



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the desk of Mr. Boonstra:

⇒ This past week we celebrate Christian Education week, and what a week it was! On Tuesday, we opened up our doors to all visitors for our annual Open House day. Hundreds of people visited with our staff and students. The highlight of the day was our 2nd annual Shine Festival, hosted by our JK-3 students.

Having the opportunity to visit the classes myself, I couldn't help but marvel at the awesome work presented by our students. The following day, we welcomed well over 600 visitors to our annual Grandparents' Day. This day is always a special opportunity for our students to connect with some very important people in their lives. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the gift of Christian education. A special thank you to the Public Relations Committee for all the work they did in hosting these events.

⇒ We are grateful for our relationship with our local community members and Neighbour to Neighbour in particular. The food bank is running a program called "Great Rice Round Up" and that will be taking place for the next couple of weeks. We have been asked to assist them in their collection of rice. For more details, please see the flyer attached to the eCourier.

⇒ On Thursday (May 10), we are hosting JK/SK Orientation Day. We are looking forward to welcoming the new students for our JK and SK programs including Come-Along K. Parents are invited to visit with the Come-Along K classroom and teacher before or after they meet with the JK or SK teacher. This means there is no school for our current JK and SK students, and this also means there is no school for our Come-Along K students on that day.

⇒ 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 to 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 annual Spring Membership Meeting is set for Wednesday, May 16. An electronic copy of the agenda has been sent out today. If you wish to receive a hard copy please contact the school's front office. At the meeting there will be voting for new BOD members. Since we were only able to get 4 people to stand for the 4 retiring members, we will ask that you acclaim the nominees. The nominees are: Luke Demik, Gordon Hornsveld, Dan Postma and Kevin Postma. The board also 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 Saturday (May 12), the Fundraising Committee is hosting the annual SunRise Fest. Please join us for breakfast and sales of various items, including plants.

⇒ Field Day is right around the corner as well (May 23). In order for things to go smoothly, we are in need of volunteers and lots of them. You can sign up via our website. We are once again using an online form for the purchase of food for field day.

### Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP):

As you may recall, back in October the students in grades 1-8 completed the MAP assessments. The assessments assist in determining your child's instructional level and in measuring academic growth throughout the school year. Three areas were tested - reading, language usage, and mathematics. Teachers have taken the time to analyze the results and, in some cases, made the appropriate changes in student instruction or in the curriculum taught. A second testing session has been scheduled from May 7 - 18. It will be helpful if you could do your best to have your child at school during this testing session. You can contact your child's teacher to find out when your child is scheduled to complete a test.

Mrs. VanEgmond, Vice Principal

### Upcoming at CCS

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
Field Day Food Orders Due	Friday, May 11
SunRise Fest	Saturday, May 12
Senior Choir to Nationals	Wednesday, May 16
Membership Meeting	Wednesday, May 16
CCS Field Day	Wednesday, May 23
CCS Track Day	Friday, May 25

The food is pre-ordered and served to our students on field. We are also hoping that if you have younger children participating in field day, please consider tagging along with your child's group. This is another way that we can ensure that all children have a good experience. For more info on Field Day, see the announcements in this courier.

**Jubilee** students enjoyed showing their grandparents around the classroom this week. Special thanks to all the parents and grandparents who purchased Jubilee note cards during our SHINE festival. We look forward to blessing the Hamilton Aviary with the profits. JH



**Grade 7A:** I am still looking for one more parent to come along with 7A to Battlefield House and Museum for this coming Tuesday, May 8th. We will be leaving school at around 9:30 am and returning around 2:30 pm. It is a fun, interactive day and you just need to bring along a lunch. If you are able to join us, please email me at [cmantel@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:cmantel@ccshamilton.ca). CM

**Kindergarten:** The children loved having so many guests in our classroom this week. Thank you to everyone who purchased our cards to help the Hamilton Aviary! The children were so thrilled to see their artwork on the note cards and are excited to share the money with the birds. We will let you know the final tally when the money is all counted. W<sup>2</sup>

