderful day at the African Lion Safari on Wednesday. God blessed us with beautiful weather and safety for all our students. The students had fun watching elephant and bird shows along with playing in the ball pit, going on boat and train rides, and splashing in the water park. It was wonderful to see so many of God's wonderful creatures in one place. Thank you to all of our parent chaperones who made the day a great success: Mr. Brennan, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. De Boer, Mrs. Demik, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Groenewegen, Mrs. Postma, Mrs. Reitsma and Mrs. Veldpaus. A big thank you also to our bus driver, Mr. Scott, for taking us through the reserve allowing us to see lots of wonderful creatures. It was a great day! Parents, thank you for entrusting your children to me this year. I have been blessed by their interest, enthusiasm, sense of humour, and unique, God-given gifts and abilities. They have grown so much! I pray that you all will experience a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

RVV

Grade 3B: This past Wednesday the grade 3B students visited African Lion Safari. It was a 'wild' time! We saw lots of God's incredible creatures, enjoyed a steamy bus ride through the safari, as well as boat rides and train rides, and took in a few shows. The day ended with a good long splash in the water park. It was a great day! Many thanks to our chaperones and parents who joined us to make sure our day was a successful one: Mrs. Blokker, Mr. & Mrs. Joosse, Mrs. Haanstra, Mrs. Hutten, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. Speelman, Mr. Pamplin, Mrs. Vandermeer, Mr. Vanhouwelingen, and Mrs. Wilms in grade 3b. A big thank you to our bus driver, Brian, for the safe driving and for enduring the heat! We'd also like to thank our grade 3b parents for an excellent year. Thank you for your support and your prayers. We wish you all a wonderful and safe summer! May God continue to bless you & your families. It's been a privilege to be a part of your child(ren)'s educational journey.

KT/ME

Grade 4A: We have had a great year together as a class. We learned a lot, laughed a lot, and grew as children of God. I wish all of my students and their families a blessed and enjoyable summer.

JD

Grade 4B: It has been an enjoyable year with lots of memories. God's blessings for a safe and happy summer and be sure to drop by Room 31 in the fall and say "Hello."TB

Grade 5A: Greetings from Grade 5A! We had a wonderful time on our trip to Wild Waterworks this past Tuesday. After a great game of Goldrush, we headed off to Wild Waterworks where we had a great time cooling off in the wave pool, slides, and lazy river. Thanks to Mrs. Bouma (Joelle's Beppe), Mr. Brennan, Mrs. DeBoer, Mrs. Haanstra, Mrs. Pooni, and Mr. Voortman for accompanying us on this trip and to Mrs. Kikkert who capably drove the bus for us. Many thanks for the thoughtful cards and gifts, class. They are much appreciated. Parents, thank you for your encouraging notes and prayers throughout this year. They have been a blessing for me!

It is hard to believe that the school year is over! I have had a stupendous year with you, class! Your interest in learning and hard work made you a pleasure to teach. May God bless you all with a restful, relaxing, and fun-filled summer! Always remember that you are a child of God! PV

Grade 5B: I can't believe that the school year is over already. It has been an incredible year, 5B! I believe that we really grew as a classroom community, learning to show love and respect. I loved getting to know you better during our morning meetings; you are an amazing group of students! Some highlights include our City Kidz luncheon, our trip to Wild Waterworks, and the Grade Five Retreat. Continue using the gifts that God has blessed you with to serve and bless others. Also, we had a wonderful trip to Wild Waterworks this past week. Thank you to Mrs. DeJong, Ms. Guida, Mrs. Kemper, Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Peereboom, and Mr. Zantingh for joining us on this adventure! Wishing you all a wonderful summer! I can't wait to see you in September! Love, Mrs. Reid

Grade 6 had an amazing end of the year trip to Bingemans Waterpark. We had a great day of fun in the sun. Thank you to Ms. Vanderzwaag, Mrs. Van Hartingsveldt, Mr. Mantel, Mr. de Vries, Mr. Zandberg, and Mrs. Wall for chaperoning the trip, riding the slides, and making sure students drank water and applied sunscreen. Mr. Hosmar and Ms. Dean would like to thank the grade 6 class for a year full of fun. We hope you have a blessed summer and wish you all the best as you prepare for grade 7. JH/AD

Grade 7A: We had a great year! Recently we had a blast at circle square ranch on a beautiful day. We worked hard on projects in science, math, history, and many other subjects. Thank you also to the parents who made this a great year. Whether through supervising on trips or helping with homework and projects at home, you have made this truly a great year. The 7A class focused intently on community this year and formed some lasting connections with each other. Now that exams are behind us and summer is ahead of us, I pray that each student has an enjoyable and safe summer vacation. NW



Grade 7B: We had a very busy and exciting end to the year with French and Math exams for the first time, our class trip

to Circle Square Ranch, a boys' and girls' Swim to Survive session at Westmount Swimming Pool, Team Up to Clean Up with the city of Hamilton at Captain Cornelius Park, and a Volume Structure Creation Challenge! Thanks to Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Hosmar for joining us on our class trip. A highlight in the year was publishing our very own book of historical fiction with the help of Sigmund Brouwer, our writer-in-residence. I am so proud of all of the work that each of you put into writing and editing your stories, summaries, and biographies, and crafting artwork to go alongside it. Please send me an email to let me know if you hear anything back from any of the contests that you entered. Thank you, parents, for all your behind the scenes support and encouragement and for entrusting your child to me for the year. Have a blessed and well-deserved summer break! CM

