



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr. Boonstra:

- ➔ One of the benefits of Christian education is the opportunity to work with parents in the training of children. The past week was an excellent chance for the teachers to connect with parents during Parent/Teacher Conferences and to provide an update as to how each child is progressing. We value the opportunity to collaborate with you, and encourage you to stay in touch with your child's teacher.
- ➔ The next exciting event is on the horizon here at CCS. During the week of April 30th, we celebrate Christian Education Week. You are invited to join us for Open House Day (Tuesday, May 1) at the school. You are welcomed to visit the classrooms and enjoy seeing Christian education in action. Our second annual Shine Festival, held by our JK-Grade 3 students, will take place in the afternoon (2:00 - 3:00). Grandparents and friends are invited to join us the following day for Grandparents' Day (Wednesday, May 2 from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m) for a short program and a light lunch. We encourage parents, whose children will not have grandparents attend, to arrange for "grandfriends" - older friends, an uncle or aunt, a special neighbour, etc. to join us for the morning. ***Any parents who wish to have their children go home with their grandparents, are asked to send a note to the homeroom teacher giving permission.***
- ➔ 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!
- ➔ Congratulations to the re-Source Thrift Shop as they won first place in the Readers Choice Hamilton Thrift Store category! A real testimony to the great people working at the shop.
- ➔ What a treat to have the grade 8's selling snacks for the annual Grade 8 Snack Sale. Some of amazing creations were available for purchase today. All proceeds go towards the grade 8 Ottawa trip. Great job, grade 8 students!



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

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

Come A-Long K: A special thank you to Mrs. Burnip, Grace and Archer for visiting our classroom Thursday. We enjoyed learning more about Archer, observing how he moves and listens to his trainer Grace. We were curious about him so we thank Grace for answering our many questions to help us better understand dogs and working pets. It was also fun to meet Archer more personally! LO

Kindergarten: We are heading to the forest on Monday and Tuesday - please let me know this weekend if you can join us for a few hours in the morning. Please dress your child according to the weather - a dry pair of socks and pants may be a good idea upon our return. W²

Grade 3A: We have had a great adventure in grade 2A with Mrs. Voth over the past 6 weeks. The students enjoyed meeting and learning about her bunny Hoppity Jr., making creative texture monsters, learning about addition and subtraction with regrouping, and so much more. We wish Mrs. Voth God's blessings in her future adventures with all of God's children. JVV

CCS Field Day: Plans and preparations for the annual CCS Field Day and the closely following Track Day have already begun. Some important dates to keep in mind:

May 11 - Spirit Day

May 14/15 - Practice Days

May 23 - Field Day (gr. 1-8) *rain date May 24

May 25 - Track Day (gr. 4-8)

*** We are asking that parents/guardians let teachers know if their child/children have other plans and will be absent on either Field Day or Track Day. Mixed grade teams are presently being created for the Field Day, and we would greatly appreciate this information to keep the process running smoothly. We encourage you to watch the Courier for more information about these exciting events and for opportunities to share in these fun-filled days with staff and students.

National MusicFest: The Senior Choir will be participating in the National MusicFest on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Parents and friends are welcome to attend! A letter will come home next week with the choir members with more details for the day. Parents, please note that our tentative plan is to have the students arrive back at the school at approximately 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. The students will be supervised at the school until the CCS Membership Meeting is over, as



needed. If this does not work for your family, you are welcome to take your child home immediately following adjudication at approximately 2:30 p.m. Our performance time is 12:30 p.m. at the following location:

Main Foyer, Victoria College
91 CHARLES ST W
TORONTO M5S 1K9

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During **National Volunteers Week**, we are most grateful for the dedicated group of volunteers who assist in a variety of tasks at CCS. While your (grand)children love to see you at the school, so does the entire CCS staff. We couldn't do it without you! Our heartfelt thanks for the dedication you have to the school, where we, as a community, can work together to teach children about the glory of the Lord!

We look forward to showing our appreciation more fully near the end of the school year and will be in touch with more information at a later date. RV/ME

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

TUITION ASSISTANCE: This is the LAST WEEK to complete your application for financial assistance for 2018/19 tuition as the Deadline is APRIL 30! The process remains the same, please fill out the online application through the FA\$T software. You will find the link on our website where there is also more details about our Tuition Assistance Program www.ccsHamilton.ca/ta. You should either complete your application or contact the Finance Manager, Melissa Vander Wier prior to the deadline. Late submissions will have very limited funds available.

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:

“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?” Ps. 8:3-4

Dear Father,
 Thanks for your grace and goodness. Thanks for your powerful display through the rain, snow and ice from last weekend. Thank you for sparing us from serious injury or damage to the school. We know things could have been very different. We also praise you for the sunshine today! We look forward to great weekend of sunshine and warmer weather. Even though you are in complete control of this universe, we also recognize and give thanks that you care for us as your children. You loved us enough to send Jesus Christ to die for our sins – thank you.

In Jesus holy name,
 Amen

TRIP Two weeks left to order your gift cards for savings towards your tuition reduction next year. Be sure to stock up on April's promotions on Fundscrip this week:

For those of you not yet signed onto the TRIP program, it's time to think about savings for 2019/20! If you'd like more information on how you can save on your tuition, please contact Lianna Reitsma at lreitsma@ccshamilton.ca Thank you for supporting TRIP. Buy Gift Cards - Save on Tuition!

FROM YOUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

VESEY'S BULBS:

Spring is in the air! When the snow finally melts, you will be able to plant your spring bulbs. If you don't have bulb plants or want more (such as Dahlia, Lilies, Crocus, and many more), then this fundraiser is for you! This is a 50% fundraiser, meaning that half of your order will go towards CCS in order to keep tuition costs down. The order forms were sent home on Thursday, April 13 (one per family), and must be returned by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**. **Payment must be one cheque payable to "Calvin Christian School"**.

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.

HDCH & The Voice: Hamilton District Christian High is excited about the future! You're invited to join us on Monday, May 7 at 8:30 pm for "The Voice." We'll be sharing a long-term vision for Christian Education on our Glancaster Road Campus, and we'd love to have you as part of the conversation. "The Voice" will be held in the HDCH cafeteria, 92 Glancaster Road, Ancaster. Questions? Contact us at info@hdch.org or 905-648-6655.