



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## FROM THE DESK OF MR POSTMA

• We are now planing 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](mailto:tpostma@ccshamilton.ca) before March 1. We are also welcoming resumes from teachers with some administrative or curriculum skills.

• Well, we had a very productive and engaging Focus Group Meeting this past Tuesday. We figured there were about 150 parents/members sitting at 21 round tables. The discussions focused on the options we presented in order to address the increase in enrollment at CCS. The comments were documented by the teacher (one at each table) for review purposes. Every 15 minutes the groups moved on to the next table and the next option. We wanted to hear the opinions, now we have them and we'll respond.

• Some of our students participated in the Indoor Track and Field Meet at First Ontario Centre. Our students were entered in a wide range of events. We have been doing this for several years now and this event provides a wonderful opportunity for students to compete against other strong athletes. We thank coach, Mr. Wensink, for his work in preparing our students.

• Our Concert Band and Senior Chamber Choir participated in the Golden Horseshoe Music Festival at Redeemer University College. Their performances were adjudicated and the adjudicator also followed up with a clinic explaining different ways a piece could be sung or played. The comments from the adjudicator were very useful and beneficial for our students. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and their respective directors (Mrs. Heeg and Mrs. Van Egmond). There were a lot of schools entered in this festival and they came with impressive entries as well. Well done.

• Our next **Meet Us Mondays** is Monday afternoon, March 6. New inquirers are welcomed to join us without appointment for a school tour and a discussion about CCS with the Principal.

• The CCS BOD has established 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.

### Employment Opportunity

Calvin Christian School is seeking qualified individuals to fill 2 definite openings for full time bus driver. Three years experience in driving a school bus, or similar sized vehicle would be an asset. If you would like more information, or are interested in submitting a resume, please contact Jim Hosmar ([jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:jhosmar@ccshamilton.ca)) by March 31.



### Upcoming at CCS

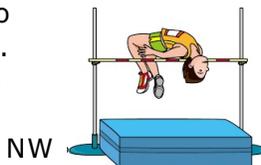
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| Boys' Basketball Tournament (St. Catharines) | Saturday, Feb.25                     |
| Girls' Basketball Tournament (Smithville)    | Saturday, Feb.25                     |
| HDCH Invitational Basketball Tournament      | Tuesday, Feb.28                      |
| Transportation Committee                     | Wednesday, March 1                   |
| CCS Assembly (9:15 am)                       | Thursday, March 2                    |
| Next SPECIAL LUNCH DAY                       | Tuesday, March 7                     |
| BOD Meeting                                  | Tuesday, March 7                     |
| March (Spring) Break                         | Friday, March 10 to Friday, March 21 |
| BOOK FAIR                                    | March 22, 23, 24                     |

- With March break approaching, we anticipate that some families will be leaving early. Please be sure to advise the school of your child(ren)'s absence.
- A parent alerted me to an app called Roblox app. Some of our students may be using this app and parents should be aware of hidden dangers. There are several links available if you google Roblox warnings. Here is one:  
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-02-22/cyber-expert-warning-gaming-app-roblox-children/8292712>



**Kindergarten:** We spent two lovely mornings in the forest looking for shapes in God's creation. I must admit, I was quite surprised at how many the children found! Thanks to Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Postma, and Mrs. Colyn for joining us. KB will be participating in next Thursday's assembly - look elsewhere in the Courier for an official announcement. W<sup>2</sup>

**Indoor Track:** On Thursday, our indoor track team had a great day of competition at the First Ontario Centre against almost 30 other schools from the area. Our school brought 36 students to compete in many events from relays to triple jump. A big congratulations to Jessica for finishing second in high jump and to Jack for finishing first in triple jump. Thank you as well to all the parents who joined us to cheer on our students.



**Concert Band:** The Concert Band played very well at the Golden Horseshoe Festival at Redeemer on Wednesday evening. Bravo! We received a Silver standing. Fabulous job, concert band! And a big thank you goes out to all the parents, friends and family who came out to watch.

The concert band has a break now until after March Break and then we will resume Tuesday rehearsals at noon recess in preparation for an April Concert and May Spring Tour. MH

**Congratulations to the Senior Choir** for achieving a gold standard at the Golden Horseshoe Festival yesterday! They received very good marks for sound quality, accuracy, and expression, all areas that they have worked very hard to achieve. Well done choir! We want to thank Mrs. Deb Wiebenga for doing such a fine job of accompanying the choir. We also thank family and friends for coming out to support us. The choir is now eligible to participate in the National MusicFest which will take place on May 17, 11:30 a.m. in Niagara Falls. More information about the festival will come your way soon.

**Assembly:** Next Thursday, March 2, we will have a school wide praise and worship assembly, focusing on God blessing our service for His glory, and using our gifts to serve others. KB, 2A, 5AB, and 7A welcome you to join us at 9:15 in the gym.

### **Prayer for the Week**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. ~1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Dear God,

Thank you for your Holy Spirit living in our bodies! Thank you for the many opportunities that you have provided us to honour you with our bodies. As we reflect on a busy time of basketball, indoor track, robotics, and fine arts, we thank you for the unique ways that you have gifted each of us. We pray that we may use our gifts primarily to bring glory to you. Show us what our gifts are, and how we can honour you through them.

We thank you that in the midst of this busy-ness, you kept us safe. Thank you for the teachers, coaches, directors, bus drivers, and chaperones that played specific roles in facilitating our activities. We have been blessed by tremendous leadership. Thank you Jesus,  
Amen

**Can You Help?** Once again, we are looking for parents to help serve at the re-Source Thrift Shop volunteer evening dinner. It will held at our school on Saturday, April 1. Please consider helping us honour those who cheerfully work at the shop, working hard because they value Christian education. Their work recently paid off in the form of a \$54,000 donation to our school. Please email [mgallea@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:mgallea@ccshamilton.ca) if you would like to help out.