



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr Boonstra



Thank you for joining us at the annual Christmas Concert this past Monday at Rehoboth United Reformed Church. We were blessed by the amazing Hosanna Choir, along with the CCS Concert Band, Recorder Choir and Bell Choir. Thank you to our students who performed so well, and to our directors, Mrs. Heeg and Mr. Boer. \$1200 was raised for our music program. Thank you for your support.



With the Christmas season upon us, a number of exciting events have been planned. Our Junior Choir will be "touring" on Dec. 12. They hope to visit St. Peter's Residence and the Village of Wentworth Heights. Meanwhile, our Concert Band and Senior Choir will be visiting the Wellingstone Senior's Residence, the re-Source Thrift Shop, Hamilton City Centre Mall and Juravinski Hospital on Dec. 19. We are grateful for the opportunity for our students to be able to share the Christmas message through song.



An amazing amount of items have been brought in for our school wide Christmas service project. All items will be donated to Mission Services.



On December 20th, our music department will be hosting the re-Source Thrift Shop volunteers for a tea social in order to show our appreciation for the work they do on behalf of CCS.



If you have a child in grade 6-8, be sure to ask them about the amazing presentation by Live Different yesterday. I believe the students who attended the event have been challenged to live a life that reflects the values of Jesus.



As a school community we plan to celebrate Christmas on Friday, December 22. Please consider joining us. The assembly begins at approximately 9:15 a.m.



Congratulations to our volleyball teams on the fine season that they just wrapped up. I know that you were busy with many tournaments and that you experienced a great deal of growth and fun in the sport. Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Mantel, Ms. van der Woerd, Mr. Bosveld and Mrs. Bosveld.



Visitors to the school are reminded to check in at the front office. This notice is for parents as well. Checking in at the office allows us to track who is coming and going, and to ensure safety of the children at the school. Thank you.



On Wednesday our Jubilee students dropped by the office to share some delicious Christmas cookies they baked. What a treat - both the cookies and their enthusiasm. Thanks Jubilee students!

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. Ms. 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 front office or with Ms. Amy.

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.

Upcoming at CCS

Junior Music Tour	Tuesday, December 12
Last Day to Order Christmas TRIP	Friday, December 15
Mission Services project ends	Friday, December 15
PitaPit lunch orders due	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	

Jubilee School: Many thanks to Mrs. deVries, Mrs. Haveman, Mrs. Haanstra, Mrs. Noorduyn, Mrs. Hickox, Mrs. Silva, Mrs. Mobach, Mrs. Hoogland and Mrs. Sommer for baking with us this week. We could not have done it without you! We look forward to sharing our Christmas Cookies with parents at our Mini Christmas Performance!

JH

The Bell and Recorder Choirs are invited to participate in the 10:00 morning worship service at Immanuel CRC this Sunday, December 10th. Please wear a white top and a dark bottom for this church service. Thank you for your participation in the Hosannah concert this past Monday. See you Sunday morning!

TB

Grade 3A enjoyed a wonderful visit by Mrs. Zuidema who brought in her pottery wheel and also led the class in creating beautiful pieces of pottery. We can't wait to see what these creations will look like after being fired up in the kiln. We learned so much and look forward to finishing up our creations next week. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Zuidema for coming out to visit our class!

RVV

Grade 7B has just begun working on a new project in history class! Students will be making Canadian history come alive through stories and artwork. We enjoyed having Mrs. Hosmar (yes, Mr. Hosmar's mom) come and speak to us today about her experiences as an author of historical fiction. We learned a little bit more about what that process looks like, and how to find the story that we want to tell. Thank you Mrs. Hosmar for your time and expertise! Parents, you should have seen the information letter and packet come home this week in regards to project time line and due dates.

CM

Concert Band: Congratulations on a good performance at the Hosanna Concert on Monday evening, Bravo! Please keep practicing to prepare for our next two performances: the Christmas Tour on Tuesday, Dec. 19 and the Christmas assembly on Dec. 22.

MH

Band Classes - Grades 7A and 8A: Good work on the testing that has taken place, please look to your classroom calendars for more test information. We will enjoy playing out of the Christmas booklet a little more often during the next two weeks.

MH

The **Niagara District Spelling Bee** was held at Calvin Christian School last Friday, December 1st. There was a good turnout, with approximately 30 students from 5 different schools participating. CCS was represented by 6 students, 2 competing in each of the 3 divisions. We congratulate each of these students for the hard work and effort it took to earn these spots, and for the wonderful display of spelling talent on that day. A special congratulations is extended to Chukwuka U. for placing 1st in the junior division and to Chibu U. for placing 2nd in the senior division. We especially want to thank the organizers and many volunteers for their work to make this such a successful event.

JV/PV

Pita Pit Lunch - Forms were handed out today for our next lunch on Dec. 20. Please have your order in by Friday the 15th.

From the student council... Christmas Spirit Week is coming up! During the week of December 18th, Student Council has planned some FUN Christmas-themed activities to get us excited and ready for the Christmas holidays.

Monday, December 18 - "Deck the Halls"
Students will decorate the door/entrance way of their classroom and then take a tour of the decorated doors in the school.



Tuesday, December 19 - "Tacky Tuesday".
Students are invited to wear something Christmas-y.. a Christmas hat, sweater, or even slippers - be creative!



Wednesday, December 20 - "Warm-up Wednesday".
Students are able to purchase hot chocolate for \$1.00 to raise money for our sponsor child. Please bring your loonie on or before this day. They will also get to watch a Christmas movie with their grade partner class while enjoying the hot chocolate.



Thursday, December 21 - "Thoughtful Thursday" On this day, each class will do something thoughtful for another class as a "secret" - a song, card, or an act of kindness.

Friday, December 22 - "Flannel Friday".
Students are invited to wear anything with a flannel pattern (*note: the clothing has to have a flannel pattern, not just the flannel material). Important: If you are participating in the Christmas assembly and need to wear something for choir/band/etc, you can change in to your flannel outfit after the assembly.



We can't wait to have a Christmas-spirit filled week!

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.

A notice from Cambridge CS - Cambridge Christian School welcomes supporters and alumni to join us as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary on Saturday, April 28, 2018. An open house will be held at our school from 1 pm to 4 pm featuring Decade displays. Tickets are on sale for our Gala Evening which will begin at 5:30 pm on Saturday, April 28 at the Waterloo Police Association, 1128 Rife Road, Cambridge. Contact office@cambridgechristianschool.com for more information or to let us know you are coming (and share your contact information). Follow us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ccs.fifty.anniversary>.