



Calvary Christian Academy
A GLANCE AHEAD!
NOVEMBER 2009

**"We are a little school but we do big stuff."
(Grade 4 student, CCA)**

This quote was heard in a conversation by a group of our grade 4 students and how true it is! Another student in this group said that "we take a lot so we should give something back." At CCA, we should be so proud of our students who think big in order to think beyond themselves. Our students have often gone well beyond the norm, in order to do something extra for another. From the grade 5 student who offers to carry books for our French teacher...to the student who stops to help a child from another school who is hurt at a soccer tournament...to the students who worked hard this month to raise money for the rainforest...to the students who work intelligently and systematically for disadvantaged people both domestically and internationally. These students "do big stuff", doing God's work as He asked us to do!

Virtue of the Month

Theme: Passion

Never give up, set goals, stay on the course, stay focused on Jesus like Olympians focused on gold medals and Olympic rings.

Verse: Hebrews 12:2

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Important Parent Reminders

H1N1

We will continue to be vigilant in sending home any children who present flu symptoms. See more on the H1N1 virus later in this newsletter.

Medications

Any and all medications must be delivered directly to the front office with a completed drug form, also available on our web site.

Field Trips

Wednesday, November 4 Redeemer Christian High School Open House
RCHS is offering an open house for grades 7 and 8 students on Wednesday, November 4 starting at 10 a.m. and concluding at 1:45 p.m. A complimentary pizza lunch will be served to all the guests. Parents are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, November 11 Grades 1, 3, 5, 7 - Remembrance Day
Ceremony at Beckwith Park

Wednesday, November 11 Grades 2, 4, 6, 8 - Remembrance Day
Ceremony in Carleton Place

As a sign of respect, please make sure your child is wearing their dress uniform (kilt or tunic plus white oxford for girls, with black or navy socks/leggings, black pants plus white oxford for boys). Also make sure the children are dressed warmly.

Assemblies

Wednesday, November 11 at 2:25 p.m.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Wednesday, November 25 at 2:45 p.m.

Regular Assembly

PA Day

Monday, November 9 - CCA Professional Activity Day (NO SCHOOL)

No Bus Days for November

Thursday, November 26 - due to Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interview Days

Thursday, November 26 - after school (4 - 8 p.m.) (NO BUS DAY)

Friday, November 27 - (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) (NO SCHOOL DAY).

Please note that Parent Teacher Interviews are mandatory for all parents.

Two things to keep in mind while booking your times:

Thursday is a *No bus day*. Friday is a *No school day*.

As always, we give the first pick to the parents of the busing children and parents with 3 or more children attending CCA.

To book your time, please fill out and return the form that was sent to you today with your youngest child. Thank you!

Report Cards

Mid-term reports will come home on Wednesday, November 25.

Pizza - Hot dogs - Spaghetti

Pizza and milk are offered every Friday to those who pre-ordered.

Hot dogs will continue Wednesdays at \$1 per hot dog, alternating with plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread (\$3). Spaghetti starts November 4. Please make sure your child brings a bowl and utensils.

Dress up days

Children that choose to dress up instead of wearing their CCA uniform on Dress Up Days need to bring \$1.00. Money raised will go towards grad trip.

Career Day - Friday, November 13

PJ Day - Monday, November 23

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place at the gym on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. Wonderful opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for kids and/or their classroom. Details to follow.

Shoe Boxes

Once again, our students will participate in Operation Christmas Child. 2009 National Collection Week is November 16-21. Shoe boxes are ready for pick up at the front office. They are due back at CCA by Friday November 6 latest. For more information on Operation Christmas Child, please visit: www.samaritanspurse.ca.

Grade 7 Fundraiser Update

Our grade 7 students hosted a teddy-bear auction and bake sale fundraiser in order to collect money and buy a piece of the rainforest. We are excited to tell you that they raised over \$500!!! To be exact, they raised \$ 502,00!!!! They also made a video that hopefully will be posted on our CCA website for everyone to see. Congratulations to Mrs. Wharran and the grade 7 class!! What a great job!

