



# Calvin Christian School Courier



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## FROM THE DESK OF MR BOONSTRA

- Students and teachers alike seem to be settling nicely into the routines of school life. We are particularly excited about Responsive Classroom. Some wonderful community is being developed in the classrooms.
- We are also very excited about meeting with you at the Back to School Dessert Social tonight. You are welcomed to meet your child's teacher from 6:30 - 7:00 and enjoy yummy desserts from 6:45 - 8:00. Hope to see you there!
- Look for the new CCS Spirit Wear at the Dessert Social. You will be able to check out sizes and colours.
- Mrs. Heeg and Mrs. Eising held the first SHINE social yesterday, with over 20 students attending. The SHINE program is offered to all new students (gr. 1-8) to CCS. It is our hope that all new students feel at home at CCS as soon as possible.
- 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.
- The school telephone directory should be coming out within the next week or so.
- Chocolate bar sales will begin early next week. Some families opted to have their children sell chocolate bars instead of the paying Student Fund fee. The school's Student Fund covers the expenses associated with field trips, class trips, sports tournaments, service projects and more.
- Class and individual pictures are scheduled for Oct. 3 (for JKB, SKB and Gr. 1-4) and Oct. 4 (JKA, SKA, and Gr. 5-8).
- We had our first fire drill yesterday. We hope to complete the rest of our safety drills over the next few weeks. Drills include, fire, lockdown, and tornado. Some children are frightened by the drills, so please consider taking time to discuss the importance of the drill with your child and let them know the drills are only practice sessions.
- Just a reminder that CCS offers a Before School Care program (BSC). This program has been set up to provide supervision for children who arrive at school between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Staff supervision does not begin until 8:25 a.m., meaning children should be placed in the BSC program if they are here before 8:25. The BSC program form (#730.2) can be downloaded off our website. For those interested, we also offer an After School Care program.



**We are still looking for a bus driver for an immediate opening! If you or someone you know has a minimum of 3 years bus driving experience and would like to join our team, please contact Mr. Hosmar at [jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca) as soon as possible.**

<b>Upcoming at CCS</b>	
<b>Back to School Dessert Social</b>	Friday, September 15
Classroom visits 6:30 to 7:00 pm	
Dessert Social 6:45 to 8:00 pm	
Boys' Soccer Tournament at HD	Tuesday, September 19
Girls' Soccer Tournament at HD	Thursday, September 21
Road2Hope Kickoff Assembly	Friday, September 28
Picture Days at CCS	
JKB, SKB, Gr. 1 - 4	Tuesday, October 3
JKA, SKA, Gr. 5 - 8	Wednesday, October 4
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 9
Edifide Educators Convention	
(no school) . . . . .	Thursday and Friday October 26 and 27
CCS Bazaar . . . . .	Saturday, November 25

**The Responsive Classroom-** You may have heard your children talking about Morning Meeting in the past two weeks. The CCS teachers studied the principles and practices of the Responsive Classroom over the summer and this school year, CCS implemented a school wide Morning Meeting practice. The Morning Meeting takes place first thing in the morning and includes an interactive morning message, student greetings and sharing, a game or activity, integrated devotions, and prayer. We are excited about what is going on in the classrooms as the students and teachers are developing a set of social and emotional skills in an inclusive learning environment. If you would like to know more about the Responsive Classroom, please check it out at <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/about/principles-practices/> We invite you to join us on Facebook as you will enjoy some pictures in the next few weeks around our Morning Meetings.

Mrs. Van Egmond

**Grade 3:** Grades 3A and 3B have been learning a tree-mendous amount of interesting facts about how God has designed trees to live. We had the opportunity this week to plant our very own tree seeds in a "Grow a Tree" kit. Students are welcome to take them home after the dessert social. Parents, be sure to cover the kit with plastic wrap and to water the seeds daily at first. What an amazing world God has created!

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**Robotics:** Our robotics registrations is now open and we still have a few available spots. We will be starting a new session of robotics for the first week of October and continuing until Christmas break. Using Lego Mindstorm kits, we create, build, and program robotic creations. In a world looking for creative thinkers, designers, and programmers, your child can learn and develop these gifts while using Lego! We run Wednesdays, after school, until 5:00 P.M. Registration forms can be found in the "Secure Forms" section on the website.



CCS Spirit Wear will be available for order at the Dessert Social!

We will have youth and adult hoodies, both zippered and pullover with either our embroidered CCS logo or a screen print. We will also offer polo shirts with our school login both youth and adult sizes.

**ATTENTION Coffee Drinkers!** TRIP is now offering \$10, \$25 and \$100 Tim Horton's gift cards. Orders are due to the office by Thursday for delivery the following Thursday afternoon.

If you would like more information or would like to sign on, please contact Lianna Reitsma at [lireitsma@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:lireitsma@ccshamilton.ca).

Thank you for supporting the TRIP program.



**Finance:** A short note to remind you that the automatic payments come out starting on WEDNESDAY, Sept 20th! Please remember to also send outstanding additional fee amounts from your online order to the office.

*We want to thank the CCS community for all your cards, emails, and prayers with the recent loss of our daughter and sister, Gerri-Lynne. She truly loved and was blessed by being part of the CCS family for nine years. God has blessed us so richly by being part of such a caring Christian community.*  
*the Veldhuis family*

There are still 4 wood student desks available for \$15 each. Check them out when you come for some dessert tonight!



## BACK TO SCHOOL

# Dessert Social

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 15**

**Classroom Visit: 6:30 - 7:00PM**  
**Dessert Social: 6:45 - 8:00PM**



All families of CCS students are invited to our Dessert Social. This is a great way to meet teachers, socialize and welcome new families to our school community. There will also be activities for the kids! We look forward to seeing you there!

**A FEW REMINDERS:**

- \* Desserts, drinks and fruit will be provided rain or shine!
- \* Please park at Immanuel CRC (61 Mohawk Rd West).
- \* Parents are responsible to supervise their own children.
- \* Anyone picking up gym clothes from the library, please do so BEFORE 7:15PM.

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