



Calvin Christian School Courier

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FROM THE DESK OF MR BOONSTRA

■ Although it is only February, we have already begun to plan for our September staffing needs. At this time, we know that we will need to replace Mr. VanArragon, who will be retiring. On a personal note, I am very sad to deliver this news, but we are happy for Mr. VanArragon as he explores retirement plans. We plan to honour Mr. VanArragon in the future, but in the meantime, if you or someone you know is interested in the position, stay tuned for the official announcement regarding the application process.

■ Just a reminder that next Friday (Feb. 16) is the District PD day for our school. CCS will be hosting educators/teachers from the Niagara region. The topic for the day is entitled "From Belonging to Agency: Tracking Learning with Student Engaged Assessment." We are excited about the learning opportunity provided by the Edifide (the teachers association). There is no school for the students on this day.

■ The CCS Board of Directors will be focusing on replacing board members over the next few weeks. You are invited to forward names to the board secretary. A final list of nominees will be voted on at the spring membership meeting.

■ School re-registration forms (for school year 2018/19) were due last Friday. The forms go a long way in helping us plan for the upcoming school year and are especially useful for budget planning. If you have not returned your form yet, *please do so as soon as possible*.

■ Congratulations to the Blazer hockey team as they won the Niagara District Christian School hockey tournament yesterday!

■ I had the privilege of visiting the Jubilee classes this past week. They are focusing on the letter "B" in class and they thought it would be nice to invite Mr. B to the classroom. I let the class know that my favourite letter was "B", which they thought was pretty cool, and then I had the chance to read "The Berenstain's B Book. What a great audience! On departing I was presented with beautiful gifts - homemade tie, crown and necklace. Kind of feel spoiled! Thanks Jubilee School students.

In the event of a snow day, the best place to find out is our school website. We hope to have the information up by 7:00 a.m. We also try to have an announcement on 900 CHML radio as well as a parent e-blast.

Upcoming at CCS

New Little Caesar's Pick Up Time	Monday, Feb. 12
HDCH Hockey Tournament	Tuesday, Feb. 13
EDCOM	Tuesday, Feb. 13
Special Lunch Day	Wednesday, Feb. 14
Finance Committee Meeting	Thursday, Feb. 15
P.A. Day - No School	Friday, Feb. 16
Optional ski trip for Gr. 7 and 8	Friday, Feb. 16
Family Day - No School	Monday, Feb. 19
Grade 6 to Fine Arts Festival	Wednesday, Feb. 21
Indoor Track Meet	Thursday, Feb. 21
Girls' Basketball Tournament	Saturday, Feb. 24
Pita Pit Lunch	Wednesday, Feb. 28

TAX RECEIPTS: Please be advised that donation, tuition, child care and all other tax receipts issued by CCS will unfortunately not be completed until the end of February. We are sorry for any inconvenience but are still awaiting a key calculation from a third party (OACS).

Kindergarten: We are wondering what the forest will look like with these big snowfalls...if you are able to join us for a few hours next Wednesday and Thursday mornings, please be in touch.

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Primary and Junior French - PARENTS, have you done YOUR French homework yet? :) Students were instructed to inform you: please ask your child to show you his/her French work that was recently sent home. Ask your child to say/sing the alphabet, numbers, colours, to read sentences aloud for you,

and to explain the vocabulary. Recently, we have learned to say dates, birthdates, and sing "Jésus m'aime" and "Béni soit le nom du Seigneur", so please encourage them to share with you and show off! You can be pleased with their progress in fluency (and maybe learn some new things yourself :)! If your child needs/wants review of the AIM story and vocabulary at home, please email me for the login info for the web portal. -
jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca -

Mme Van Eek

Grade 1B: On Monday we plan to celebrate 100 days of learning in grade one! Please help your child to remember to bring in a collection of 100 items to work with during math. We also plan to make some pizza, so only a small lunch will be needed! Thank you! DH

Grade 7 and 8 Music Classes: We are off to a great start for term two. If your child is in Music class and has a band instrument this term, he or she should have a method book and an instrument. Please encourage your child to practice at home to be prepared for class. Thank you! MH

Concert Band: We resume rehearsal Tuesday again, please be ready to play "Raiders March", "Jurassic Park" and "Pirates". Parents, please encourage your child to practice at home to be prepared for Concert Band rehearsals. Thank you. MH

Flute Choir and Jazz Band: both groups are finished until after the musical. After the Musical, I will have an audition for all the members of the group to see if we are able to prepare pieces for Grandparents' Day. MH

Blazer Hockey: The Blazers won the Niagara District Christian School hockey tournament yesterday, going undefeated.



The team won all 3 of its pool games and advanced to the finals after winning the semi final game. The finals resulted in a 6-1 win over Beacon. Way to go team! The next tournament is set for Tuesday, hosted by Guido de Bres and HDCH. All games will be at the Mohawk Quad Pad. AB

Once Upon a Mattress

Senior Choir and Grades 4-6 students, please note: The Senior Choir and students in Grades 4-6 will all be participating in the upcoming school musical, Once Upon a Mattress. The students will make a significant contribution to the show as the musical 'chorus'. We ask that all the students wear a 'royal' costume. The costume can be elaborate, such as a princess dress or knight costume. If the students prefer a simpler approach, they can wear a tiara, crown or other item that represents a prince, princess, knight, or other royal figure. The first show is on Monday, April 9, so the students have plenty of time to look around for special items to wear. We also encourage our younger guests in the audience to join in the fun by wearing a favourite royal outfit as they watch the show!

Save the Date: Once Upon a Mattress

We invite family and friends to attend the upcoming school musical, put on by the Grades 4-8 CCS students. The evening performances will take place on Wednesday, April 11, and Thursday, April 12. Both evening performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be matinee performances on Monday, April 9 (1:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, April 10 (11:00 a.m.). We hope to see you there!



Optional Ski Trip for Grades 7 and 8: Wishing the students who registered for the optional ski trip next Friday, the 16th, a wonderful day. Remember to be at the school on time!

Prayer for the Week:

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." Ps. 24:1-2

Creator God,

As the Winter Olympics begin, we see once again you have given us a beautiful world to live, work, discover, and play. We admire and glorify you for this amazing creation. We confess that we haven't always taken good care of your world. We pray that Calvin Christian School would be a place that opens up the world to our students. That they would come to love your creation and steward it well. We pray that each student would have a global perspective and come to understand their place in this world. We boldly ask that each student would be powerfully used by you as an agent of hope and grace in this world - not just when they're adults, but use them today...and tomorrow...and next week. Help us to be effective in building your Kingdom here in Hamilton and beyond. We desire this for your glory and not our own.

In the precious name of Jesus who makes all things new, Amen

FROM YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

We are now half way through the school year and a new term has begun, so this means that you still have an opportunity to participate in fundraising events. Fundraising, and the money raised from each event, is important to CCS because it provides extra income which allows your tuition costs to remain low and affordable.

Your **Fundraising Committee** is working on the following events for the remainder of the year:

- Monthly Pita Pit lunches
- Mom to Mom Sale (April)
- Vesey bulbs (April)
- Spring Fest (May 12)
- Walkathon (May 26)
- Food Trucks (June)

Check out the CCS Fundraising webpage at ccshamilton.ca/fundraising for more information.

Skating Schedule for February 12 to 15 (weather permitting)

	10:30 recess	12:45 lunch recess
Monday	Grades 7 & 8	Grades 5 & 6
Tuesday	Grades 1 & 2	Grades 3 & 4
Wednesday	Grades 5 & 6	Grades 7 & 8
Thursday	Grades 3 & 4	Grades 1 & 2