

Calvin Christian School Courier



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From the desk of Mr Boonstra

☛ Thank you to the CCS community for the outstanding support of our annual Bazaar. \$67,000 was raised! A special thank you to the Bazaar Committee who invested so much time and effort to the cause. We are also grateful for the many individuals and companies that donated to the Bazaar, as well as the many people who volunteered their time to help out at the Bazaar. The day was a success on so many levels.

☛ Please join us for our annual Hosanna Choir Christmas Concert this Monday (Dec. 4). 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.

☛ It was wonderful to see so many people at our annual Fall Membership Meeting this past Wednesday. Given the fact that information was shared on the school's plans for dealing with increased enrollment (growth and expansion), I welcome your thoughts and comments. Please feel free to connect with me regarding the school's membership policy as well. Thank you to Chris French, who is the chairperson of the Resource Thrift Shop board, for his update on their work. As you know, the shop is always looking for volunteers, but they are looking specifically for a secretary for their board. I would also like to thank Mrs. VanEgmond and the school faculty for leading a session on Responsive Classroom.

☛ I would also like to take this opportunity to share my own thoughts on Responsive Classroom. I have joined the Morning Meeting time with most of the classes over the course of the past couple of months, and what I see is amazing. The students interact with each other in a positive way and a sense of community is slowly but surely building. The students also do a wonderful job of welcoming me into their presence. The meeting time provides a great way to get to know each other and maybe the best is when I see students in the hallway. They look me in the eye and greet me by name. Responsive Classroom is helping us build a loving culture of inclusion, respect and care.

After School Care - Friday, December 22

The last day of school before the Christmas break is Friday, December 22. Students are dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and the buses leave shortly after that time. We realize that some families may not have child care arrangement for when the children come home early. As a result, CCS is extending its after school care program on that day. Miss Amy is willing to begin supervising children at 12:30 p.m. until her regular time, 5:30 p.m. The fee for the extended hours is a flat rate of \$40/family or \$20/child. If you wish to use this service, please make arrangements with the office.

Kindergarten: Thanks for collecting pine cones for our Christmas tree! The children will begin planning their musical instruments on Monday - please send in the items you have been saving for us. Could you and your child also collect some 20 - 30 cm twigs for a different musical instrument we will all be making on Monday? Thanks so much!



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Grade 6: We had an awesome time this past Wednesday

Employment Opportunity - Calvin Christian School welcomes applications for a full time Teaching Assistant position starting on January 8, 2018 or as soon as possible. Ideal candidates will have their Educational Assistant credentials, a Christian commitment, a love for children, strong organizational skills and excellent interpersonal skills. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, statement of faith and list of references in one document to Principal Arn Boonstra at aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca by Dec. 8, 2017. Please be advised that, while we appreciate the interest shown by each applicant, we will respond only to those selected for an interview.

Upcoming at CCS

Samko Warehouse Sale	November 30 to December 4
Girls VB Tournament	Saturday, December 2
"Meet us Mondays" 1:30 to 3:00 pm	Monday, December 4
Hosanna Choir at Rehoboth URC	Monday, December 4
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, December 5
Junior Music Tour	Tuesday, December 12
Last Day to Order Christmas Trip	Friday, December 15
Mission Services project ends	Friday, December 15
Bazaar Wrap Up Meeting	Monday, December 18
Senior Music Tour	Tuesday, December 19
re-Source Thrift Shop Tea Social	Wednesday, December 20
Christmas Holidays Begin	Friday, December 22
Dismissal at 12:30 pm	

learning a bit of information about a local NGO; Sew On Fire. With willing spirits and open minds, we were able to put the words of Mother Theresa, "None of us ever do great things, but we can all do small things with great love and together we can do something wonderful." into action. Both classes worked there for a few hours throughout the day where we were able to package items for school aged children. These packages will be sent to various places around the world in an effort to bring relief to those who are less fortunate than we are.

JH/AvdW

Bell choir members and recorder choir members are asked to wear dark bottoms and white tops for Monday's Hosannah concert at Rehoboth URC, located across HDCH. Please be at the church by 7:30 PM. Mr. Boer

Grade 8: Two years ago most of the current students of grade 8 were involved in a project on invasive species, and we partnered with the Hamilton Conservation Authority on a PBL. As part of this PBL, students looked at the question How can we best inform others about invasive species? and created templates for signs to be posted within the different conservation areas.

