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From the desk of Mr Boonstra

☛ What a privilege it is to partner with you in educating your children at CCS! This past week has been a wonderful opportunity for our faculty to get to know you better at the Parent/Teacher Conferences.



More importantly, meeting with you has provided us with a more complete picture of your child, which will help us meet their educational needs a little better. We have one more day of conferences tomorrow, but we encourage you to stay connected to your child's teacher should you have any concerns in the future.

☛ Because of P/T conferences, there is no school tomorrow.



☛ Congratulations to the students who participated in the CCS Spelling Bee, and a special congratulations to the students who placed in the top 3 - Sarah, Josiah, Joshua (Primary), Chukwuka, Jakob, Kate (Junior) and Chibu, Eli, Caleb (Senior).

☛ This week the grade one class invited me to join them on their visit to the Resource Thrift Shop - thanks grade one. We had a wonderful time learning all about the important work going on at the store. We are also very grateful for the support the store provides for CCS.

☛ Mark Monday, December 4 on your calendars for the annual Hosanna Choir Christmas concert. The concert will be held at Rehoboth United Reformed Church at 7:45 p.m. In addition to the performance of the Hosanna Choir, the CCS concert band, recorder choir and bell choir will all be performing. We are grateful to John Vanderlaan for his efforts in organizing the concert once again.

☛ 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. VanEgmond and the CCS faculty 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.

☛ Please be advised that Hamilton Public Health Services will be screening vaccine records for all students born in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Student suspensions may result if a child fails to have the proper immunization. Hamilton Public Health requires the updated immunization - either you or your doctor must ensure that the information is forwarded.

☛ Due to a high number of inquiries for Jubilee School 2018, we need to know what the intentions are of our CCS parents. Registration forms are not quite ready, however, if you send Marlene Gallea, our office manager, a quick email advising us that you intend to enroll your child in Jubilee next year, that will be very helpful (mgallea@ccshamilton.ca). Please know that we cannot guarantee your child a spot if we do not hear from you soon.



It's almost time for the BAZAAR!
November 25, 9:30 a.m.-1:30p.m. and live auction at 6 p.m. We are looking for many hands to make light work and a successful day for our great school. Come join with friends and family and sign up for a shift at www.signup.com/go/hCjbiwx Don't forget to pre-order your croquettes online at www.ccshamilton.ca/bazaar. Come see what's new at this year's bazaar!

Upcoming at CCS

NO SCHOOL due to conferences	Friday, November 17
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 25
9:30 am to 1:30 pm Night Auction at 6:00 p.m.	
Boys VB Tournament	Saturday, November 25
Next Pita Pit Lunch	Tuesday, November 28
Fall Membership Meeting	Wednesday, November 29
Samko Warehouse Sale	November 30 to December 4
Niagara District Spelling Bee	Friday, December 1
Girls VB Tournament	Saturday, December 2
Hosanna Choir at Rehoboth URC	Monday, December 4
Christmas Holidays Begin	

Kindergarten: Thanks to Mr. Brodie, Mrs. vander Meer and Mrs. Dekker who helped us use our five senses to explore God's creation for Outdoor Ed. Each time we go, we have more wonderings about God's world because we

always discover things we hadn't noticed before...He is indeed an amazing Creator! Thank you for coming to Parent Teacher Conferences this week - it is wonderful to work together to help your child learn and grow!

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Grade 1: On Wednesday, the grade one classes had the opportunity to visit the re-Source Thrift Store to learn more about the 3R's. It was wonderful to see what the many volunteers at the thrift store are doing to keep God's beautiful creation clean. We appreciated the tour that Mrs. French led us on and the opportunity to spend some of our own money on the many little treasures we found there. Thanks to Mrs. Taekema, Mrs. Ouwehand, Mr. Boonstra, Mrs. Toman, Mrs. van der Woerd and Mrs. Wrench for helping us out with our shopping! DH/RK

Grade 2 enjoyed a tour of Hamilton City Hall on Wednesday! We even met our mayor Fred Eisenberger and our Ward 8 City Councillor, Terry Whitehead. Thanks to our parent volunteers for coming with: Mrs. Billiald, Mrs. Reitsma, Mrs. Kim, and Mrs. Bartels. MV/JVW

