



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr. Boonstra:

» Field Day is set for this Wednesday, May 23, with the rain date the following day (May 24). Should we need to reschedule Field Day, we will post the announcement on our website. In case of cancellation, we will have a regular school day and students would need to bring their lunches. If the weather takes a turn for the worse on Field Day, students will continue with the usual Wednesday classes and be permitted to have their field day lunches. Upon arrival, students are expected to go to their home rooms as usual for devotions and attendance and from there, they will join their team members and go to their first event. See more information on Field Day in this courier, as well as on our website. Field Day is a lot of fun. Please feel free to join us for the day.

» It was a pleasure to have so many supporters attend our annual Spring Membership Meeting this past Wednesday. A special thank you to Mark van der Woerd who presented an update on the work of the Compass Committee, the committee tasked with exploring our school expansion options. We are also thankful to the membership in providing their feedback on the school's membership policy. I know the board of directors will be sure to take your concerns into consideration. We welcomed 4 new board members to the board: Luke Demik, Gordon Hornsveld, Dan Postma and Kevin Postma. May you feel God's leading. We said good-bye to retiring board members: Kevin Ritskes, Craig Schinkel, Angela Sluys and Crystal Van Groningen. Your wisdom and expertise will be missed. The membership also approved the 2018/19 budget and finally, we congratulated Mrs. Wikkerink on 25 years of service to CCS - thank you for your dedication Mrs. Wikk!



» Most of the staffing needs for the upcoming year have been filled. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Bryan Cochrane will take over the Facility Manager position, vacated by Mr. vanArragon, who is retiring. We also wish Mrs. Amanda Breimer God's blessings as she goes on maternity leave this summer. Taking her place will be Mrs. Krista Taekema, who is returning from maternity leave. Finally, we welcome Mr. Ben Schaefer to a part time teaching position in grade 7. Mr. Schaefer will be providing IT relief time for Mr. Wensink.

» Sunrise Fest took place last weekend and over \$3500 was raised. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for all their hard work and to all those who volunteered throughout the morning.

» The Fundraising Committee is also busy organizing the CCS Walk-a-thon/Bike-a-thon, which is set for Saturday, May 26. Please consider joining us for this awesome community event. This year's walk-a-thon is taking place at the beautiful Hamilton Waterfront Trail, located at Confederation Park. All money raised goes towards keeping tuition rates down.

» You should have seen all the packages of rice we collected for N2N for their "Great Rice Round Up". Thank you for your support in this endeavour.

Upcoming at CCS

Victoria Day (No School)	Monday, May 21
Ascension Day / Pentecost Assembly	Tuesday, May 22
CCS Field Day	Wednesday, May 23
CCS Track Day	Friday, May 25
CCS Walkathon	Saturday, May 26
Bike to School Week Begins	Monday, May 28
New Student Orientation Morning	Monday, May 28
JKB/SKB Field Day	Tuesday, May 29
JKA/SKA Field Day	Wednesday, May 30
CCS Golf Tournament	Saturday, June 2
Food Trucks (NEW date!)	Thursday, June 7
Mr. van Arragon's celebration! 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Thursday, June 7
PA Day (no school)	Friday, June 8
Graduation at Redeemer	Tuesday, June 19

»» Congratulations to the senior choir and their director Mrs. VanEgmond, and accompanist, Mrs. Heeg, as they received the silver standard at the National Music Festival in Toronto this past Wednesday.

»» Urgent Master Field Day Need: St. John Ambulance has been unable to provide volunteers for first aid service on Master Field Day. I am wondering if there are any medically trained individuals who might be able to help us on Master Field Day - Friday, June 1st. Please contact Mr. Boonstra (aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca)

»» Track Day: Next Friday, May 25, CCS will be hosting our annual Track Day events: 200m, 800m runs and high jump (jump off competition). Track Day is for students in Grades 4-8. It's a busy and somewhat stressful day for the students. Please encourage your child to be prepared and to do his/her best. Personal bests are what teachers tell students to aim for. See the attached schedule for the approximate time for each event.

Jubilee School: Special thanks to Mrs. Froese, Mrs. Verbinnen and Mrs. Vanderzaag for joining us in the forest this week. We had beautiful weather and enjoyed drawing the beauty found in God's creation. We also had two special visitors come to our classroom from the Hamilton Aviary this week. We were pleased to hand them a cheque for over \$1000.00 to help save the birds and the Hamilton Aviary! One person commented, "These little powerhouses haven't yet counted to 1000 and yet they have raised money for our incredible birds!"

JH



Kindergarten: Jubilee and Kindergarten worked very hard to create beautiful note cards for the aviary. Thanks to parents' and grandparents' generosity, we were able to present a cheque for over \$1000 to Sid, a parrot, and Marissa, a human volunteer from the aviary this past week! The volunteer was very moved and thanked us profusely for the money for the birds. The children shared some great ideas for raising funds before they decided to make note cards and they learned through this project that they can make a difference in our community! (Some children also donated their own money for the aviary - awesome!)

KB children, don't forget to bring your "Bible-like" clothing to school on Tuesday morning for our assembly!

