



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the desk of Mr Postma

- We received the following email from Cindy Philip of City-Kidz: "I just wanted to let you know that we have now purchased a "new" (to us) bus for CityKidz with the AMAZING donation from your school fundraiser. It is currently being safetied (sic) and then it will go to be painted. When it is done, I will send you a photo."
- 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.
- We are pleased to proceed with our 3<sup>rd</sup> **Robotics Program** session. This session will begin in April and conclude in June. We have had two very successful sessions already. The registration form can be found on the website under secure forms (#771). We love to see full classes of eager students creatively working with science, technology and design. Reports from parents and students tell us that the program is fun, challenging and very worthwhile. If you have questions about the program, please contact Mr. Wensink at [nwensink@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:nwensink@ccshamilton.ca). Questions related to logistics or administration, please contact me.
- Our next **Meet Us Monday** is April 3. Interested parents (inquirers) are welcomed to visit us between 1:30 - 3 p.m. to learn more about CCS. They will be given a tour of the school and will also have an opportunity to meet with me or other administrative staff. No appointment is necessary.
- We congratulate and thank our staff members: Mrs. Benjamins, Mrs. Belanger, Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Buys, Mrs. Bosveld and their volunteers, for arranging such a wonderful Book Fair. The library was beautifully decorated and there were lots of books and other resources for students to browse through and purchase. At one time, reading a good book was the number one leisure activity. Reading still has the power to transport us to a different world, excite our imagination and share experiences. It provides us with information. It enriches our thought and enhances our power of expression in terms of speaking and writing. With all things considered, a special focus on obtaining and reading good books is always valuable.



We enjoyed the visit and presentations from our guest author, Mr. Sigmund Brouwer. In his unique way he sent a powerful message to our students about the importance of reading and writing. Sigmund Brouwer is the best selling author of nearly thirty novels, with close to 4 million books in print. He has won the Christy Book of the Year and the Arthur Ellis award, as well as being nominated for two TD Children's Literature Awards and the Red Maple Award.

Once again, the Book Fair provided an opportunity for our students to explore what so many of us enjoy – a book!



### 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

Pita Pit Lunch	Tuesday, March 28
GRAD PICTURES	Thursday, March 30
Grade 7 and 8 BASEF Science Fair	Friday, March 31
BOD Meeting	Tuesday, April 4
Special Lunch Day	Wednesday, April 5
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!	Wednesday, April 5
<b>New date for Gr. 8 SNACK SALE</b>	Friday, April 7
EDCOM	Tuesday, April 11
Good Friday (No School)	Friday, April 14
Easter	Sunday, April 16
Easter Monday (No School)	Monday, April 17
Gr. 7 Immunizations	Thursday, April 20

**Kindergarten:** Jubilee and Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed a visit this past week from Mr. Len Keesmaat. His passion and love of nature, and especially bugs, certainly shone through in his presentation of slides! Thanks, Mr. Keesmaat, for inspiring us to be even more curious about insects. We said Good-bye to Mrs. Blazek, our co-op student from Mohawk College. We wish her God's blessings in all her future plans. KB said Hello to Mrs. Ann Zandberg, who will be helping us read on Thursday afternoons after lunch. At this point, we have no parent volunteers for our trip to the forest on Monday - please be in touch with Mrs. Wiebenga this weekend if you can join us. We could use one more parent volunteer for Tuesday as well. Thanks! W<sup>2</sup>

### Grade 3: PBL Art Project -

For an upcoming papier mache art project, the students in grades 3A and 3B will be needing empty cereal boxes. We'd love your help in collecting enough boxes, as we will need a total of 50. While Mrs. VanVoorst and Mrs. Eising like the occasional bowl of cereal, we don't think we



can manage this by ourselves ;) The boxes may be flattened before sending them in. Thank you! RV & ME

**Senior Choir:** The students are reminded to plan on attending the re-Source Thrift Shop volunteer dinner on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 6:15-7:00. It will take place in the CCS gym. We look forward to entertaining the guests with our festival repertoire. Students should wear their blue choir shirts with dark bottoms.

**Basketball Training:** Those interested are welcome to join a free basketball training session with Mr. de Schifffert on Thursday, March 30th from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm. In order to attend, please sign up with Mr. de Schifffert in Mrs. Wikkerink's Grade 8B classroom.

You are asked to bring gym clothes and appropriate footwear. Please bring a basketball if you have one, and make sure you can identify it so it does not get lost at the end of the session.

Looking forward to seeing you out there! JDS

**TUITION ASSISTANCE** for September 2017: The online application process has started. All applications are due by April 30th, 2017 to be eligible for next school year's financial assistance. For more information go to our website [www.ccsHamilton.ca/ta](http://www.ccsHamilton.ca/ta) or contact the Finance Manager, Mrs. Vander Wier.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

*"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." Col. 1:17*

Dear Father,

We praise you for your love, grace, compassion and kindness. Thank you for creating a rhythm of work and rest, and so we thank you for March Break. Thank you for overall safety for our school community as we traveled and played. We commit these next few months of the school year to you and ask for your blessing. We thank you for Spring as well. We look forward to signs of life bursting into our communities. Help us to use these signs as reminders of the life we have in Christ and how you transform our hopelessness and sin into renewal and hope. We humbly ask that we may see you in everything we learn at school. Thank you that you are before all things and that in Christ you hold all things together.

Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen

**TRIP:** The number of people signed up for FundScrip continues to rise each week. Thank you so much for your support of this program! Online and in house order forms are due on FRIDAY at noon. All orders will be available for pickup or delivery after 3 pm on the following THURSDAY. Please visit [www.ccsHamilton.ca/trip](http://www.ccsHamilton.ca/trip) for more information about this fundraiser, or for the paper order forms. Please email Thea Voortman at [trip@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:trip@ccshamilton.ca) with any questions.

**From the Fundraising Committee:** We have attached our latest fundraising endeavour idea to this week's email: Bigbox Greeting Cards! This campaign runs until April 5.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT!** CCS presents its 23rd annual golf tournament planned for Saturday, June 3, 2017. Enjoy a round of golf at the Willow Valley Golf Course in Hamilton, followed by a dinner at the course club house. There will be games and contests, and a chance to win specialty prizes. We welcome golfers, sponsors, and prize donations.

Proceeds provide much needed assistance for the Special Education Department at CCS. Avoid disappointment and register soon; the tournament is already 60% sold out! To register or make donations, visit the CCS home page at [www.ccsHamilton.ca/golf](http://www.ccsHamilton.ca/golf).

