



# Calvin Christian School Courier

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## From the desk of Mr Postma

● As you are well aware, we are planning for the CCS Field Day. The date for field day is Wednesday May 24, with rain date set for May 25. Of course, we are hoping for a nice day. If there is inclement weather, we will post our decision to cancel field day on the CCS website. In case of cancellation, we will have a regular school day, and students should bring their lunches. If the weather takes a turn for the worse while we are having field day, students will continue with the usual Wednesday classes and will be permitted to have their field day lunches. Upon arrival, students are expected to go to their home rooms as usual for devotions and attendance, thereafter they will join their team members and go to their first event. A schedule and a map can be found on our eblast and on our website.

● Last week Saturday, we enjoyed breakfast and fellowship at our annual Sunrise Fest. Thank you to the members of the Fundraising Committee for their hard work in hosting this event.

● This is a heads up concerning our upcoming walkathon / bikeathon (May 27). The walkathon is another special fund raising activity intended to help you with tuition. The money raised goes to the operating budget as revenue, and additional revenue helps meet our expenses – expenses that need not be covered by your tuition. Please consider participating in this important activity. It's healthy in terms of physical activity but also in terms of community building. The Fundraising Committee asks for one or two hours of your time on the morning of May 27.

● At the recent Spring Membership Meeting, the proposed budget was passed, and the following BOD nominees were acclaimed as our new board members: Mrs. Michelle DeBoer, Mrs. Katrina Harsevoort, Mrs. Monica Mudde and Mrs. Doreen van de Ban. We pray that God will grant them (and continuing BOD members) wisdom as they seek to fulfil their responsibilities. We express our thanks and appreciation to the departing BOD members: Mr. Vince Guetter, Mrs. Carolyn Kippers, Mrs. Jody Machiela and Mrs. Hennie Schoon. The Spring Membership meeting also included a very interesting presentation by Mr. Justin Cook on MAP (measuring academic performance). This is the testing mechanism we now use in place of the CTBS standardized tests. We congratulated Ms. Jacqueline DeJong on 25 years of service and Mrs. Judy VanderWindt on 10 years of service at CCS. Thank you, ladies, for your work and presence at CCS.

● At the membership meeting, I also provided an update concerning the last Focus Group session about building expansion and school growth options. We are enclosing a flyer with some of that information. In addition, the flyer can be seen on our website.

Calvin Christian School anticipates possible part time and full time openings for paraeducators (PSW, EA), beginning this September.

Christian applicants are invited to forward their resumes by email to [tpostma@ccshamilton.ca](mailto:tpostma@ccshamilton.ca) no later than May 29. OCT certification is preferred but ECE and EA certification will be considered.

### Upcoming at CCS

Victoria Day (No School)	Monday, May 22
Transportation Committee	Tuesday, May 23
CCS FIELD DAY	Wednesday, May 24
Field Day Raindate	Thursday, May 25
Track Day	Friday, May 26
CCS Walkathon	Saturday, May 27
New Student Orientation Morning	Tuesday, May 30
JKB/SKB Field Day	Tuesday, May 30
Music Tour	Wednesday, May 31
JKA/SKA Field Day	Wednesday, May 31
Master Field Day	Friday, June 2
CCS Golf Tournament	Saturday, June 3
<b>Mr. Postma's Retirement Celebration</b>	
<b>OPEN HOUSE - 12:00 to 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Saturday, June 10</b>

● Yesterday, I had the privilege of attending a Committee of Adjustment meeting at City Hall where our application for land severance (re: the strip of land belonging to the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, which we plan to purchase) was approved. This approval can still be appealed within the next 20 days, after which the HWDSB has 30 days to process the application and finalize the sale. We estimate that the land would be ours by July 7 or perhaps even earlier. We thank Allan Buist for his work in steering this application through the committee.

● This past Wednesday, our senior choir achieved a gold standard at the National Music Festival in Niagara Falls. This is absolutely wonderful! Congratulations choir and director, Mrs. VanEgmond. A national festival is high stakes and you can be sure the adjudicators are top notch.

**Kindergarten:** Thanks again to the parents who accompanied us to the Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory. It was wonderful to see and touch many interesting insects, from butterflies to a rhinoceros beetle to millipedes to walking sticks to darling beetles. Our God is an amazing Creator!



