



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr Boonstra

- ☉ This last week of the school year has been a busy time of celebration and fun. Class trips and parties have been enjoyed and our grade 8's graduated. Grad took place this past Tuesday and we wish our graduates God's blessings as they move on to high school. We would also like to thank all the graduation program participants who performed/contributed at the banquet and at the ceremony. Thank you to those who helped prepare and serve the banquet meal, but particularly Mrs. J. Ouwehand who did the bulk of the work. Thanks also go to Pastor Chris Schoon and his wife, Hennie, as they were the parent speakers at grad, and to Chloe Van Barneveld, who delivered the valedictory address, as well as Karis Schoon who presented the historian speech. You all did a terrific job! Finally, thank you to Mr. Postma who was the guest organist for the evening and to the parent praise team that led us so beautifully in praising God.
- ☉ We are also grateful that our grade 8 students had an enjoyable and safe trip to Ottawa last week. We thank the parent chaperone (Mr. Issa and Mr. Van Eek) and the grade 8 teachers (Mrs. Wikkerink and Mr. De Schiffert) for their supervision.
- ☉ We wish Ms. Kieneker, Ms. van der Woerd and Mr. de Schiffert God's blessings as they will all be getting married over the summer months. We also say good-bye to Mrs. Breimer and Mrs. James, as they go on maternity leave, and to Mr. van Arragon, as he retires. We welcome back Mrs. Taekema (from maternity leave) and we welcome Mr. Cochrane, as he fills Mr. van Arragon's position. God's blessings to all of you!
- ☉ During the summer months you may want to access certain school related forms. I'd like to remind you that most of them can be found on the school website.
- ☉ The August mailing will include class lists, the 1st courier and various forms. The mailing should come your way sometime mid August. If you are hoping to contact the office sometime during the summer, we will be checking email and phone messages from time to time.

This courier officially wraps up the 2017/18 school year. It also wraps up my first year as principal at Calvin Christian School. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the entire CCS community, the CCS staff and the entire CCS student body for an amazing year. There has certainly been a learning curve for me, but you have all been very gracious and supportive - thank you! It has been a privilege serving at this school and it is my hope and prayer that you enjoy the summer holidays.

Psalm 121:1-2 - "I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Praise God!

Upcoming at CCS

BOD Meeting	Tuesday, June 26
First Day of School 2018/2019	Tuesday, September 4
Save the Date!	
Back to School Dessert Social	Friday, September 14
Edifide Teachers Convention (no school)	October 25 and 26
Bazaar	Saturday, November 24

From Come-Along K: It has been a fun school year, full of energy, learning, making new friends, taking risks, making choices and having fun along the way. How much they have all grown in 10 months each ready to take on new challenges in September. I feel blessed getting to know your child. Have a fun and relaxing summer!

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Jubilee School: I have loved teaching your children and have been blessed by their enthusiasm, sense of humour and unique, God-given talents and abilities. We have shared many memories this year and I will miss them. I pray that you have a relaxing, enjoyable summer. Special thanks to all the parents who came this week to clean toys and scrub our classroom furniture for next September.

JH

Kindergarten: It has been a year of "Fixing our Eyes on God" and learning to take care of ourselves, others and the school. Exploring the forest each month taught us to be in awe of God's love for His creation, ourselves included. Have a blessed, restful summer with your families! W²

Grade 1A: Way to go! Thank you for an awesome year in grade 1. It was so much fun to watch all that learning take place. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I can't wait to give you a wave in the hallways when your on your way to grade 2 in September. RK

Grade 1B: We have had a very enjoyable school year together! Although some students have requested having summer school, a nice summer break will likely be just what we need to come back fresh in September. Thanks to my wonderful 27 students who have made this year a true pleasure. Have a wonderful summer! DH

Grade 2A: Grade 2 had a wonderful visit to Bird Kingdom this week. They had an exciting and informative presentation on the education floor. This included seeing a sugar glider sailing along a rope, a parrot having a conversation, and a skunk meandering along picking up recycling. The students also enjoyed exploring the rest of the bird kingdom with their small groups. They even saw treasures - if they dared! Thank you to the parent volunteers who made it possible to enjoy this day; Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Hutten, Mrs. Groenewegan, Mrs. VanderHeiden, and Mrs. Van Houten. It has been a pleasure and privilege to teach each of your children this year. May God bless each of you as you rest and relax this summer. JVV

Grade 2B: We did it, grade 2! What an incredible year it's been. I want to say thank you to each parent for partnering with me in teaching your child over the past school year. We worked hard, learned so much, had many laughs, and made many wonderful memories! Thank-you also to the many parent chaperones we had on class trips throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you. Have a fantastic summer, grade 2, and don't forget to visit or say hi next year! MVB

Grade 3A: Grade 3A enjoyed a wonderful day at the African Lion Safari on Wednesday. God blessed us with comfortable weather and safety for all our students. The students had fun watching elephant and bird shows along with playing in the ball pit, going on boat and train rides, and splashing in the water park. It was wonderful to see so many of God's wonderful creatures in one place. Thank you to all of our parent chaperones who made the day a great success: Mrs. Anumba, Mrs. Boekee, Mrs. Garyfalakis, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Love-Stirling, Mrs. Schinkel, and Mr. Zuidema. A big thank you also to your wonderful bus driver, Mrs. Kikkert, for taking us through the reserve allowing us to see lots of wonderful creatures close up. It was a great day! Parents, thank you for entrusting your children to me this year. I have been blessed by their interest, enthusiasm, sense of humour, and unique, God-given gifts and abilities.

