



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra:



- Welcome to another year of Christian education at CCS! I have made it my practice to visit every classroom at the beginning of the school year. During this time, I mention how it is our goal to work with and for every student. We are blessed to be placed in this position. I also spent a little time reflecting upon the school theme - Living Proof (based on 2 Timothy 4:12). We chatted about the fact that God has challenged us to be examples for believers and how that it a big responsibility. However, we also discuss how we can help each other do the job well. I'm looking forward to a year where we are "Living Proof" of God's love.
- As a staff, we also want to partner with you in supporting your child(ren). Part of that support involves inviting you to email your child's teacher with any concerns or words of appreciation at any time during the school year. Keeping channels of communication open is a way in which we can partner with you to enhance your child's learning experience. See the staff directory on our website for email addresses (ccshamilton.ca).

## CCS News

- A reliable way to find quick and easy answers to questions you might have about the school year is to access our website - ccshamilton.ca. All school news, forms, calendars, etc. can be found on the website. In addition to school news, the parent handbook is located on the website along with classroom news. You will need to register on our website to access the classroom news.
- Please submit any outstanding forms enclosed with our August Courier mailing as soon as possible. The forms help us plan for the upcoming school year.
- Special health needs and concerns should be communicated to the office immediately. You are reminded that CCS is a peanut/nut free school.
- Hamilton Public Health Services is once again offering hepatitis B and meningitis vaccines for our grade 7 students, as well as HPV vaccination for both our grade 7 students. The date for the vaccines is December 10 (round 1) and June 11 (round 2). Public Health has informed us that if parents request a non-medical vaccine exemptions for a child, you will be required to complete an immunization education session in addition to submitting a valid affidavit (Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief Form). The education sessions are hosted by Hamilton Public Health.
- Parents needing the school's office to distribute prescribed medication must complete the Administration of Medication Form (#563.3) found on our website under secure forms.
- Parents hoping to drive on field trips, class trips or other school related functions must complete the Volunteer Driver Form (#572.2), also found on our website. You must have liability insurance of \$2,000,000.
- This year, we hope to raise funds for EduDeo Ministries, which is "a Canadian, Christian mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education route in a Biblical worldview" (<https://edudeo.com>). We are specifically looking to raise funds for a school in Zambia, a school that supports students with special needs. We will share more information when it becomes available.

### UPCOMING AT CCS

Bazaar Meeting - 7:30 pm	Thursday, Sept. 12
BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ	Friday, Sept. 13
Classroom Visit: 5:30 to 6:00 pm	
BBQ: 6:00 pm	
Ribbon Cutting (new playground): 6:30 pm	
Gym clothes pick up in the library between 5:30 and 6:15	
HDCH Invitational Girls Soccer Tournament	Tues., Sept. 17
HDCH Invitational Boys Soccer Tournament	Thurs. Sept. 19
Niagara District Soccer Tournament - Dunnville	Thurs. Sept. 26
Individual / Class Pictures	Tuesday, Oct. 2 and Wednesday, Oct. 3
<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b>	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 16, 2019

- Just a reminder that if you have custody situations that we need to be aware of, please inform us as soon as possible. We need to be aware of our legal requirements.
- **Please avoid entering and exiting our school parking lot and bus loop between 8:30-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-3:30 p.m.** Buses entering the loop at this time are unable to maneuver around cars in the loop. Student drop-off and pick-up can be done at the Immanuel Church parking lot. The loop is also a fire truck access point, meaning no cars should ever be parked there. Furthermore, the Hungarian Church parking lot next to the school is a private lot reserved for staff parking only. Thank you for your cooperation in this area.
- We are very thankful for your positive response to our streamlined approach in dealing with the Back-to-School Additional Fees. If you have not had the chance to take care of this payment, please access our website to arrange payment. The deadline is today (Sept. 6).
- Class and individual pictures are scheduled for October 2 and 3.
- Parents, please be aware that students are expected to have their electronic devices in their backpacks throughout the day. If you need to contact your child, please do so through the office.
- The CCS Telephone Directory should be ready soon. The 2019 Parent Handbook will see some minor changes and will be posted on the website. New families will receive a hard copy at our Orientation Evening (date to be determined).
- Finally, we look forward to meeting with you next Friday at our Welcome Back to School BBQ social, hosted by the school's Public Relations Committee. We also plan to have the ribbon cutting ceremony for our new playground structure! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

#### UNITY ROAD SURVEY UPDATE:

As promised at the May 2019 membership meeting, over the summer we've launched a market survey in both the Hamilton and Caledonia areas. All families should have received an email invitation to participate August 23, 2019. One goal of this survey is enrollment demand projections: to find families/students hoping to join or transfer to our potential Unity Road Caledonia site. All our current families are welcome to participate (one response per household, please). The harder challenge is surveying potential families. We have targeted 30 specific church communities for potential families, and we have reached out to many of you for fellow church families who may be surveyed. Please, continue pointing interested families, regardless of church community, to the survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CalvinChristianSchoolSurvey>. For questions or comments, please contact the school office or our intrepid field surveyor, Kaitlin Hoogland, [survey@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:survey@ccshamilton.ca).

