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FROM THE DESK OF MR POSTMA

• We are now beginning to plan our staffing for this September. It appears that there may be openings at various grade levels (1-8). We invite Christian teachers to submit their resumes (along with a brief autobiography) by email to the principal, tpostma@ccshamilton.ca before March 1. We are also welcoming resumes from teachers with some administrative or curriculum skills.

• What should the future look like for Calvin Christian School? How do we respond to growing interest in CCS? CCS welcomes input from current parents, members and past members, as well as those interested in becoming part of the CCS community. Join us for a FOCUS GROUP evening this February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the CCS gym. A flyer was sent home this past Wednesday. If you missed your copy, you can find the flyer on our website on the home page or in the eblast. We hope you will join us.



• Monday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. is the date of our annual **Information Evening** for possible new families. We are planning a brief, informal event involving a tour of the school, a review of the admissions process, a frequently asked questions session, and sharing some highlights about CCS. As our JK - gr. 3 are near capacity for next year, our focus will be more on meeting families who are interested in enrolling children in other grades.

• The CCS BOD will be establishing an adhoc committee to begin the process of coming up with nominations for new board members. You are invited to forward names to the secretary of the BOD. A final list of nominees will be voted on at the spring membership meeting.

• We congratulate the CCS hockey team on its first place finish at the Niagara District Hockey tournament in Grimsby.



Well done guys and thank you, Mr. Boonstra, for coaching!

Upcoming at CCS

Information Evening - 7:30 pm	Monday, Feb. 13
Hockey Tournament	Tuesday, Feb. 14
SPECIAL LUNCH DAY	Wednesday, Feb. 15
P.A. Day - No School	Friday, Feb 17
Optional ski trip for Gr. 7 and 8	Friday, Feb. 17
Family Day - No School	Monday, Feb. 20
FOCUS GROUP MEETING	Tuesday, Feb. 21
Transportation Committee	Wednesday, Feb. 22
Concert Band at Music Festival	Wednesday, Feb. 22
Indoor Games	Thursday, Feb. 23
Senior Choir at Music Festival	Thursday, Feb. 23
Boys' Basketball Tournament (Smithville)	Saturday, Feb.25
Girls' Basketball Tournament (St. Catharines)	Saturday, Feb.25

Grade 2B: We enjoyed a visit to Terryberry Library this morning where students were able to sign up for library cards, check out books, and have a tour of our local

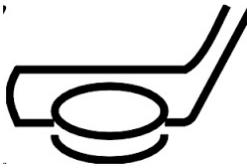


library. Thanks to Mrs. Vreugdenhil, Ms. Gauthier and Mrs. Neven for walking there with us and chaperoning our trip. Coming up next week...

we are moving full force into working on our PBL for science. Our driving question is "How can we design a vehicle for exploring that is safe to use and cares for God's creation?" More information will come home next week, but please speak with your child about this project. Also, it's time to bring in those small recyclables you've been saving for this project! We hope to begin inventing/creating on Monday.

Grade 7: The final tally is in! From a bake sale hosted at school, and personal fundraising efforts, the grade 7 classes have managed to raise \$727.80 in support of Operation Smile. This organization provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate, and other facial deformities for children around the globe. This is enough to pay for three surgeries. Way to go!

Blazer Hockey: The CCS hockey team recently competed in the Niagara District Christian School's hockey tournament and had a fantastic day. The team won all 5 games played and captured the tournament championship. Way to go team! A second tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Mohawk 4-Ice Arena. This tournament is hosted by HDCH and Guido de Bres High School. Why not join us, watch some fun action, and cheer on the team! Players are asked to meet Tuesday morning at CCS at 7:00 a.m. to car pool to the rink. AB



Our **Senior Choir** is participating in the **Golden Horseshoe Music Festival** at Redeemer University College on Thursday, February 23. Our performance is scheduled for 3:00 pm in the auditorium, and spectators are welcome! DVE

Concert Band: The Concert Band is also getting ready for the **Golden Horseshoe Music Festival**. Mark your calendars!! The performance is at Redeemer University College on Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, at 7:30 pm. Concert Band members must be at the college at 7:00 with instruments and music. I am looking forward to it! MH

Collecting Pop Can Tabs for Jayden!

During the month of February the entire student body is joining Mrs. Bosveld's grade 6 Bible class in collecting pop can tabs. A cousin of one of the grade six students is in need of specialized and very expensive equipment to aid in his mobility. The pop tabs are being collected to help lower the cost of the necessary equipment. The students are very excited to be part of a plan to help Jayden, an elementary school student, and his family access this specialized equipment. Within the first week the students have already collected thousands of pop can tabs. Below I have listed a few suggestions of how you and your family might be able to help out. Thank you for willingness to work with us on this.



1. Let family and friends know what you are doing and ask them if they would be willing to save their tabs for you to contribute.
2. Check with neighbourhood community centers, nursing

homes and high schools to see if you could remove tabs from their cans before their recycling day.

Transportation: Please be sure to hand in your family's 2017/2018 bus registration form so that planning for next year's routes may begin. The forms are available on our website or by calling the school office.

SAVE THE DATE! We are very excited to let you know that the guest author at this year's CCS Book Fair is Sigmund Brouwer! Please mark Wednesday, March 22 on your calendars.

TRIP: We appreciate your patience as we continue to work to streamline the TRIP/FundScrip programs and to utilize our volunteers and their time. Both online and in-house paper orders will be due on FRIDAY at noon. All orders will then be processed and we will do our very best to have them delivered and available for pick-up on Thursday after 3:00 pm. Please visit www.ccshamilton.ca/trip to learn more about the benefits of this fundraiser and how your friends and family can contribute as well. **We have also added \$100 Pioneer gas cards to our in-house order forms.** Previous denominations of Food Basics and FreshCo/Sobeys are still available for ordering (through the school, not FundScrip) while quantities last. Also, we still have some \$25 Bath & Body Works cards available. If you have any questions or require assistance with the sign up process, please email Thea Voortman at trip@ccshamilton.ca.

Prayer for this Week

(From a CCS Grade 6 student):

Dear God,

Our wonderful Creator... our loving and forgiving God... the artist of Creation. We want to send praises to you in everything we do. We thank you for all the unbelievable things you have blessed us with. Help us to protect the wonderful animals in our world. Please give us wisdom in the things we do and we pray for safety everywhere we go.

Lord, we ask you to forgive us for the things we have done wrong and help us to forgive those who have done wrong to us.

We give all our praise to you and look forward to seeing you one day in Heaven.

You are our loving and caring Father and we love you dearly. Amen