Grade 7B enjoyed a beautiful day visiting Battlefield House and Memorial. The day was full of hands-on activities learning about the War of 1812 and what life would have been like at that time. The students especially enjoyed playing an old-fashioned game called Skittles and the competition was fierce! We also had the opportunity to climb the Memorial and take in a beautiful view of Hamilton. Thanks to Oma Wall and Mrs. deJager for joining us. To see pictures of the day go to the CCS website and visit the 7B class page and look for our photo album linkCM

Concert Band: Mark your calendars!! Upcoming performances include: Monday evening, Dec. 4 is the Hosanna Concert at Rehoboth URC (across from HDCH). Tuesday, Dec.19 is a Christmas Tour with the Chamber Choir, this will take place during the school day. The Christmas assembly at CCS will be on Dec. 22. The concert band member's attendance is mandatory for all performances! Check the website for more details. MH

Bazaar Announcement - the Bazaar committee is looking for pairs of students to sign up for one-hour time slots to cover the elevator. Available shifts are 9:20-10:30, 10:30 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 1:30. If your grade 7 or 8 child and a friend are willing, and you would like to volunteer them please email Mrs. Mantel at cmantel@ccshamilton.ca.

From Grade 8A: "Bazaar goes, don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity! The Grade 8a classroom is privileged this year to auction off a hosted, Winter-themed dinner featuring the culinary skills of the students themselves. Gather your friends, call your family, think about that relative who still needs a last minute birthday or Christmas present! - this package for 10 lucky individuals will include live musical entertainment and a plated and served meal courtesy of the Grade 8a class of 2017. Be ready to place your bid on a delicious dinner for 10. (To be hosted at Calvin Christian School, January. Can include flexibility for dietary restrictions).



yesterday. A big congratulations goes out to all the participants for the fantastic job they did displaying their spelling p-r-o-w-e-s-s. The top three students listed in order below, who will be moving on to the district spelling bee from each division are: Primary Division - Sarah I., Josiah L., Joshua S., Junior Division - Chukwuka U., Jakob V., Kate W., and in the Senior Division - Chibu U., Eli S., Caleb B. Information about the next level of competition went home with these students on Wednesday after the competition. A very special thank you goes out to our awesome Spellmaster Mrs. Lisa Dekok, and the spectacular competition judges, Mrs. Val Kloet and Miss Wilma Wierenga who worked to make the day run smoothly for the students.

CCS Spirit Wear! There will be an order going in by December 1 for delivery by Christmas. Makes a great Christmas gift! Sample sizes and colours can be seen in the office.

Boys' Volleyball: We have a very full, FINAL week of volleyball coming up. Please check out the schedule closely to see the changes from our regular Tuesday/Thursday practice schedule. We start on Monday with an after school tournament at Providence Christian School in Dundas. We are still looking for drivers for this tournament. Parents will also be responsible for pickup at the end of the tournament at the school in Dundas. Please watch for more information to be sent out via email on Friday. We will have two after school practices this week: Wednesday (Nov. 22) and Thursday (Nov. 23). The volleyball season will end on Saturday with our district tournament in Jordan at Heritage Christian School. An information letter with more detail and a schedule will be sent home with the boys on Monday. Reminder: Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from this tournament. Be sure to have a restful weekend in preparation for the busy week ahead! ~ Coaches Bosveld

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OTHER FUNDRAISING

OPPORTUNITIES: MABEL'S LABELS - Personalized labels that stick on all of your children's items. Using Mabel's Labels would result in less items in the lost and found. 10% of all sales goes to the school. More information can be found on the CCS Fundraising webpage at ccshamilton.ca/fundraising.

SAMKO TOYS - Mark your calendars: Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 at the Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum is the Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse Sale. 10% of all purchases goes towards the school with a stamped receipt. More information has been posted on the CCS Fundraising webpage at www.ccsshamilton.ca/fundraising and the CCS Facebook page.

TRIP: Start your Christmas shopping early, and support the TRIP program at the same time! Contact Lianna Reitsma at Ireitsma@ccshamilton.ca to find out how TRIP can meet all your corporate gift giving needs this Christmas. Fundscrip has over 220 retailers available. Check out the website www.fundscrip.com to see the 20 retailers on promotion for November and December.



Spelling Bee Buzz! The CCS Spelling Bee was held