**Parents! We still have well over 200 students who have not yet gone through the online additional fee form available on our website. Please note ALL students, including JK and SK students, need to pay student fees for the year. The link for the form is available on our website. Personal information verification forms also need to be completed and returned, as well as the reverse side for parental consent of co-curricular events and media concerns. Students will not be permitted to participate in class trips if this form is not returned to the office. Thank you!**



Our new, convenient online ordering platform will be up and running on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9** for the first lunch date which is **Wednesday, September 18**. We have attached the Lunch Box introduction letter to this Courier!

**BUS DRIVER NEEDED:** Calvin Christian School has immediate need of a full time bus driver for our Ancaster route. If you are interested, you are invited to direct resumes and questions to Mr. Jim Hosmar ([jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca)). Training will be provided!

**Needed:** A few strong people to assist in some landscaping work for our new playground. Work is being scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 and September 12, between 5 - and dark. Please contact Mr. Hosmar ([jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca)) if you are able to help out either of these evenings.

**Kindergarten:** We were quite excited to see old friends and make some new ones this week. The children brought in beautiful flowers, butterflies, a lava rock, lovely stones, and more! God is an amazing Creator!

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**Grade 1B:** We have had a very good first week at school! The students are coming home tired and ready for a weekend at home. We are hoping to begin our first project next week, so if your child has not yet brought in a shoe box, please try to send one in on Monday. Thank you!

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**Grade 7A and 7B** are heading to Mrs. Mantel's house on Friday, September 13th for a morning retreat, leaving the school at 9:00 am and arriving back by 12:30 pm. We are looking for a few more parent volunteers to join us to help take pictures, start a fire and run a s'more station and to help run a brain-teaser station. If you are able to join us please email Mrs. Mantel or Mr. Wensink.

**Primary French** - We have discussed where French is "hiding" in our cupboards, fridges, and freezers! French is also "hiding" in restaurants and stores! We've been discovering French words on food containers, on packaging, and in many more places. Continue your search this weekend to discover even more! I look forward to hearing about the students' findings during next week's classes. Bonne fin de semaine!

Mme Van Eek

**Transportation:** So far most of the bus routes have been working well, with minimal interruptions. Some families have received updated (earlier) times to allow for the bus to arrive on time. It is still possible for the remaining routes to be updated by the end of next week. We continue to ask for your patience as we fine tune the routes. As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

Mr. Hosmar

**LOST and FOUND!** One of this year's Steal Beams Teams looks forward to organizing the school's "Lost and Found." We strongly encourage you to write your child's name (or just last name) on the tags of as many items of clothing, school items, and lunch containers as possible, as this will ensure that found items will be returned to the rightful owners. Every year, an exceptionally large amount of items are not claimed; this year, we'd love to deal with this a little more productively, with the help of names on tags, etc. Thank you!



**Library and Classroom Volunteers Needed:** Volunteering is a wonderful way to be involved at CCS. Each year, the staff and students are blessed by the countless hours and expertise that volunteers give. We need volunteers for our school library and in the classrooms. If you are interested in helping out, please contact either Ms. Van Voorst ([rvanvoorst@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:rvanvoorst@ccshamilton.ca)) or Ms. Benjamins ([abenjamins@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:abenjamins@ccshamilton.ca)) for more information.

**Robotics:** We are looking forward to beginning our new session of robotics this school year! Our sessions are already full for October. Those who signed up after the class had filled, or those who have a grade 1 student signed up for the first session may be hearing from the office next week regarding the class being full and to see if we can add you to the list of those interested in the second session beginning in February. For those registered for our October session, we will be contacting you and will be starting on Tuesday, October 1 after school. We finish at 5:00 p.m. and will be running every Tuesday until Christmas break.

**Finance Office:** Reminder that the pre-authorized bank payments will start on September 20th. Finance Office hours are Mondays to Thursdays 8:30am to 4:30pm.

## Prayer for the Week

Father,  
Thanks for a new school year! We praise you for new opportunities. Thank you for the return of many students as well as new students and families to our school community. We ask for your blessing on all activities this year. Give courage, patience, grace and wisdom to all our teachers. Bless the leadership and provide for their needs as well, that they would serve with humility and a servant heart. Be near to students who are transitioning to Calvin from other schools - that they would develop meaningful friendships and that no student at Calvin would feel alone. We pray for a fantastic year of learning so students would grow in what it means to live for you and your glory. We're grateful for your amazing love to us. In Jesus, Amen

*We invite the CCS community to follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter and to consider making the CCS website your homepage!*

Once again, the GYM CLOTHES that you ordered online will be available next Friday the evening of the Back to School Dessert Social in the Library for trying on and to take home with you. Students in grades 4 through 8 will require the full CCS uniform (both shirts and shorts) for participation in PE.



Welcome  
Glad you're here!