



From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra:



- Tomorrow is the annual District PD day for our school. CCS will be hosting educators and teachers from the Niagara region. The topic for the day is entitled "People of God's Story," and will focus on how we can support students in their role as part of that story. This PD day is hosted by Edvance Christian Schools Association and bring tremendous value to us. We are thankful for their leadership and training. Just a reminder that there is no school for students tomorrow.
- We wish our grade 7 and 8 students, and their chaperones a great day tomorrow as they go skiing at Snow Valley in Barrie. Enjoy the adventure and stay safe!
- The CCS Board of Directors will be focusing on replacing board members over the next few weeks. You are invited to submit names to the board secretary. A final list of nominees will be voted on at the CCS Spring Membership Meeting.
- With the addition of the second campus, we also anticipate staffing needs. Right now the CCS board of directors is inviting individuals to submit applications for the teaching and administrative roles. You can find the details by going to our website - ccshamilton.ca/unityroadcampus.
- Registration documents for the upcoming school year (2020/21) for JK-Gr. 8 were sent home a couple of weeks ago. The documents include a Unity Campus option as well. Please note that we have made a minor adjustment to our Kindergarten program. Our plan is to offer a half time JK program that matches our SK program. Please return the forms asap to help us plan for the upcoming school year.
- A big shout out to the CCS paraeducators who provide such an important personalized service to some of our most vulnerable students. I had the chance to sit in on a "Reading Cafe" yesterday and what a beautiful session. I joined 3 students who enjoyed hot chocolate and snacks, all the while exploring different literature genres. I know our whole paraeducator team do amazing work with our students - thank you CCS paraeducators!

Unity Campus Update:

The CCS admin team has been sifting through the information provided for us via the survey at the Unity Campus Information Evening, held 2 weeks ago. We are pleased to share the following with you.

- A kindergarten program will be offered. As of now, it will be part time (2 days a week and every other Friday), with optional days available on the off days, meaning you may be able to enroll your child at the Unity Campus full time.
- A Grade 1 class will be offered.
- A split 2/3 class will also be available.
- We are exploring the possibility of adding a grade 4 class
- Before and after school care may be a possibility
- Transportation services will be provided. Routes will be determined based on feasibility.

I realize there are still a number of unknowns and that it may be difficult to commit to the Unity Campus, but the feedback families have provided to us, allows us to firm up our plans. At this point 15 families have registered with us. If you or someone you know has more questions, please contact the school office or email us at unitycampus@ccshamilton.ca.

UPCOMING AT CCS

PD Day - No School	Friday, February 14
Ski Trip for Grades 7 and 8	Friday, February 14
Family Day - No School	Monday, February 17
Golf Meeting	Tuesday, February 18
HDCH Hockey Tournament	Tuesday, February 18
Special Lunch - SUBWAY	Thursday, February 20
Night time Bazaar Auction and Soup Fest!	
Building Committee	Saturday, February 22
Grade 8 Grad Pictures Taken	Monday, February 24
March Break	Wednesday, February 26
	March 13 - 20

Senior Kindergarten: We are still looking for parent volunteers to join us in the forest next week Wednesday and Thursday. Please let me know asap if you are able to come!
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Primary and Junior French - students are working hard at memorizing their plays and practicing correct pronunciation. Yes, more practice is available at home through the AIM web portal! If you/your child would like this opportunity, please email jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca to get the link, username and password. Happy practicing!
JV

Grade 3: The **grade 3 classes** had a great visit to the local SPCA both this week and last. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. VerHoeven, Mrs. Vanderwoude, Mrs. Skoutarou, Mrs. Wrench and Mrs. Van der Woerd for joining us on this venture. We look forward to seeing how the grade 3 class decides to "help animals in need in our current PBL".
RVV/AB

Grade 6: Fair Glen wouldn't be the same without the chaperones that come with us. As many of you know, Fair Glen is a highlight and a long lasting memory for many students. Thank you to Mr. Hagen, Mrs. Bouma, Mrs. Brand, Mrs. Eggink, Mr. Nagtegaal, and Mr. Kemper for leading groups in activities, leading servant groups at meal time, supervising activities, and participating in games.
AD/JH

Grade 7&8 Ski Trip - We are excited to hit the slopes tomorrow. Students riding the bus need to be at school by 6:50 am in order to take roll call and be on the road by 7:00 am. We will be back at school by approximately 7:00 pm.
CM

Crazy for You Costume requirements have been sent home. Please check with your child if you have not seen the letter. Dream Team sheets will come soon.
CM

The inaugural **I READ CANADIAN DAY** is a national day of celebration of Canadian books for young people. This is a day dedicated to 'reading Canadian' authors. Students will be learning a little more about Canadian authors, and will read a book written by a Canadian Author during their library time. Everyone is invited to wear their Canadian gear (or red) on Wednesday February 19, the official I READ CANADIAN day!
ABe



Blazer Hockey: The team plays its second tournament this Tuesday (Feb. 18). Our games are at Mohawk 4-Ice Centre, located at 710 Mountain Brow Blvd. Our first game is at 7:45 a.m. I'll expect students to get their own ride to the rink, however, if any players need a ride from school, please be sure to be at CCS at 6:45 a.m. to carpool. You can find all other tournament information on the form sent home and on our website - <https://ccshamilton.ca/hockey-p184.php>
AB

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual For all God's Children Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 2020, at *Willow Valley Golf Course* in Hamilton. Proceeds provide much needed assistance for the Special Education Department at CCS, including both the Calvin and Unity Rd. campuses. To register or make donations, visit www.ccshamilton.ca/golf

MONDAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ORDER TICKETS!

We are SOUPER excited about our SOUPFEST AND AUCTIONS happening on Saturday, February 22! Come for dinner and take home your very own CCS soup mug!

We are looking for the following to help make this event a success:

- Some SOUP makers! Do you have a fab soup recipe that will win the most votes as the tastiest soup? Prizes will be awarded!
- Some SOUP tasters! Here is the link to buy your tickets: www.ccshamilton.ca/soupfest
- Donated items to be auctioned for both our LIVE and SILENT auction

Your ticket will include 3 tastings of delicious soup from our soup chefs in your own CCS soup mug, artisan breads, and a delicious dessert! Hope to see you there!

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Dear Jesus,
Thanks for loving us. Thank you for demonstrating this amazing love to us by giving up your own life. We confess that we can be selfish people, most often looking out for our own interests. Thank you for showing us what true love looks like. Fill us with your Spirit so we can demonstrate this kind of love to others. We give you thanks for this Family Day weekend. Thanks for the gift of families. We pray for families who are having a difficult time for whatever reason. We pray for a great long weekend and we give you thanks for another week of learning at Calvin Christian School.
In your name, Jesus, Amen

TRIP:

Thank you for your support of the TRIP program! We are always happy to see there are still new supporters joining. If you are not part of the TRIP program yet, there is still time to earn savings for your tuition next year. Why not check out Fundscrip over the weekend and make TRIP part of your everyday purchasing. Simply click on the Fundscrip logo on the homepage of the CCS website to get started!! Please note that Fundscrip orders for this week will be delivered on Friday, Feb. 21st due to the Family Day Holiday. Advance notice: Fundscrip will be closed the week of March Break. If you have any questions regarding the program and its benefits, please contact Lianna Reitsma at lreitsma@ccshamilton.ca

