

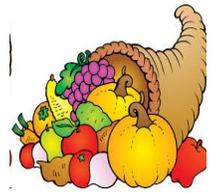


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From the desk of Mr Boonstra



Monday is the big day - our annual walk-a-thon! Students have been busy collecting sponsors for this year's community fundraising event. CCS will be raising money for Road2Hope, a program sponsored by EduDeo Ministries. The funds raised will go towards solar energy for a school in Zambia. We are grateful for the efforts of our students and for the parents who have volunteered to help us out.



CCS hosted the All Ontario Christian Schools Invitational Cross Country Event today. Close to 20 schools participated. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who worked so hard in preparation for the event and for their participation in today's meet.



A couple of our teachers are busy planning a Reformation Day assembly on Oct. 31. As you may know, CCS has been founded on the tenets of the Reformed theology and on the writings of important Protestant Reformers such as Martin Luther and John Calvin. We will be commemorating the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation movement at our assembly. I have recently received some devotional booklets commemorating this event as well. If you are interested in receiving one, please come to the school office and we'll see what we can do. They are a limited number of booklets available, so it will be first come first serve.



The school's board of directors continues to plan for the Fall Membership Meeting. The meeting is set for Wednesday, November 29. Plans for dealing with CCS growth and expansion will be discussed, in addition to a presentation of financial statements. Mrs. Van Egmond will also share some information on our newly implemented Responsive Classroom. We welcome your presence to this important meeting. Meeting time - 7:45 p.m., in the school gym. (Registration begins at 7:30)



The school's Public Relations Committee is hoping to revamp our InTouch newsletter. They are considering 2 publications instead of three, as well as modernizing the look of the newsletter. To help with these changes, we need a high quality camera for good quality pictures. If anyone in our community has a camera that can be sold to the school for a reasonable price, or better yet, donated, we would love to talk.



The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday due to the annual Edifide (teachers' association) convention. The teachers will be attending keynote addresses and workshops during those days at Redeemer University College. The theme for this year's convention is "A Life of Grace and Adventure" and is based on John 10:10 - "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."



Our condolences to both the Belanger and Hosmar families as they both lost loved ones this past week. Mrs. Belanger's step-mother passed away this past Monday, and a close aunt to the Hosmar's also died this past Wednesday. May God provide comfort in times of sorrow.



Phone Update: I have recently cancelled my home phone contract. The best way to reach me is email - aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca. For urgent concerns, my cell phone number is 905-515-6008.

IF you haven't been on the CCS Facebook page this week you've missed pictures of: Grade 1B hard at work with their chromebooks, reading buddy activities with Grade 6A and 1A, and Grade 5B with SKB, Grades 2 and 3 at the McQuesten Urban Farm, Mr. Boonstra having fun "driving" in the gym with students in Grade 1A, beautiful autumn day recess pictures on the playground, and Grade 6A Science experiments. Follow us on Facebook today!



Upcoming at CCS

Road2Hope Walkathon (Raindate October 25)	Monday, October 23
Transportation Committee	Tuesday, October 25
Pita Pit Lunch	Wednesday, October 25
Edifide Educators Convention (no school). . .	Thursday and Friday October 26 and 27
Finance Committee Meeting	Monday, October 30
Reformation Day Assembly 9:20 am	Tuesday, October 31
Picture Retake Day	Tuesday, November 7
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 25

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 as soon as possible.

Kindergarten: We were blessed with two beautiful days at the pumpkin patch! Thanks to Mr. Schilstra, Mrs. Douwes, Mrs. van der Heiden and Mrs. Stirling for joining us. W²

Grade 2A and 2B: Grade 2 had a great experience at the McQuesten Urban Farm yesterday. We learned about how our food grows, and even got to do some farming ourselves! We picked bean plants and pulled out beets from the ground. Thanks to our chaperones Mrs. Kemper, Mr. Brennan, Mrs. DeBoer, Mrs. Van Groningen, and Mrs. Hutten for accompanying us. MB/JVW