Primary and Junior French - Booklets have been sent home, so please ask your child to show and read his/her story to you. I think you will be impressed with all that he/she has learned! French review and enrichment are available over the summer via the AIM web portal and Mme Van Eek's website. Email jvaneeek@ccshamilton.ca to get connected if you are not already. Thanks for a great year, and "Bon été, tout le monde!" JVE

What a great year! The **grade eight class** had a wonderful time in Ottawa last week. Thank you so much to our chaperones, Mr. Kippers, Mrs. Ghesquiere and Mrs. Harden. Even though we had a bit of rain, we were able to attend all of our scheduled events. Graduation evening was a wonderful event. Thank you to Ryan, James and Mrs. Fledderus for their great speeches and to all the parents who participated in the parent praise team. We would also like to thank the grade seven students and their parents who helped out with the dinner. Have a wonderful summer everyone! SW

Dear Grade 8s, It's been a blessing to teach you this year. One of the difficult parts of grade 8, for myself, is saying goodbye at the end. I will miss your quirks as a class - humour, interests, and personalities - during the first two weeks of summer. That said, I pray the Lord will be with you in the years to come and that you think back fondly on your time at CCS. To the parents of these fine students, I thank you as well. Your support, in school and out, is a kindness to the teachers here at Calvin. JDS

Band Classes: Have a wonderful summer break! Explore and enjoy the music surrounding you everywhere you go - in the music you are listening too (choose wisely!!) and in God's beautiful creation: wind in the trees, rushing water and the sound of the birds and crickets!

Concert Band: Enjoy your summer break! You had a fabulous year! I hope you continue to play in a band next year - whether in high school or next year's CCS Concert Band. May you all experience God's peace through the summer months. MH

LOST and FOUND! We once again have a tremendous amount of items in our lost and found. All leftover items will be donated to the thrift store at the end of June.



Primary and Junior French - Even though the school year is winding down, French review and enrichment is always available over the summer via the AIM web portal and Mme Van Eek's website. Email jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca to get connected! Bon été, tout le monde!

NEW JUNIOR PLAYGROUND, OPENING FALL, 2019! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The students have been eagerly viewing the images of the new Junior Playground that have been displayed in the classrooms and hallways! There is a lot of excitement among the students as they anticipate returning to school to find a whole new play area for them! The playground has an accessible design and is intended for children ages 18 months to 12 years, so we expect the JK-Gr.6 students will be most affected by this new play space. For more information about the playground and volunteer opportunities, please see the pdf attachments in this week's Courier email.

Summer Prayer

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:4-5

Father, Son and Spirit,
 We thank you for another year of Christian education at Calvin Christian School. We praise you for your faithfulness and goodness throughout this year and through the generations. We have much to celebrate this year. Thanks for the graduating class – we pray for your blessing on each one as they transition to high school. Go with them. Thank you for the faithful support of parents and grandparents who contribute both financially and of their time. Please give energy to the teachers as they wrap up this year and we thank you for their tireless service as well. Give us a fantastic summer – watch over our travels and play. We commit all of it to you as an act of worship.
 With hearts of thanksgiving, in Jesus name,
 Amen



Thank you to all supporters for another great year of TRIP!! Just a reminder that you still have a no opportunity to continue to purchase gift cards during the summer months through Fundscrip.

- You can order cards online any time and have cards shipped directly to your home address for \$0.85 (plus taxes).
- You pay this \$0.85 (plus taxes) when you checkout your order.
- There is a four (4) gift card limit in each order and a \$500 maximum value of the cards
- Orders are processed four (4) days/week (Monday to Thursday) at 9:15 am once payment has been confirmed.

The following are the Fundscrip promotions for June. Be sure to check in with Fundscrip at the beginning of July and August for that month's promotions. Have a wonderful summer.

<p>Staples / Bureau en Gros</p>  <p>4% regular 3%</p> 	<p>Stokes / Think Kitchen</p>  <p>8% regular 6%</p> 
<p>Golf Town</p>  <p>5% regular 3%</p>	<p>Teriyaki Experience</p>  <p>12% regular 10%</p>
<p>The Chopped Leaf</p>  <p>12% regular 10%</p>	

re-Source Thrift Shop



July 4th will be 541 Eatery Day at the re-Source thrift shop!! All proceeds from this day will be donated direct to this charity. 541 Eatery & Exchange is a non-profit café on Barton Street East, where you can pay-it-forward by volunteering or by turning dollars into buttons. Anyone can use 5 buttons from the jar each day as \$5 towards a good meal, which helps feed those who need help
 Please plan to shop at re-Source on July 4th, 10am-6pm and help us help out this great cause in our City.

Please be sure to let the office know via email of any address or email changes through out the summer!

