



Calvin Christian School Courier



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From the desk of Mr. Boonstra:

⇒ As enjoyable as the March break was, and I know the students thoroughly enjoyed the break, there is something to be said about getting back into routine. It has been good to get back to our work of honouring God at CCS.

⇒ Thank you to the organizing committee (Mrs. Benjamins, Mrs. Bosveld and Mrs. Breimer) and all the volunteers for the awesome Book Fair held this past week. A ton of fun and enjoyable activities were enjoyed by our students. It's wonderful to see how the Book Fair fosters a love for reading.

⇒ Parents of grade 8 students, please look for a letter that was sent home earlier this week. The letter provides important graduation information.

⇒ 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/>

⇒ 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.

⇒ The rehearsals for the Spring Program are well underway and I know that both students and teachers/directors are working very hard. In order to commemorate the performances, I'm wondering if there is someone in our community who would be interested in videotaping the performance(s). If you have the interest or expertise, please contact the office.

⇒ Beautiful couple of days here at CCS and while outside I had the joy of joining some of our primary students in some skipping. Our two grade 8 Peacekeepers manned the rope and the rest of us had to "jump in". It's great to see how our Peacekeepers interact and provide for the younger students. The school's Peacekeepers program is designed to provide leadership opportunities for our grade 8 students, while also fostering cross grade interactions. Thanks grade 8 Peacekeepers!

Job Opening - Facility Manager:

The board of directors is inviting individuals to submit their resume for the Facility Manager position at CCS. 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. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and a list of references in one document to me (aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca) by April 20.

Upcoming at CCS

Gr. 8 Grad Pictures	Monday, March 26
Pita Lunch	Tuesday, March 27
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
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, April 3
Once Upon a Mattress Performances:	
	Monday, April 9 (1:30 PM)
	Tuesday, April 10 (11:00 AM)
	Wednesday, April 11 (7:00 PM)
	Thursday, April 12 (7:00 PM)
"Meet Us Mondays"	Monday, April 9
Progress Reports Issued	Friday, April 13
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Wednesday, April 18
Open House / Shine Festival	Tuesday, May 1

Jubilee School: Special thanks to Mrs. Haveman, Mrs. Haanstra, Mrs. Wrench, Mrs. Garyfalakis, Mrs. Brouwer, Mr. VandenDool and Mr. Van De Merwe for joining Jubilee in the forest this week. We were excited to climb, explore and observe signs of spring during our spring scavenger hunt! JH

Kindergarten: Thanks to Mr. Brodie, Mrs. Geleynse, Mrs. Schilstra and Mr. Vyn for joining us on our trip to the forest this past week. At one point, several children in one group pick up evergreen branches from the forest floor and began waving them and singing, "Ho Ho Ho Hosanna!" Later, another child called out, "Come up here and see this beautiful view!" And yet another child sat on a large rock and declared it his "prayer rock" and so everyone gathered around the rock to pray. It is amazing and humbling how

God shows Himself to us when we are in the forest. W²

Grade 2B: We were very excited and appreciative to have Mr. Majer come today from Big Al's Pet Supercentre. He was our "expert" on aquariums and helped us get ours up and running! Next week we will go on to the next step... putting FISH into the aquarium!

Grade 8 Cheese Sales:

Due to increased shipping fees and lack of student orders, we have decided to cancel the last cheese order in May. As a result, CCS is offering one last cheese order. For any student who wishes to place a final order, please make sure that you do so with the April order. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the front office.

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!



Final Costume Pieces need to be sent to school ASAP! Dress rehearsals will be held in the week of April 3-6. ALL needed items must be sent in. If you are holding back items because they are regularly worn (pants, shirts, shoes) they must now be sent to school. All students are also asked to bring in deodorant and add it to their bag of supplies.

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 **Transportation Committee** has hired two new drivers to the team. A special welcome to Mr. Brian McFarland, driver for the Caledonia run, and Mrs. Melissa James, driver for the Upper Hamilton route. We want to give a special thanks to Mrs. Sonya Wonder, Mrs. Anita Voortman, and Mr. John VanArragon for filling in as spare bus drivers throughout the school year.

The Committee would also like to remind you that they are at the beginning stages of planning for next year's bus routes. If you are interested in using the transportation services offered, and have not yet signed up for this, you are encouraged to visit the school website (about us, transportation) and download the registration form and return it to the school.



TUITION ASSISTANCE: The application process is NOW OPEN to ask for financial assistance on 2018/19 tuition and the Deadline is APRIL 30. It remains the same; please fill out the online application through the FA\$T software. On our website you can find more details about our Tuition Assistance Program and a link to the application, www.ccshamilton.ca/ta. If you have any questions contact the Finance Manager, Melissa Vander Wier.

Prayer for the Week

"But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" – Luke 23:21

Dear God,

As we prepare for Easter, we pray that you would make us mindful of this important time of year. That we would be aware of the huge sacrifice you made for us. We confess it was our sin that put you on the cross. And we thank you for taking the full brunt of what we deserve. Thank you for this incredible act of love and service. You didn't deserve it - we did. Thank you. We pray that students and staff would grasp the magnitude of what you've done for us. We pray, too, that teachers would find ways to instruct the students on how your death and resurrection impacts and changes everything. We pray for your blessing on a great weekend. Thank you for signs of Spring.

We give you glory.

In Jesus name, Amen

TRIP Orders - Please note that Fundscrip orders during the week of March 26th will be shipped the following Friday, April 6th (instead of Thursday) due to the Easter Monday holiday. Inhouse orders will still be available for pick up and distribution on the Thursday. Thank you for supporting TRIP. Buy Gift Cards - Save on Tuition!

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee is busy organizing several events for the CCS and broader communities. Every dollar raised through these events helps keep tuition costs as low as possible for all CCS families. We encourage you to participate in the events that fit your family's schedules.

Norwex - March 26 to April 6 - 20% of all sales is for the school

Vesey Bulbs - April 13 to 20 - 50% of all sales is for the school

Mom to Mom Sale - Saturday, April 21 - If you are interested in renting a table please contact fundraising@ccshamilton.ca

Sunrise Fest - Saturday, May 12 - If you are interested in renting a table in the "Vendors Market" please contact fundraising@ccshamilton.ca

Walk-a-thon - Saturday, May 26 at Confederation Park

Food Trucks - June

More details about these events can be found on the CCS Fundraising web page at www.ccshamilton.ca/fundraising
The fundraising committee thanks you for your support.

Foster Care and Adoption Learning Conference will be held on April 27-28 called Empower to Connect. Come and experience practical teaching as we work to equip families, churches and professionals to better serve the children impacted by adoption and foster care. If you feel called or consider either of these ministries come to Kingsview Church at 1267 Paramount Drive | Stony Creek. Register/more info at www.kingsview.com/etc. or contact Al Karsten at albertkarsten@gmail.com.