I pray that you all will experience a safe and relaxing summer holiday. RVV

Grade 3B: We had a great time at African Lion Safari for our year-end class trip this past Wednesday. Our thanks go out Mr Wrench, Mrs Gonnering, Mrs Neven, Mrs VanBenthem and Mrs Bartels who joined us on our safari, and to Mrs Kikkert for driving us! We sure enjoyed seeing so many of God's cool creatures! It's hard to believe it is the end of the school year! We would also like to thank our grade 3b parents for all of your support and prayers through the year, and for the many ways that you spoiled us today. We pray that you have a wonderful and safe summer with your family. To the grade 3b students: we have enjoyed watching you grow and learn this past year. Remember that God has a special plan for all of you! We hope you will all enjoy a super fantastic summer break! ABr & ME

Primary and Junior French: Plays, puppets, and workbooks are coming home this week or next. Please have your child sing, read, and show you what they have learned this past year! Enjoy! JVE

Need to review and/or continue with French over the summer? This is possible via our AIM web portal until the end of August. Review is strongly recommended for students who are still developing confidence and accuracy with their play, vocabulary, and listening comprehension. Please email Mme Van Eek at jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca to get your login name and password if you haven't yet. Enjoy! Bon été tout le monde! Mme Van Eek



Grade 4A: Grade 4A had a good year together as a class. We learned a lot about academics, each other, and God's world. I will miss the students! I wish you all a fun and relaxing summer in which you remember to "Fix Your Eyes on God"! JDJ

Grade 4B: Wow! Where has the time gone by? It's been a great year in 4B and I wish to thank each of my students for their contributions each day. It has been a lot of fun being your teacher this year and I wish you a safe and happy summer. God bless you all and don't be shy to pop into room 31 in September and say hello. Dear parents, Thank you for your gifts, cards, and words of encouragement. They are much appreciated! TB

Grade 5A: Greetings from Grade 5A! We had a wonderful time on our trip to Wild Waterworks this past Tuesday. After a great game of Capture the Flag, we headed off to Wild Waterworks where we had a great time cooling off in the wave pool, slides, and lazy river. Thanks to Ms. Bevan, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Love-Stirling, Mrs. Schinkel, Mr. Tomlinson, and Mr. Zandberg for accompanying us on this trip and to Mr. Scott who capably drove the bus for us. Many thanks for the thoughtful cards and gifts, class. They are much appreciated. Parents, thank you for your encouraging notes and prayers throughout this year. They have been a blessing for me!

It is hard to believe that the school year is over! I have had an awesome year with you, class. Your interest in learning and hard work made you a pleasure to teach. May God bless you all with a restful, relaxing, and fun-filled summer! Always remember that God can use ordinary people, like each one of you, to do extraordinary things for Him! PV

Grade 5B: Wow! This year has just flown by! It has been an incredible year, 5B! I believe that we really grew as a classroom community, learning to show love and respect. I loved getting to know you better during our morning meetings; you are an amazing group of students! There is so much love, care and talent within this class. Continue using the gifts that God has blessed you with to serve and bless others. Also, we had a wonderful trip to Wild Waterworks this past week. Thank you to Mrs. Brand, Mrs. DeBoer, Mrs. Duarte, Mrs. Gonnering, Mrs. Perl, Mr. Reitsma, and Mr. VanHouwelingen for joining us on this adventure! Wishing you all a wonderful summer! I can't wait to see you in September! Love, Mrs. Reid DR



Grade 6A: We had a great year with so many fun things to look back on. Fair Glen is always a highlight with Bingemans coming in at a close second. Thanks to all the parents who have supported their son or daughter throughout the year with homework help, test prep, making lunches, going on field trips and being personal cheerleaders. Have a wonderful summer relaxing and going on trips. All the best as you prepare for Grade 7.AvW

Grade 6B: Well, it has definitely been a great year. A special thanks to all of you for prayers, support, and encouragement for student and teacher alike, throughout the year. Special thanks to Mr. Schat and Mr. Ott for joining us on our year end class trip to Bingemans. And students, thanks to you for a very successful year! You should have learned a lot, I know you grew a lot (in wisdom and in stature!), and of course, there was the occasional laugh as well. Of course, there is still the outstanding homework that you need to catch up on that you have put off for way to long, so on Monday, please clean out your school bag, Tuesday is meant for you to clean your room, Wednesday you should offer to make supper, and on Thursday, maybe some yard work. Have a blessed summer, Grade 7!!! JH

Grade 6: Bingemans Water Park was a splash! With only a few schools at the park we were able to lap all the activities. We had so much fun. Thanks to: Mr. Ott, Mr. Schat, Mr. Brennan, Ms. Brand, Mr. Vos, Ms. Heeg.

