

Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the desk of Mr Postma



- With December approaching, we are looking forward to Christmas related events. Our Senior Choir and Concert Band have planned a tour to perform at various locations on Dec. 20: Wellingstone Senior's Residence at 9:30; Hamilton City Centre Mall & Food Court at 12:00 and the Juravinski Hospital, Main Entrance at 1:30. Our Junior Choir, Bell/Recorder Choir and Violins will be performing at 2:00 at St. Peter's (Chedoke) on the same day. This certainly is a wonderful opportunity for our students to present the message of Christmas to the public.
- Our Student Council has organized a week of Christmas celebrations beginning this Monday. See elsewhere in this Courier for details.
- You are invited to attend our Christmas assembly scheduled for Friday at 9:15 a.m.
- Our first Robotics Program session is completed and we are inviting registrants for the second session, beginning January through March. Robotics allows for individual creativity mixed with the principles of science and math plus working with IT and software. Registration sheet can be found on our website under secure forms # 771.
- We have sent out Jubilee School (and *Come - Along K*) registrations sheets to our existing CCS families concerning the possible enrollment of a younger sibling into Jubilee for Sept. Please return the forms by Friday.
- We plan to send out CCS - SK applications (and *Come -Along K*) to families who have their oldest in Jubilee School early next week. We ask that if you are interested in CCS - SK that you return the forms by Friday or the first week of school in January at the latest.
- Some you might be wondering: What is *Come - Along K*? This is an umbrella title we have given to all our optional JK & SK programs. These programs include: Jubilee Friday (every Friday for JK students only), Mes Amis Français (every other Friday for SK students only), and extended JK/SK (combined classes for JK and SK students on their off days). Because these programs are offered as optionals or electives, you can select any program that suits your needs. There will be extra tuition and bus transportation fees associated with your selections. The *Come - Along K* registration form (#675) will be included in all our JK and SK packages. Do not hesitate to call me if you have questions or are seeking clarification.
- We remember in our prayers the Martz family. Dec. 19 would be a birthday for their son Ryan, who passed away March 8/16 at the age of 7 years. We especially remember Devon, gr. 7A, who misses his brother very much. May the Lord grant the family much peace and comfort.

Upcoming at CCS

Sr Choir and Concert Band	
Christmas Music Tour	Tues., December 20
Jr Choir and Bell/Recorder/Violins	Tues., December 20
Pita Lunch	Wed., December 21
Last day of school before Christmas (½ day)	
Christmas Assembly (9:15 am)	Friday, December 23
Back to School	Monday, January 9, 2017

Update from the Principal Search Committee:

We have entered a significant phase of our Principal search process, as we have now identified a "short list" of candidates for the position. We will meet with these candidates for interviews during the next couple of weeks, with possible follow-up interviews and other assessment occurring early in the New Year.

The interviews will provide both the candidates and the search committee with the opportunity to more fully assess the potential fit of their skills and experience with the key attributes of the position. Please pray that God will use these meetings to provide both the committee and the candidates with clarity about whom he is calling to serve as the Principal of CCS.

There are also a number of candidates that we have decided not to pursue further. Please also pray for these candidates that God will make clear to them where He is calling them to serve His kingdom.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the search process.

Grade 1: This week we took a trip to the Fire Station to learn about fire safety. The students enjoyed talking to the firefighters, seeing what they wear to fight fires and why, climbing aboard the firetrucks, watching a firefighter go down the fire pole, learning about the special tools and equipment they use, and learning what to do and what not to do if there is a fire. Thanks to Mr. Brennan, Mrs. Tigchelaar, Mrs. Ledin, Mrs. VanderMeer, Mrs. Speelman, Mrs. Kemper, and Mrs. Mafa for accompanying us.



DH/WW

Grade 2A: Today Grade 2A enjoyed a trip to the Terryberry Library. It was wonderful to be able to enjoy the service of the library as one of the things our family's taxes helps to support. Thank you city of Hamilton councillors and librarians for a safe and educational place that we can go. Many students also enjoyed receiving their first library card today. There are a lot of awesome books to be read!

