



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr. Boonstra:

⇒ We are excited about the upcoming week. Beginning on Monday, 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.

⇒ Some parents have been asking about a DVD copy of our Spring musical, Once Upon a Mattress. Mr. Boer videotaped the play and we are happy to share a copy with you. We are grateful to Mr. Boer for his willingness videotape the show. If you wish to receive a copy, we ask that you provide a small donation to cover the cost of the DVD. Please contact the office if you wish to place an order for a DVD.

⇒ Let me also draw your attention to the notice in our courier from HDCH and The Voice. Hamilton District Christian High is hosting a very exciting evening (May 7) focusing on their long range plans, which may affect Christian education in the greater region, including CCS. It may very well be worth your time to investigate. I know I hope to attend!

⇒ The CCS board of directors 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!

⇒ This past week I was invited to the grade 1 classes to see some of the amazing work going on in their rooms. The Grade 1B class was practicing paragraph writing, while in Grade 1A the class is preparing for the Shine Festival with wonderful food group presentations. Fun to see how the students are developing confidence and good writing skills. Looking forward to having you join us for the Shine Festival so that you can see for yourself the great work going on 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

Open House / Shine Festival	Tuesday, May 1
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, May 1
Grandparent/Grandfriend Day	Wednesday, May 2
MAP Testing	May 7 to May 18
Finance Committee	Tuesday, May 8
Building Committee	Tuesday, May 8
SPECIAL LUNCH DAY	Wednesday, May 9
JK/SK Orientation Day (No school for current JK/SK students)	Thursday, May 10
Sunrise Fest	Saturday, May 12
Membership Meeting	Wednesday, May 16
CCS Field Day	Wednesday, May 23
CCS Track Day	Friday, May 25

Jubilee School: Special thanks to Mr. Wrench, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. VanBentham, Mrs. van der Woerd, Mr. Brouwer and Mrs. Vanderheide for joining us in the forest this week. Signs of spring were all around us and students enjoyed the challenge of collaborating with peers to construct a bird's nest. JH

Kindergarten: Thanks to Mrs. James, Mrs. Garyfalakis, Mrs. Joosse, Mrs. Vanderherberg, Mrs. Geleyense, Mrs. Skoutarou, and Mrs. Harskamp for joining in the forest this week. It was fun to listen and watch for birds and also to build a bird nest.

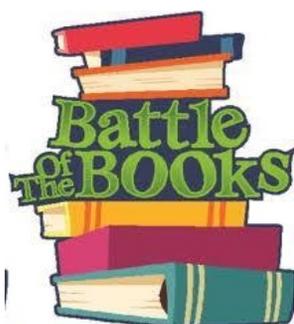
Kindergarten and Jubilee are excited to help the Hamilton Aviary by selling their bird note cards. The cards will be sold on Open House/SHINE Festival day as well as on Grandparents' Day. The children put much effort into their artwork and the note cards are beautiful. The original art work cards will be sold for \$5 for 4 note cards. Join with us in our effort to help the birds at the Hamilton Aviary!

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Grade 7A enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Hosmar (Mr. Hosmar's mother) today. She shared with us a little about her historical novel, "A Matter of Conscience," and spent some time teaching and encouraging students on how to go about writing their own historical fiction. We were grateful for her time and expertise.

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Battle of the Books: We had a fantastic day at the Battle of the Books this past Wednesday. Students enjoyed 'battling' their knowledge of eight different books that they had been studying for the past 5 months. The Junior Teams did well, and were able to answer most of the questions. We each even had either a perfect 'battle round' and a perfect 'lightning round.' Well done! The Senior Team had a successful day, coming in third! Way to go. Many thanks to our drivers, Mrs. de Vries, and Mr. and Mrs. Van de Ban for driving some of our team



members, and to all the parents who came out to cheer the teams on. Great job! It was a page-turner of a day! Hope to see you all again next year. Keep enjoying those books! From the coaches, Mr. Veldhuis, Mrs. Vandewindt, Mrs. Breimer, and Mrs. Eising.

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 came home this week with the festival details.

Our performance time is 12:30 p.m. at the following location:

Main Foyer, Victoria College
91 CHARLES ST. W.
TORONTO, ON

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Prayer for the Week:

Dear Creator God,

Thank you for creating a beautiful earth for us to enjoy and to cultivate. As we enjoy the incredible opportunities you give us, we pray for you to make us good stewards as well. We praise you for your work in creation. Thank you for your faithfulness through the generations as well. You are constant, loving and good. Bless us as we welcome our grandparents into the school. Thank you for their work in starting our school and for their ongoing support. Give them good courage and strength.

We thank you for the opportunity to present at the Shine Festival next week. We pray that our work would bring you praise and glory.

Above all, we praise you for your amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Help us to know that it is sufficient.

We love you. In Jesus name we pray,

Amen

THE SOUND OF CHEERING! ~ THE SMELL OF DELICIOUS FOOD! ~ THE SATISFACTION OF DOING ONE'S BEST!!!

Preparations are being made for our annual Field Day, Wednesday, May 23rd (raindate May 24, 25). We are in need of volunteers to help with raking, timing, games and serving at the food stand! If you are available to help, please fill out the online form which is accessible on the school website. This can be found on the CCS home page by clicking Field Day volunteers needed - sign up here. **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS CALL TO HELP OUT!**



Important Reminders:

1. Please let your child's teacher know if they have other plans and will not be present on Field Day as soon as possible.
2. By Friday, May 11th, there will be a list at the bottom of your child's classroom page indicating their team number, name and shirt colour for Field Day.
3. Practice dates for Field Day are May 14th and 15th.
4. Track Day - May 25. Please contact Mr. Boonstra if you are able to help!

*****Keep watching the Courier for Field Day Information*****

FIELD DAY FOOD AND DRINK ORDERS! We are once again utilizing the online ordering system!

Once again food and drink will need to be pre ordered for Field Day. You can place your child(ren)'s order on our website at www.ccshamilton.ca/fielddayfood

Follow the simple instructions to order and then send payment to the school. Payment options include cash (correct change only), cheque, or debit in the office and new this year you can use our convenient e-transfer! Please remember to do ONE form per person. Choices include: Pizza, pitas, Skittles, Smarties or Kit Kat, bottled water, Tropicana bottled juice, chocolate or white milk, Gatorade, apples, and large Freezies. If you choose to order a pita, you will still need to fill out



a pita form so that we can personalize yours just for you! Pita forms can be downloaded from our website or are also attached to this e-Courier. We will also have forms available in the office.

Please note there is no REGULAR milk/pizza/sub scheduled for the week of Field Day. To guarantee food you must have pre-ordered yours by way of the website.

Visitors and family members are invited to order as well! There will be a limited amount of food available for purchase for visitors.

All items must be ordered and paid for by Friday, May 11.

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!



TUITION ASSISTANCE: LAST CHANCE 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 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.

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.