Grade 7A: We had a great year! Recently we had our grade 7 challenge day, competing for the grade 7 cup. Congratulations to the 7B class for working hard to claim the cup and for both classes for making some incredible games! We had a blast at circle square ranch on a beautiful day. Thank you also to the parents who made this a great year. Whether through supervising on trips or helping with homework and projects at home, you have made this truly a great year. The 7A class focused intently on community this year and we created a great community

within our class that will be missed. Now that exams are behind us and summer is ahead of us, I pray that each student has an enjoyable and safe summer vacation. NW

Grade 7B: What a year, I cannot quite believe it is over! We had a very busy and exciting end to the year with French and math exams for the first time, our class trip to Circle Square Ranch, a boys' and girls' Swim to Survive session at Westmount Swimming Pool, participating in the Student Council Escape room (everyone got out!), a Grade 7 Games Day Challenge (congrats for keeping the trophy in 7B), and a Volume Structure Creation Challenge! And lastly, we published a book of historical fiction with the help of Sigmund Brouwer, our writer-in-residence, and the books arrived in time for us to sign each other's copies! 7B students, I am so proud of all of the work that each of you put into writing and editing your stories, summaries, and biographies, and crafting artwork to go alongside it. Please send me an email to let me know if you hear anything back from any of the contests that you entered. Thank you, parents, for all your behind the scenes support and encouragement and for entrusting your child to me for the year. Have a blessed and well-deserved summer break! CM

Library News: Are you looking for summer activities for the kids that will keep their reading skills active? The Family Christian Bookstore on Guelph Line in Burlington is offering a fantastic summer reading program for kids in grades 1-8. There are activities and prizes that will keep them excited for reading all summer! You can also check out the Summer Reading programs offered at your local Public Library! Information also went home with your child yesterday. Happy Summer Reading!



FOUND: Someone left behind a gold Quartz watch in the auditorium of Redeemer at Tuesday's graduation. Please contact Campus Services at Redeemer to pick it up.

Transportation: We have made it through another year successfully. Thanks to all of you for your prayers for safety and support for the drivers and bus riders, and praise to God for safety on the roads. A special thanks to the bus patrols as well for their work in aiding the drivers and younger students. For those that have signed up for bus transportation for next school year, you can anticipate the new schedules to come your way in late July or early August via email. Until then, enjoy your summer and be safe.



Mr. Hosmar

Finance Office: During the first week of summer, Mrs. VanderWier will be in the office in case you have to make some last minute payments for such things as Before & After School Care, missing library books, last tuition payment etc. She will be back in the office on an as needed basis, so feel free to call and set up a time to meet if you need to speak with her.



Interested in **violin lessons** for your child? Grade school is the perfect time to begin learning. It's a challenging instrument, but I believe that anyone can benefit from it. Through lessons your child will begin to develop his or her memory and attention span, integration of sensory information, and brain functions such as reading and language

processing. Regular practice will aid in developing life skills like self-discipline and goal setting. I have a few spots available for the fall, and I would love to teach your child! Email me at briellegoheen@gmail.com or call at 905-906-7497.

Prayer for the Summer

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." Psalm 145:3-4

Father, you are great and worthy of praise. You have been good to Calvin Christian School for another school year. Thank you.

Your faithfulness is evident through the generations. Thank you for a year of learning and grace.

Thank you for the commitment of teachers and staff.

Thank you for the sacrifices parents and grandparents have made in making this school year possible.

Thank you for your Word which has been a lamp to our path again this year.

Thank you that students could grow in their love for you and their understanding of how they fit in this world.

We pray they would be effective in growing your Kingdom in our city, country and world.

Please equip them to serve you and their neighbour selflessly.

Please bless those who are moving on to high school - give them what they need as they take the next step. Bless our summer as well.

We pray for times of rest and relaxation - please provide safety as we travel and have fun.

Thanks for your grace. Help us to trust that it is sufficient. With thankful hearts,

Amen



Thank you to all supporters for another great year of TRIP!!

Just a reminder that you still have an opportunity to continue to **purchase gift cards during the summer months** through Fundscrip.

- You can order cards online any time and have cards shipped directly to your home address for \$0.85 (plus taxes).
- You pay this \$0.85 (plus taxes) when you checkout your order.
- There is a four (4) gift card limit in each order and a \$500 maximum value of the cards
- Orders are processed four (4) days/week (Monday to Thursday) at 9:15 am once payment has been confirmed.

The following are the Fundscrip promotions for June. Be sure to check in with Fundscrip at the beginning of July and August for that month's promotions. Have a wonderful summer.

The Ultimate Dining Card

Stokes 8% regular 6%

Think Kitchen 8% regular 6%

Roots 12% regular 10%

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