



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the desk of Mr. Boonstra:

- Just a reminder that the March break begins tomorrow. There will be no school tomorrow and classes start up on Monday, March 19. Wishing you and your family a wonderful break!
- Soon after the break, we will have the annual Book Fair. This year's theme is "Saddle Up and Read." Once again the organizers of the fair are planning lots of fun activities to help foster a love for reading. Look for more details in this week's Courier.
- Congratulations to the boys basketball team as they won their district tournament this past Saturday.
- I know it's kind of early to start thinking about summer camps, but for those who are long range planners, Hamilton District Christian High School offers a number of summer camp opportunities. You can find out more through their website - <http://hdch.org/camps/>
- CCS is seeking to replace Mr. Van Arragon who is retiring at the end of this school year. As a result, the board of directors is inviting individuals to submit their resume to me. The official position that individuals will be applying for is called Facility Manager. We are looking for someone to oversee all building-related activities. The person will be responsible for preserving the good condition of the school building and ensure that facilities are safe and well functioning. For more information please contact me at [aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca).
- 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.
- Keeping the tradition alive, we had the annual teacher vs students basketball game today. Great action and lots of fun, but it seems to get more challenging every year :). Great job students and staff!

### Upcoming at CCS

Spring Break	March 9 - 16
School Resumes	Monday, March 19
Executive Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 20
Book Fair Week	March 21 - 23
Gr. 8 Grad Pictures	Monday, March 26
Gr. 7 Immunizations	Tuesday, March 27
Easter Assembly (note time! 2:00 pm)	Thurs., March 29
Good Friday (No School)	Friday, March 30
Easter Monday (No School)	Monday, April 2

Grade 8 Students and Parents!  
Please note that the Grad Picture Day has been moved to Monday, March 26 due to possible conflicts for our students.

### Compass Committee Update:

You might be thinking that things seem quiet on the expansion front, but you should know that the newly formed Compass Committee has met 3 times since the new year began. In providing a brief update, the committee has been reviewing the recommendations proposed by Mr. Postma. As was recommended to the board, the committee is drilling down into the options suggested. Specifically, the committee is reviewing southward development, the middle school option and the purchase of a surplus school. In order to do a good job, the committee has felt compelled to put everything on the table in order to eventually recommend that best possible option. The advantages and disadvantages of each option are being weighed, with an eye towards our main goal - nurturing expansion of Christian education in the greater Hamilton area. The committee hopes to share more information at the Spring Membership Meeting. Please pray for wisdom for committee members, Val Kloet, JD Alkema, Mark Van Der Woerd, Tyler Eggink, Rachel Schinkel, Rob Ouwehand, board reps Krista Vandekuyt and Doreen Van de Ban, and myself.

## 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!



### 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!

The **practice schedule** has been updated on the website. Please note the additional practice on Saturday, March 24th from 10am-4pm. Students are reminded that after March Break no scripts will be used in rehearsals. Enjoy March Break!

OUAM **costume pieces** need to be at school. Please send in ALL the needed items ASAP.

The **Prop and Set Committee** could use your help. We are searching for a number of items for our play. The set takes place in a castle, and involves characters such as royalty, a jester, a minstrel, and so forth, which will give you an idea of the time frame that the play takes place in. If you enjoy searching for "treasure" or maybe you have toys or items left over that are no longer being used, and you're wondering what to do with them, we'd love to hear from you.

The following items are needed:

royal scepter, small to mid-sized stool, royal looking crowns, gowns (old prom dresses and such), stack of old books, old suitcase, wooden lute, large (fake?) dumbbells, old sheets, blankets, pillows, mattresses, old fashioned soldier helmet, staff, shield, garden hoe, breastplate of armour

If you are able to lend or donate any of these, please contact Mrs. Eising (meising@ccshamilton.ca, ) and our prop committee will make arrangements with you should that be necessary. If you would like the items returned to you, please be sure to mark them clearly with your name. Any items otherwise sent our way will be donated to the thrift store once we have finished our last show. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

**Finance Office:** Thanks for your patience in regards to the tax receipts. They have all been issued now and were sent home or mailed out by Thursday March 1st.

**TRIP Program:** Just a reminder that TRIP will be closed for March Break. All in house orders and Fundscrip orders received will be processed for March 22nd delivery. Be sure to check out Fundscrip for this month's promotions!

## Prayer for the Week

Our Father in heaven,

Thank you for early signs of Spring. Thank you for longer days and warmer weather. We look forward to seeing things turn green and hearing the birds in the early morning. These are small reminders that you turn the seasons and that you are in control of everything. You set a rhythm at creation of work and rest. And so we thank you for rest as well. We thank you for March break. We ask that it be a refreshing time for both staff and students. Bless those who will be heading out of town - please keep them safe as they travel and play. Please bless those who would love to go away but can't, either because of financial resources or other circumstances. We ask that you be especially close to families who are dealing with special and difficult situations at this time. Surround them with your love and grace. Thank you for being a loving Father who cares about each one of us. And thank for sending Jesus to save and redeem us.

In His name we pray, Amen

## Calvin Christian School in Hamilton presents its 24th annual golf tournament

planned for Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Willow Valley Golf Course in Hamilton. We welcome golfers, sponsors, and prize donations. Proceeds provide assistance for the Special Education Department at CCS. Avoid disappointment and register soon; the tournament is already 65% sold out! To register or make donations, visit the CCS home page at [www.ccshamilton.ca/golf](http://www.ccshamilton.ca/golf).



## Job Opportunity

Are you looking for a secondary income? We are looking to add a motivated team member to our embroidery department at PromoPlace. Potential candidates would assist in the operation of commercial embroidery machines to embroider names and decorative designs/logos on garments, materials, caps, and jackets. No experience required. Training provided. Full time position. For an idea of what is involved watch this video -

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To send a resume or if you have any questions please contact Brandon Hannaford - brandon@promoplace.ca or call 905-304-0951