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**Grades 1 - 3:** In preparation for our Canada Studies lessons in June, you are asked to save recycling items to create a special invention. Please collect small to medium sized items such as:

toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls

small boxes: toothpaste, Kleenex, cracker + cereal boxes (can be flattened and brought in),

meat trays,

lids: frozen juice, cream, yogurt, small cartons,

small plastic strawberry, raspberry or blueberry containers

Any other interesting items you generally put in the blue bin. Be sure they're rinsed and clean. Please bring them to Mrs. Van Voorst's room. Thank you for your help! RVV

On Monday, May 29th, grades 3A and 8A plan to host the **Ascension Day/Pentecost Assembly**. Part of our assembly will highlight Ryan's Rays, a mission project created by the Martz family following the loss of their son and Devon's brother, Ryan. The Martz family has partnered with Christian Horizons and will be heading to a school in Ethiopia. They plan to help rebuild a school wing which serves children with disabilities. In honour of this mission project, we ask that all CCS students and staff

wear a yellow shirt on May 29th in memory of Ryan as yellow was his favourite colour. RVV

**Grade 7A:** The grade 7A class enjoyed a beautiful day on Thursday at Battlefield House Museum. Students had the

opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the life and hardships of soldiers and civilians around the time of the war of 1812. Activities included tin work, the game skittles, quill and ink writing, dressing up as a soldier (not comfortable!!), cooking bannock over an open fire, and climbing the memorial that was built to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the war. Thank you to

Mrs. Koens who was able to join us. CM

The new Field Day food ordering system has worked out very well indeed! There are still a number of families who have not sent in payment. Please do so on Tuesday.

Please be mindful that there is no **regular milk** delivery scheduled for next week due to field day.

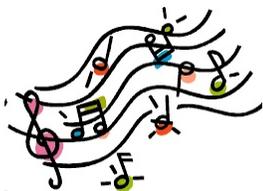
**Grade 7B -** Last week Friday we had the privilege of having Mr. Beck speak to us about the work EduDeo does both locally and globally. In World Life studies we are gathering information and reflecting on this question: How do we, as global citizens, become agents of change? Mr. Beck was able to tell us about the work he does and the work EduDeo does in bringing Gospel-centered education to people in this world. We learned that we are more than just a number, Education + the Gospel = Transformation, and that we are part of this equation. Thank you Mr. Beck! AvdW

**Grade 8 News:** Graduation and Ottawa information was recently sent home. Please be sure to check with your son or daughter. Forms need to be returned to school by the due dates on the forms. The forms can also be found on the school website (grade 8 classes). AB

**Adventure Village:** Students eligible for Adventure Village were supposed to have their permission forms in by May 19. If they have not been returned, please do so as soon as possible. AB

**Concert Band and Chamber Choir Performance at CCS:**

On Wed, May 31, the Concert Band and Chamber Choir will perform their Music Tour selections for family and friends, and some of the CCS classes. The performance will begin at 2:30 pm in the CCS gym and will be approximately 40 minutes long. Everyone is welcome to hear our students perform! MH



**Senior Choir:** Congratulations to the grade 7 and 8 students in the Senior Choir, as they achieved a gold award in the National MusicFest, held in Niagara Falls. The choir qualified for the festival by receiving a gold standard at the 2017 Golden Horseshoe Music Festival



held in February. As part of the MusicFest outing, the choir enjoyed a beautiful moment singing "Song for Canada" at the Niagara Falls, keeping in mind the 150th anniversary celebration of our nation. The MusicFest

adjudication was challenging and professional. The students participated in a teaching clinic following the performance, with excellent advice and support for future growth. The choir received praise for their accuracy and musicality. Grade 8 students, Hannah W. and Jane W., received the MusicFest Honour Award for vocal leadership and longevity in the choir, and for outstanding vocal contributions to the CCS Praise Team and the school's 2016 Sound of Music production. The choir thanks Mrs. Deb Wiebenga for her great support in accompanying the choir on the piano. The choir will perform their repertoire for parents, friends, and peers at a school assembly on Wednesday, May 31, at 2:30, in the school gym. DVE