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National MusicFest: We are pleased to say that the choir received a Silver Standard in the National MusicFest held in Toronto this week. The Silver Standard indicates that the choir achieved 'an exceedingly high standard of excellence' as described in the Musicfest syllabus. The festival was a great experience for the students as they performed selections from Once Upon a Mattress. The performance was a real mixture of the arts, with costuming, choreography, and music. We are very proud of the students as they worked so hard in preparation for this event!! Thank you to Mrs. Marsha Heeg for accompanying



Retirement Celebration: Please join us on Thursday, June 7 for a retirement celebration for John van Arragon. Mr. van Arragon is retiring after 22 years of service at CCS. The celebration begins at 1:00 p.m. with a reception for family, friends and community members. At 2:00 p.m., we will be hosting a program in the gym for the entire community, including our students. We know this will be a special occasion and we would be delighted if you could join us!

the choir, and to Mrs. Sonja van der Woerd for coaching the students in choreography! Thanks also to Mrs. Zantingh and Mrs. Fledderus for all their help on the trip.

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Ascension Day/Pentecost Assembly: The children of Kindergarten B and the Grade 5 classes invite you to celebrate Jesus' ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in an assembly to be held on Tuesday, May 22 @ 9:10.

Girls' Baseball: The girls' baseball team has been posted. Thanks to all the girls who came to tryouts! Our practices will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after school. Please check the website under "Baseball" for more information.

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Tryouts for the **Sr. Boys' baseball team** concluded yesterday and the team has been posted. Thanks to all the boys who tried out for the team. Our regular practice is Wednesday after school from 3:30 - 4:45 with Friday after school as a rain date make up practice. I have not received any information yet regarding the tournament, but I will pass it on to the boys as soon as I get it and I will post it on the school web page under the baseball link. TB

Thank you!...to everyone who volunteered to help out for Field Day.

We have enough volunteers for the May 23rd date BUT are still very short on volunteers for the rain date of Thursday, May 24th. Help is needed during morning and afternoon time slots, at field events and the food stand.

*****Information about your child's Field Day team can be downloaded from the bottom of his/her classroom page or weekly newsletter. This information will include the student's team name, number and colour.*****

Master Field Day this year will be held on Friday, June 1. There will be regular school for JK through grade 3 students only. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the selling of food for this day. Can you help? Please email mgallea@ccshamilton.ca for more info!

Adventure Village: Students eligible for Adventure Village will be receiving a permission form today. Please have these forms in by Friday, May 25. JH

May 28 - June 1 is **Bike to School Week** across Hamilton and the GTA. Once again, CCS is participating in order to show our community that we are a school that values physical fitness and environmental awareness.

We are encouraging as many students (and staff members) as possible to bike or walk to school as many days as possible for that week. We will be keeping a school-wide tally to see how many people have participated. Last year we counted just over 100 biking or walking trips.

While we know that biking or walking to school is not possible for many who live far from the school, we would love to see high levels of participation from those who live close enough. Some suggestions:

Take time over the coming week to plan out a safe route.

Find a group of people who live near you and organize a biking or walking group.

Remind your children of biking and walking safety rules. Let's get moving!



TUITION & FEES 2018/2019: Look out for your new tuition forms in your child's backpack early next week. They will be due on Friday June 1st. Any questions feel free to ask the Finance office.

SUNRISE FEST: A big thank you to all of you for making the Sunrise Fest a success. This is such a fun event with great food and community fellowship. Approximately \$3,700 was raised for CCS and Christian Education.

ANNUAL WALK/BIKE-A-THON - MAY 26: Sat., May 26 - Participants will **walk/bike/scooter/rollerblade** along the **paved** trail in Confederation Park. Don't forget to ask for pledges in support of CCS and Christian Education. For every \$100 raised, the student will receive a \$10 gift card from Walmart, Tim Hortons, iTunes, and much more. We hope to see you there. Remember that registration is from 8am to 9am.

ANNUAL FOOD TRUCKS - JUNE 7 (NEW DATE): The Fundraising Committee is looking forward to our 4th annual Food Truck Fest! Please join us on Thursday, June 7 from 5pm to 7pm for a fun evening of food and fellowship.

The **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** is looking for more members, as some of our current members are completing their term. This committee has fun planning various fundraising events that will appeal to all CCS families. If you would like to join this committee starting in the 2018-19 school year, please contact fundraising@ccshamilton.ca.

A Note from Mr. Chris French and the re-Source Thrift Shop!

We had a shop coordinators meeting on Monday, where much appreciation was expressed to our fantastic volunteers and delight with the progress the store is making.

The main business of the meeting was to plan ahead for our summer months.

Our volunteer needs are varied and often depend on the day of the week. At a variety of times, we are in need of more people willing to work sorting clothes, guys to do heavy lifting work at the back, occasional help on the Wednesday truck run, staffing our cash register, cleaning the store early on a Friday and with customer service more generally.

If you or anyone you know would like to help us out on a particular morning or afternoon shift for any of the weeks between now and October please contact the coordinator directly for that day. All our coordinators are well aware of the needs we have.

The summary below lists the daily coordinator and their email address. Don't really like emails?.... just send them your phone number so that they can call you. If you hear nothing back : email me.

Monday : Lorie Koning... jlkoning@rogers.com

Tuesday : Pete and Jane Elgersma ...
petejane.elgersma@quickclic.net

Wednesday : Harry Groenewegen...
hj_groen@hotmail.com

Thursday : Maggie Van Rooij... maggiev63@gmail.com

Friday : Chris French... resourcethrift@gmail.com

Saturday : Alice Bokma ... acbokma@gmail.com

Truck help : Cliff Spoelstra... spoelstracliff@gmail.com

It is your store! It's our job therefore to make sure you are aware of all the opportunities we have for volunteer service.

With thanks to you all.

May you all have a wonderful summer.