



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr. Boonstra:

- ⇒ Well a very busy week is over for us. We certainly hoped that you enjoyed our Spring Program, Once Upon a Mattress. Thank you for your support in attending the performance and for your financial donations. I believe our students had a wonderful time performing and we thank them for all their hard work. We also want to thank the parent volunteers who contributed so much of their time and energy. Incidentally, if you didn't have the opportunity to help offset some of our expenses, you can contribute online via our webpage. Once again, thank you for your support!
- ⇒ Progress Reports were sent home today, so be sure to check with your son or daughter regarding the reports. The progress reports provide an early indicator as to your child's progress so far this semester. There are no final marks, simply an update as to how your son or daughter is doing so far.
- ⇒ The follow up to the Progress Reports are the Parent/Teacher Conferences. The next P/T conferences are set for this Wednesday (April 18). Should you not be able to attend that evening, you should feel free to make other arrangements with the teachers that you want to meet with. The teachers are willing to meet at a time that is mutually agreed upon. We have once again attached to the Courier email the simple instructions to book your interviews online.
- ⇒ You might be interested in an article that I came across on the CBC website. The article provides some suggestions for Parent-Teacher Interviews. Here's the link:
<http://www.cbc.ca/parents/learning/view/should-you-go-to-parent-teacher-interviews>
- ⇒ The school board is making preliminary plans for the upcoming membership meeting (May 16). The board hopes to share a few thoughts on our present membership structure, as well as an update from the Compass Committee. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar!
- ⇒ One last word on the Spring performance. The school slogan is "Equipping to Shine." In chatting with the students this past week, I can't help but feel many of them experienced this opportunity to shine. What truly amazes me is their ability to rise to the occasion. We can be thankful to our Heavenly Father for his outpouring of gifts on the students at CCS.

Celebrating Christian Education Week (April 30 - May 4) at Calvin Christian School in Hamilton:

Open House: Calvin Christian School, invites you to attend our annual Open House Day on Tuesday, May 1, at the school (547 West 5th Street, Hamilton). Come any time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to see Christian education in action! Feel free to visit classrooms, explore the school, and talk with staff members. We encourage you to consider taking a friend or neighbour along.

Shine Festival: A special part of our Open House (May 1) celebration will be the CCS Shine Festival. Students in JK through Grade 3 will present projects that they have been working on throughout the school year. The festival runs from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Grandparents'/Grandfriends' Day: Calvin Christian School invites all grandparents or grandfriends to join us for our annual Grandparents' Day, held on Wednesday, May 2. Join us for a short program involving many of our students beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a visit to the classrooms from 11:00 - 12:00 and then a light lunch beginning at noon.

Upcoming at CCS

Progress Reports Issued	Friday, April 13
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Wednesday, April 18
Grade 8 Snack Sale	Friday, April 20
Fundraising Committee	Monday, April 23
Public Relations Committee	Monday, April 23
Executive Committee	Tuesday, April 24
Finance Committee	Tuesday, April 24
Computer Committee	Tuesday, April 24
Pita Lunch	Wednesday, April 25
Battle of the Books	Wednesday, April 25
Vesey Bulbs order due	Wednesday, April 25
Open House / Shine Festival	Tuesday, May 1
Grandparent/Grandfriend Day	Wednesday, May 2

Kindergarten: We saw many colourful, interesting, and loud birds on our trip to the Hamilton Aviary in Westdale. Jessie, the dancing umbrella cockatoo, was definitely a favourite of the children! Thanks to Mrs. Bokma, Mrs. Kikkert, Mrs. Douwes, Mrs. Schilstra, and Mrs. Heemsker for accompanying us. W²

Once Upon a Mattress Costume

Followup! Students will be coming home with their costume pieces from the play. Please note that some costume pieces will be used again for MusicFest in May, so have them laundered, but don't get rid of them!

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Volunteer Opportunity Available: I am in need of someone who would be willing to take home the princess and ladies dresses and knight's robes used in the school musical in order to launder and press them. They will be needed again for MusicFest in May. If you are willing to help with this, please email Mrs Mantel at cmantel@ccshamilton.ca. Thanks in advance!

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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 FAST 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 VanderWier.

Calvin Christian School presents its 24th annual golf tournament planned for Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Willow Valley Golf Course in Hamilton. We welcome sponsors and prize donations. Proceeds provide much needed assistance for the Special Education Department at CCS. In order to be placed on the golfer wait list, please contact the school office. To make donations, visit the CCS home page at www.ccshamilton.ca/golf



Golf Tournament - Our committee is looking for more prizes for the prize table. Would your business please consider donating? Products or services in the areas of health and beauty, gardening, home improvement, restaurant vouchers, food, home decorating and care, entertainment, and other services are most welcome. Please contact Julie Van Eek at jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca to discuss how you can support this fundraiser for our special education department. Thank you!

A Message to the CCS Community from the re-Source Thrift Shop:

For the month of April the store will remain open until 8pm every Thursday for people to shop and/or deliver donations. It will also be a new opportunity for parents to volunteer with us during this extended opening. The volunteer shift would be between 5pm and 8pm on any (or all) of the Thursdays in April. Experienced volunteers will be present to run the shop as normal with new "guest" volunteers being on hand to assist customers and help us receive and sort new donations. Please register your interest in helping us by sending me an email to Chris French at resourcethrift@gmail.com.

Prayer for the Week:

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD."
Ps. 150:6

Father, We praise you for an amazing musical production this past week. Thank you for the way you gifted our students. Thank you for this opportunity for them to demonstrate their gifts. Thank you for the tireless work of so many staff in making this production possible. We give you thanks for the countless number of volunteers who committed so many hours as well. Our deepest desire in all of this is for you to receive praise. We praise you our school community and the things you're doing through each student and family. We commit families who might be struggling to your care and especially we think of the Humboldt community at this time. We need you. Every hour we need you. Thank you for sending Jesus to give us hope and life.

In his loving name we pray, Amen

The Fundraising Committee regrets that the April 21 Mom to Mom sale has been cancelled due to minimal interest. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.

TRIP: As the TRIP yearend approaches on April 30, remember to stock up on gift cards towards your tuition reduction for next year. Check out Fundscrip this weekend for the April promotions. Thank you for supporting TRIP. Buy Gift Cards - Save on Tuition!

A heads up that Wednesday, April 25 will be our next Pita Pit Day. Order forms will be sent home on Monday and due the following Friday, April 20.