JVW/MB

Primary and Junior French -

listening evaluations are going home before the holidays for grades 2-6. They show that many students are doing extremely well with this new AIM program, with class averages in the 70-80% range



= lots of students understanding lots of French = BRAVO!
If your child would like to have more review at home via the AIM web portal and/or word lists, please email me at jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca and I'll send you that information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the French programJVE

Grade 5: On Thursday, grade 5 went on a trip to Whitehern Historic House and to City Hall. At Whitehern we learned about the McQuesten family, and about the work that Thomas McQuesten did in Hamilton and surrounding areas. We also learned about voting and got to participate in a mock vote. Some of the students got to meet Hamilton's Mayor Fred Eisenberger while at City Hall. The trip was a lot of fun and we learned a lot. Thank you to each of our volunteers who came along on the trip. It means a lot to our class that you took time out of your busy schedules to join us.



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AW/PV

From the Student Council**Christmas Spirit Week - Dec 19 to 23**

Next week, Student Council has planned a fun week full of Christmas Spirit! There will be a fun Christmas activity each day...

Monday - Decorate your classroom door day: students and teachers, have your door classroom door decorated with your part of the Christmas story by this day.

Tuesday - Watch a Christmas movie with your buddy class.

Wednesday - Hot chocolate and a candy cane will be sold for \$1 to support our sponsor child. Bring in your loonies!

Thursday - Christmas Hat Day and Scavenger Hunt: Wear a Christmas themed hat (santa, reindeer, etc) for the day. As well, there were will be Christmas tokens hidden outside for you to find during recess. Find a token, and you get a prize!

Friday - Formal Friday: wear your Sunday best for the last (half) day of school.

Looking forward to a Christmas spirit filled week!

Junior Choir: We will be singing at St. Peter's at Chedoke on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 20. Students to please wear black bottoms and white tops. We're still in need of a parent chaperon, so if you're interested, please contact me at jvaneek@ccshamilton.ca. Thanks! JVE

Senior Choir and Concert Band: In recent months, the Senior Choir and Concert Band have worked hard to prepare Christmas music to share in our community. We are looking forward to performances at the following locations:

December 20, 2016:

- ° Wellingstone Senior's Residence - 9:30 am
- ° Gore Park - 10:45 am (near water fountain)
- ° Hamilton City Centre - 12:00 noon (Food Court)
- ° Juravinski Hospital - 1:30 pm (Main entrance by the Christmas Tree)

Friends and family are welcome to join us at the various locations. Students received a letter last week with more information about the tour.



MH/DV

NEW! TRIP is going online as of January 1, 2017. Go to the school's website and click on the link for FundScrip to enrol. Once you are enrolled, you can set up the electronic funds transfer (EFT). If you would like us to assist with the paperwork for this, send us the completed form along with a void cheque. That way you will be ready to go in January. Thank you to all who have enrolled so far!

Please note that we will continue to offer select cards in-house for purchase on a weekly basis. Orders will be filled once per week only. These will include Tim Hortons \$10 and \$25, Dutch Toko \$10, Food Basics/Metro \$100, Fortinos/No Frills \$250 and \$100.



Lost and found will be on display next week. Any leftovers will then be donated to our re-Source Thrift Shop.

In apology to our Ultimate and Executive sponsors of the **2016 Davlyn Financial For All God's Children Golf Tournament**, we are providing a correction to the information that was placed in the CCS In Touch magazine. Attached you will find a list of our Ultimate and Executive sponsors. We are very grateful to all our sponsors, as over \$40 000 was raised for special education at CCS!

Our prayer for the season,

Lord Jesus,
 Thank You for coming to this earth, taking on human flesh, living among us and doing Your Father's will.
 Thank you for the way you lived and what you taught us through your words and example.
 We pray that we may grow in the ways that You grew.
 May we have a sharp focus and clear purpose;
 may we know why we are here and where we are going;
 may we have the inner strength to grow strong in character;
 may we always be about our heavenly Father's business.
 Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Roy Lessin

Please note we have the following gift cards available while quantities last. Stop by the office to get your last minute Christmas shopping done!

- Boston Pizza
- The Keg Restaurant
- Subway - only 7 left
- Tim Hortons
- Bath and Body Works - only 7 left
- Canadian Tire
- Chapters - only 2 left
- Cineplex/Famous Players/Silver City
- Mark's - only 6 left
- Pioneer
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- All Grocery Cards
 - Food Basics/Metro
 - No Frills/Fortinos
 - FreshCo/Sobeys
 - M&M's
 - Dutch Toko



The re-Source Thrift Shop is starting a sewing group at the shop on Saturday mornings starting after the Holidays. Our goal is to create and make items to sell at the shop using materials donated to the shop. We are hoping for 8-10 people per project. A working sewing machine is required. Call Melinda @ 905-912-2941 for more details.