**Girls' Baseball:** The girls' team has begun practices. We will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 -



4:45. Practices are only held after school - the ball diamond is full of playing kids during recess! It is very important to attend each practice, as our season is quite short. Practices are planned intentionally, so please let Mrs. Winnie Wiebenga know by 10:30 recess of the practice day if you are unable to make it. Absences do affect other players as well. Our tournament will be held on Wed., June 7. More details will be sent home next Wednesday. Perhaps take a few minutes to toss the ball with a family member or friend this long weekend... :)

**Boys' Baseball:** Thank you to all the guys who tried out for the team. The roster is now set and our tournament is slated for Wednesday, June 7 (rain date June 8) at Henning Park in Caledonia. Members of the team will need to secure their own transportation to the tournament as I do not have a car on the day of the tournament. A packet of information will be sent home with the players following our next practice which is Tuesday May 23 from 3:30 to 4:45. TB



**Thank you!...to everyone who volunteered to help out for Field Day.**

We have enough volunteers for the May 24th date BUT are still very short on volunteers for the rain date of Thursday, May 25th. Help is needed during morning and afternoon time slots, at field events and the food stand. The long range forecast shows a good chance of rain on our actual Field Day date, so there is a good possibility that we may be using the rain date for this event. If you can assist with this please let Mrs. Bosveld know by filling out the online Field Day form located on the CCS website. Thank you for considering this call to help out. Important Reminders/Dates: May 24th - Field Day, May 25th - Field Day (rain date), May 26th - Track Day June 2nd - Master Field Day (Niagara District Christian Schools)

\*\*\*Information about your child's Field Day team can be downloaded from the bottom of his/her classroom page or weekly newsletter. This information will include the student's team name, number and colour.\*\*\*

**Transportation:** You may have heard at the membership meeting, Calvin has two bus drivers retiring this year. We want to give a special heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Trish Vyn and Mrs. Helen Beldman for their many years of service and dedication. We have been conducting interviews to find new drivers. We anticipate to share more news in the next couple of weeks.



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### From the Fundraising Committee:

**SUNRISE FEST:** A big thank you to all of you for making the Sunrise Fest a success. This is such a fun event with great food and community fellowship. Over \$3,500 was raised for CCS and Christian Education.

### ANNUAL WALK/BIKE-A-THON - SATURDAY, MAY 27:

**NEW THIS YEAR** participants will **walk/bike/scooter/rollerblade** along the **paved** trail in Confederation Park. Don't forget to ask for pledges in support of CCS and Christian Education. For every \$100 raised, the student will receive a \$10 gift card from Walmart, Tim Hortons, iTunes, and much more. We hope to see you there. Remember that registration is from 8 am to 9 am.

# WALK-a-THON



**ANNUAL FOOD TRUCKS - Monday, June 5:** The Fundraising Committee is looking forward to our 3rd annual Food Truck Fest! Please join us on Monday, June 5 from 5pm to 7pm for a fun evening of food and fellowship. More information will be available soon on the [Fundraising webpage](#)

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** The Fundraising Committee is looking for additional members, as some of our current members are completing their term. This committee has

fun planning various fundraising events that will appeal to all CCS families. If you would like to join this committee starting in the 2017-18 school year, please contact Kim Nash at [kdnash00@gmail.com](mailto:kdnash00@gmail.com).

## I will Praise the Lord at all times.

Psalm 34:1

### Come-Along K's

### Psalm of Praise to God!

*I will Praise God in the shower, in my bed, or at the table.*

*I will Praise God with my mom, or with my dad, or my aunt or uncle.*

*I will Praise God by painting, by dancing, by singing, by exercising my body, by walking, and by praying.*

*I will Praise God everyday, even if it is raining, or if I am lost, or in a jungle!*

*I will Praise God when I am playing, and if I was a baby or if I was big!*

*I Love to Praise you God!*

**From HDCH:** We can't wait to celebrate with you on Saturday, May 27. Join us at HDCH for our 60th birthday party featuring FREE activities for all ages including: face painting, inflatables, music, art show, HDCH artifacts, BBQ lunch, and alumni soccer game. Visit [hdch.org/60](http://hdch.org/60) for complete details and to RSVP.

