

From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra:

- Wow, what an amazing evening at the Back to School BBQ last Friday! It was wonderful to see so many families, but the absolute highlight was the excitement over the opening of the new playground. Watching the children play on the different pieces of equipment and seeing their delight with everything was a sight to behold. I'd like to thank the Ribbon Cutting Team, especially Christian, and the PR Committee for their contributions to such an amazing evening.
- Next Tuesday, our volunteer coordinators will be hosting the annual volunteer orientation session. We are very thankful to the many parents who dedicate their time in helping out at the school. Volunteering is a great way to be a part of the school community and your children's school experience. Call the office if you wish to know more about the volunteer opportunities at CCS.
- The CCS sport season has begun with the first of 2 soccer tournaments. Both the girls and the boys' teams played in the annual Hamilton District Christian High School invitational tournament. Thanks for representing CCS so capably Blazer soccer teams!
- The co-curricular calendar (#571.3) can now be located on our website under secure forms. This calendar mainly benefits our grades 7 and 8 parents. The calendar exists alongside our CCS Calendar which you received with our August mailing. The dates and events are subject to change.
- I'm really looking forward to next Wednesday when our grade 7 and 8 classes will be meeting with the political candidates from 4 different parties who represent this area. It's great when we can encourage our students to be politically engaged.
- Class and individual pictures are scheduled for Oct. 2 and 3. See the "Upcoming at CCS" for more details.
- Plans are being put into place for the Thanksgiving Day assembly. Mark Thursday, October 10 on your calendar for this special school assembly. Once again students are encouraged to bring food items for Neighbour2Neighbour, the food bank located next to CCS. The assembly will begin around 9:15 a.m.
- We are also pleased to offer orientation for all new families to CCS.
 - ✓ Wednesday, Oct. 16 - an orientation session for new Korean families, beginning at 2:15 p.m. and a tea social for all our Korean families beginning at 2:45 p.m.
 - ✓ Thursday, Oct. 17 - we invite all other new CCS families to learn a little more about our school - beginning at 7:30 p.m. *For both events, we will send letters of invitation to the new families and we will spend some time going through the Parent Handbook. Looking forward to seeing you!*
- It's great walking the halls of CCS from time to time. This past week two situations stood out for me. First, three SK children nabbed me in the hall and started chatting about their pets. One of the girls even mentioned that her gecko was here at school. Well I had to see this pet, so she invited me into the class, only to share that, well, it's not really at school right now. What made the time extra enjoyable was the fact that when I went into the class, 5 other children had to connect with me - what a privilege to be in the lives of these young boys and girls. The other hallway situation involved the JK class who extended greetings and high 5's with me, with one young gentleman calling out, "Hi, Mr. Goon" - yeah, you read that right - Mr. Goon. I guess I've been called worse. Have a great weekend!

UPCOMING AT CCS

MAP Testing Begins	Mon. Sept. 23
Finance Committee	Mon. Sept. 23
Golf Committee	Tues. Sept. 24
Volunteer Tea 2:00 to 3:15 pm	Tues. Sept. 24
Niagara District Soccer Tournament - Dunnville	Thurs. Sept. 26
Fundraising Committee	Mon. Sept. 30
Individual / Class Pictures Tuesday, Oct.2 and Wednesday, Oct. 3	
Tuesday - JKB, SKB and Grades 1 through 4	
Wednesday - JKA, SKA and Grades 5 through 8	
Thanksgiving (no school)	Mon. Oct. 14
Edvance Educators Gathering (no school)	Oct. 24 and 25
SAVE THE DATE!	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 16, 2019

MAP - In the coming weeks, your child will participate in Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), a standardized academic assessment. The school wide assessment will take place from September 23 to October 18. The MAP assessment assists in determining each student's instructional level in mathematics, language usage, and reading, as well as their academic growth throughout each school year. For more information about MAP, please visit our website at <https://www.ccs-hamilton.ca/map.php>.

There is still opportunity to donate funds to help support the construction of the new playground! The link will remain active on the CCS website for the next few weeks. We thank all our supporters, whether through volunteer help or financial donations! The CCS students will enjoy the playground for many years to come!

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). Training will be provided!

Grade 1: Today we had the opportunity to visit the Ancaster fair! It was fun to see the many animals and shows. Thanks to the many parents who were able to join us: Mrs. Brouwer, Mrs. Ouweland, Mrs. Postma, Mrs. Turkstra, Mrs. VanGroningen, Mrs. Garyfalakis, Mr. Gibbons, Mrs. Moshi, Mrs. Verbinnen, Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Wu, Mrs. Vanderzwaag, and Mrs. Harris. We couldn't have gone without you!

Grade 5: We had an awesome time on our retreat today! In our devotions we learned how being equipped with the "armour" of God can help us in being living proof of Jesus' presence in our lives. As a grade 5 class, we built community by enjoying our lunches in the beautiful Dundas Valley, swimming at the Gretzky Centre in Brantford, and playing the game of "Goldmine" at CCS. We would like to thank Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Brouwer, Mrs. deVries, Mr. Hannes, Mr. Moon, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Schinkel, Mrs. Stirling, and Mr. Weekhout for joining us on this day, and to Mr. Van Arragon for driving the bus for us.

Boys soccer had a fantastic day at the HDCH Invitational Tournament this week. With a win, draw, and loss, the boys kept a positive attitude throughout the day, challenging themselves to play better and support each other. They were also taught a new penalty shooting/goalkeeping game that is sure to become a recess staple. Thank you to all of the parents who arranged rides for their children. We will see you next Thursday at the Niagara Regional Tournament!

Congratulations to the **Senior Girls soccer team** for a great tournament at HDCH this past Tuesday. All the girls pulled together to come away with a win at the end of the day. We are appreciative that HDCH runs such a great learning tournament with clinics for the girls to improve on and learn their skills. We have 1 last practice on Tuesday September 24, from 3:30-4:30 pm. Our Dunnville tournament takes place on Thursday September 26. Thank you to Mrs. VandenAkker, Mrs. Paul, and Mrs. Todd for their willingness to drive. We now have enough

drivers. Everyone needs to meet in the CCS parking lot at 7:30 a.m. The girls came home with a schedule for the day. If you can't find it go to the website and look under School Life - Sports - Soccer. Coach VanderWindt

Volunteer Orientation and Training Session

Volunteers who will be working in the library or in a classroom are invited to join us on Tuesday September 24, 2:00 -3:15 pm, for our annual Volunteer Orientation and Training Session. If you have not signed up yet, but would like to volunteer in the library or a classroom, please join us to learn more about these opportunities.

~R. VanVoorst, A. Benjamins

The Bazaar Committee is looking for someone to create advertisements for the upcoming Bazaar to be posted on the school's social media pages. All work can be done remotely. If you are able to help in this area, please contact Susan at sguich7@hotmail.com.



Prayer for the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for another week. We take so many things for granted. Make us more mindful of your good gifts to us, big and small. Thank you most of all for your son, Jesus Christ. We were lost in our sin, but you sent him to rescue us. Thank you. Fill us with your Spirit to live lives of joy and thankfulness for what you've done for us. Make us humble and bold for you and your purposes. We thank you, specifically, this week for class trips and soccer tournaments. Thank you for healthy bodies and healthy minds. Please be near to those who struggle with ill health, mentally or physically. We pray your blessing on a great weekend. Thanks for Fall weather and opportunities to enjoy it!
In the precious name of Jesus,
Amen.