**Grade 2A:** What an amazing turn out for our Shine Festival and Grandparents Day. The students of 2A enjoyed sharing their learning and showing their inventions to all who stopped to look and listen. Thank you parents for your support in providing "lab coats" and safety glasses for your budding scientists. It was also wonderful to see the love and support of so many grandparents. It is a blessings to have such a caring community to both love and educate our children! JWV



**Concert Band and Flute Choir:** these two groups enjoyed performing on Grandparents Day. Bravo! The students played well and heard lots of great feedback. This was our last performance so all music, instruments and CCS shirts from Concert Band and Flute Choir students need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you! MH

**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.

**Primary French** - Cooty catchers (Gr. 1), and yellow game sheets (gr. 2-3) have been sent home in order for your student to play these activities with YOU! Please be sure to ask your child to "joue avec moi!" Enjoy, and be impressed with all that your child has learned! JVE

**Grade 3:** This week the students in grade 3a and grade 3b did a wonderful job at the Shine Festival where they presented their projects based on the question: "How has God created this country in a unique way?" As their teachers, we were most impressed with how well the students prepared and presented their findings. A big 'thank you' goes out to the family members who supported the students in finding suitable props and trying out delicious new recipes in preparation for the Shine Festival. It was so wonderful to see the gym full of guests enjoying themselves on Wednesday afternoon. We hope that you enjoyed some delicious snacks and learned some interesting facts about some of the unique and beautiful countries created by God. Excellent job, grade 3 students and families! :) RV, ABr, ME

**Girls' Baseball:** We will have tryouts for the Senior Girls' baseball team on May 15 and May 17, from 3:30 - 5:00. The sign up sheet for tryouts will be posted on Monday, along with important information regarding the season, scheduling, and the tournament on Wednesday, June 6. Please take one of the information sheets beside the tryout sheet in the gym and share the information with your parents. The information will also be on the CCS website by Tuesday, May 8. Looking forward to a great season! Mrs. W<sup>2</sup>

**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

Students are asked to bring their costume pieces to school as soon as possible, including shoes and head pieces. We are hoping to have one more parent chaperone for the event. If you are available, please let Mrs. Van Egmond know. DVE

## **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 MANY 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:**

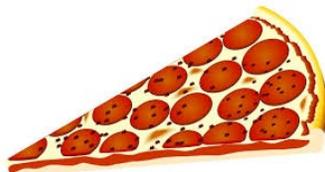
1. Please let your child's teacher know if they have other plans and will not be present on Field Day as soon as possible.
2. On the Monday after Spirit Day, Friday, May 11th, there will be a list at the bottom of your child's classroom page indicating their team number, name and shirt colour for Field Day.
3. Practice dates for Field Day are May 14th and 15<sup>th</sup>.
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](http://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.**

### **CCS FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

On Saturday, May 12, you are invited to come out for breakfast at the annual CCS Springfest, where you will not only get an opportunity to eat a tasty breakfast of pancakes and breakfast sausages, but you will also be able to shop at our vendor booths! Need some plants?... we have plenty of plants for sale for you. The fun begins at 7:30 am!

**WALK/BIKE-A-THON:** You are encouraged to place Saturday, May 26, in your calendar of events for a great way to spend some time enjoying God's creation, time with CCS community members, and raise funds for Calvin Christian School. How? Through the CCS annual walk/bike-a-thon. This event is scheduled to take place along the Hamilton Waterfront trail. Information will be sent home with the students on Monday. Please look for it.

**Once Upon A Mattress:** Today the grade 7 & 8 cast and crew of Once Upon A Mattress met for a short social and some treats. It was fun to view some of the video from one of the performances. A special thanks again to Ms Sara and Ms Sonya for their time and energy in leading us through this wonderful experience.

**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](mailto:info@hdch.org) or 905-648-6655.