Just this past week, we were informed that these students will be the recipients of the Hamilton Conservation Authority Education Award.

This award presentation will take place on Thursday, Dec 14, at 7:00 pm. Parents and current grade 8 students are heartily invited to this gathering. JH

Concert Band: The Hosanna Concert is on MONDAY evening, Dec. 4!! Please be at Rehoboth URC by 7:30pm and plan to stay for the entire concert. Please look to the website, on your classroom calendar for more information. Parents, please encourage your child to practice a lot this weekend. Thank you. MH

Girls' Volleyball IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - We have just been informed that on Friday night, the town of Lincoln is shutting the water off until 5 AM. This means that the school we are supposed to play in, Heritage Christian School will have no water. IF they encounter unexpected delays in their work, the water will be off for a longer period of time. If there is no water in the facility, HCS will no longer be able to host the tournament. We will not know for sure until the morning of if the tournament is still on. You will need to check the school website for an update in the morning. At this point, it is not clear that if the tournament were to be cancelled if it will be re-scheduled or not.

Tournament schedules have been distributed to each player and can also be found on the school website. Please arrange rides to and from the tournament. Students should arrive no later than 8:30 am and should check in with their coach (Ms. Van or Mrs. Mantel) when leaving. If your child is going home with someone other than a parent, please notify us ahead of time. CM/AvdW

Boys' Volleyball - Congratulations to the boys' volleyball team for ending their season on a good note at the Niagara District Tournament this past Saturday. The team displayed phenomenal personal character, great sportsmanship, and ended the day with a result of 5 wins and 3 loses. It was clear to see the tremendous progression in skill development and the fundamentals of positioning and play in the game of volleyball the players made throughout the season. We encourage you to continue playing volleyball when and where you can, and hope to see you back again next season. ~Coaches Bosveld

Knitting Club Looking For Donations!: The Knitting club is happy to announce a new service project for this upcoming winter. We will be making warm hats and scarves to be donated to Out of the Cold Hamilton. This

organization is working hard to feed those who need a warm meal in Hamilton and more specifically, in the CCS area through Immanuel CRC. We are really excited for this opportunity to serve the community around us and to use the gifts God has given us to help others. If you have any spare yarn around the house, or left over yarn that you don't have a purpose for, we would love to put it to good use. If you have any donations or questions please talk to anyone in the knitting club or email me at rkoning@ccshamilton.ca RK

To the CCS community:
Thank you for joining together in support of the bazaar and auction last weekend. Whether it was through volunteering your time, service, donation or coming out to enjoy the activities, it all helped to make the event a great success for the school. We are so thankful for the \$67,000 raised and for the community strengthened through this event!



With thanks, The Bazaar Committee

The Public Relations Committee is running a Christmas Drive in support of Mission Services. We will be accepting donations of food, gifts, and toys from Monday, Dec 4 until Friday, Dec 15. We will also be running a coat and boot drive for any gently used items you no longer need. Please consider donating to help those less fortunate in the city of Hamilton. The donations can be placed under the Christmas tree in the foyer. Please see the attached flyer for gift suggestions. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Parent's Prayer Group is meeting on Monday mornings at 9:10 to 9:30 in the school conference room to lift specific praises and requests in prayer. Please join us if you are able!

Have you seen the beautiful CCS student art display orchestrated by our student council? It is a wonderful presentation, made possible through the artistic contributions of the entire CCS student body! With the help of Mrs. Rachel Lerch, a CCS parent, this artistic work has been converted into a set of 10 greeting cards so you can share this with your neighbours, friends, and relatives. The set will sell for \$15.00 with 50% of all sales going towards the school. For more information, or to place an order, please see the attached flyer. Orders will be taken until December 4 so they can be delivered in time for Christmas.



Contributions made by every CCS student

SAMKO TOYS - This weekend (Nov. 30 to Dec. 3) at the Hamilton Warplane Heritage Museum is the Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse Sale. 10% of all purchases (including online purchases) goes towards the school. Just make sure that your bill (receipt) is stamped, make a copy for yourself and provide the original to the office by December 15. It is that easy! Online purchasing information can be found on the CCS Fundraising webpage at ccshamilton.ca/fundraising.