Grades 3A and 3B enjoyed two wonderful trips this week. Our first trip was to the McQuesten Urban farm. We learned many interesting things about soil, made a delicious soil snack, heard about the history of the farm and also found out the purpose of the farm today. Ask your child what they found interesting. Another highlight of the trip was planting garlic and pulling out black radishes. Thank you to Mrs. Love-Stirling, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Postma, Mrs. VanBentham and Mrs. Cook for joining along. We also had a wonderful, sunny day at Christie Conservation Area today. It was a beautiful time of year to look at God's wonderful creation as we examined trees, went on a hike, did a scavenger hunt and made a beautiful creation with natural items. We thank Mrs. Waters, Mrs. H. Wall, Mrs. Van Groningen, Mrs. DeVries, Mrs. Van Hartingsveldt, and Mrs. Cook for joining us. Special thanks to Amber, a friend of the Cook family, who is an ecologist, currently working on her masters at U of T. We are thankful to God for His beautiful creation to explore and enjoy through these different outings. Thank you, also, to our wonderful bus drivers who get us to our locations, safely! ME/AB/RVW

Gr. 7 and 8 band classes: Please remember to look to the classroom calendar for all Music test dates.

Concert Band: Rehearsals are every Tuesday at lunch recess. **Flute Choir and Jazz Band:** Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at lunch recess, alternating weeks. Please remember to look on the CCS website: tabs are "school life" - "music" - "band" for all the info about these ensembles, what to practice and upcoming performances. MH

Primary and Junior French: Please ask your child to sing for you in French! Just one of the French songs your child knows now is based on Psalm 121 (our theme for the year), called "Je lève les yeux", which is a French version of Brian Doerksen's "I Lift my Eyes Up". You can find the video here: <https://youtu.be/Yh5584VHGkw> Enjoy! Also, if your child wants/needs more AIM French at home (vocabulary, gestures, story, videos, songs), this is possible via the web portal. Please email me to request access: jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca.

Boys' Volleyball: The boys' volleyball team hosted the second annual CCS Cup on Thursday. The Blazers came third in pool play, winning against Timothy but dropping sets to Providence and Oxford. The Blazers defeated Oxford in the semi-finals and advanced to the gold medal contest against Providence. Although the Blazers fell behind early in the game, they battled back to tie the game before eventually falling 25-22. Congrats to the boys on their excellent play – they put their newly-learned skills to very

good use. A special thank you to Mrs. Mantel, Mrs. Brouwer, and Mr. DeSchiffert for their professional-grade refereeing! Coaches Mr. and Mrs. Bosveld

Road2 Hope Walk-a-thon - Remember that our walkathon will be on Monday. Please collect pledges and bring your envelopes to school next week. Remember to wear comfortable shoes and to bring an extra snack.

URGENT: We still need 2-3 route helpers for the 11:00 to 12:30 shift. Please contact Ms. DeJong at idejong@ccshamilton.ca if you can help out.



Books 4 Eternity - The library is running a fundraiser campaign with Books 4 Eternity. 20-40% of the sales support our school library. All prices include tax, and are 20-80% off retail prices. A catalogue was sent home for each CCS family. The catalogue is full of wonderful books which would make great Christmas or birthday gifts! Orders are due Wednesday October 25. All the information is available at www.ccsHamilton.ca/books4eternity. ~ABe

Bazaar News - A new idea that is being introduced at the Bazaar this year is a Class Themed Basket, where each class is being asked to assemble a basket around a chosen theme that will then be auctioned off in the live auction, or in the silent auction. Please note that this is in place of bringing in items for the bottle room, so you will not be asked to also bring in bottles. The Bottle Room will actually be moved to the Spring Festival.

We are asking that each student either bring in something that they think would go well with their class theme, OR a \$5 - 10 donation to be used to purchase items to fill the basket. Please send all donations to school by November 10th.

If you are willing to hang up a Bazaar poster on your church bulletin board, please call or email the school office and we will send one home!

CROQUETTE Time again! Place your order for Beef croquettes on-line at www.ccsHamilton.ca/bazaar with or by calling Lisa at 905-973-3162.

36 pieces uncooked/pre-cooked \$45, 72 pieces for \$75 un-cooked and \$80 for pre-cooked. To place an order visit the Calvin Christian School website www.ccsHamilton.ca/bazaar with various payment options available, or call Lisa at 905-973-3162. Pick up at the Bazaar, Saturday November 25 9:30am-1:30pm! The deadline for pre-ordering is November 20th. Don't miss out!

Spelling Bee Opportunity - Save the date: Saturday, November 18 at Mohawk College! The Ancaster Rotary Club is hosting their annual spelling bee. This Spelling Bee is for Grade 4 to Grade 8 students in the Hamilton Wentworth District. For more information please visit their website at www.ancasterrotary.ca/spellingbee. If this seems like something you might be interested in, please let Mrs. Bosveld know as all participants must be registered by their school. Only the first 50 registrants will be accepted so don't delay!