Student Portraits

Portrait order forms are due back at CCA by Friday November 6 latest. The prints will arrive at CCA the week of November 30th. Please note that even if you don't want to order copies, you are requested to return the proofs with your photo choice for the yearbook, or we will assume you don't want your child's photo in the yearbook.

Lego Robotics

We are excited to have Ian Dudley (Ottawa) do a workshop with all of our students in grades 4-8 on Monday, November 2. This activity uses Lego as a tool to explore concepts of engineering, design and robotics. After this workshop, students who are interested can take part in weekly sessions in a club led by Mr. Dudley. The club will involve a fee (to be determined) and can be geared towards completing more projects for interest only or for competition, depending on the goals of the participating students.

Sports

Soccer

We are proud to tell you that again this year our soccer teams faired extremely well in the Lanark County Championships. To quote student, Alexander Todd, 'we won some and we lost some....that is how it goes!' Both our boys and girls teams played with heart, tremendous heart. They weathered the rain and cold, worked exceptionally hard and absolutely never gave up. The older athletes often worked extra hard assisting younger players; while we were equally proud of our younger players for 'playing up' so courageously. Great work everyone and thank you again to our coaches and supportive parents!

Cross Country Running

Many of our students competed in the Lanark County Cross Country Running Meet. This run is HARD....very, very HARD. Every runner is to be congratulated because they never give up. The trails meander through a heavily wooded and steeply hilled terrain. With approximately 60 runners per race, and a climb to the sprint finish our CCA athletes were heroes! With a handful of near top-ten finishes, the bulk of our runners clearly finished in the top half of their races...great work CCA Extreme Runners!

Volleyball

CCA volleyball practices will begin next week: Tues and Thurs at lunch recess, as well as Mondays after school 3:30 - 4:30, with teachers, Miss Wharran and Mr. Rice coaching. Practices are open to grades 5 to 8 children.

To compete in CCA athletic tournaments, students will be expected to make at least half of all practices. This seems only fair to students and families making commitment to attend regularly

Water Bottles

Many children bring water bottles to school...which is excellent and we strongly encourage drinking during class time and around physical activity. We are concerned however, with bottles staying at school and not being properly sanitized. Please ensure your child brings his/her bottle home for cleaning. As well, we remind you of safety concerns around plastic bottles and SIGG bottles with copper coloured lining.

Volunteers

We would like to thank Kevin Bacon for his many efforts coaching our soccer teams this fall As well, we appreciate Kevin Atkinson's willingness to step in and cover practices when Coach Bacon was away. Finally, thank you to the numerous parents who weathered the dampness to cheer on our players and special thanks to the following who took a day off work to coach a tournament: Vanessa Bernicky, Billy Andress, Bill Connerty, and Kevin Bacon. Volunteers are still needed for this school year. Any parents with a few minutes to spare, perhaps when waiting for children, are encouraged to shelve books in the library....thank you.

Music

Choir will begin on Mondays in November. Grades K-3 will alternate with grades 4-8 for the students who are interested. The choir will take place in late afternoon and will be an optional 'center' in the curriculum. Please encourage your child to take part if you think that they would benefit.

Instrumental Music

Please help your grade 6, 7 or 8 student remember their band instrument every Tuesday.

Musical

Angel Alert

Practice has begun for a Christmas musical, called Angel Alert. Jessica Marshall is working with the grades 7 and 8 students for the drama element of the production, and Monika Snoek is in charge of the angel choir. This will be performed at our Christmas concert on the evening of December 17.

CCA Auction: November 28

Preparation for the auction is in 'high gear'. The auction is fast approaching and all of us have to contribute to make this year a success. A substantial part of our children's education is funded through donations and fund-raisers such as the auction, so enthusiastic participation is vital! Please keep sending in your Canadian Tire money. If you can help or need more information, please contact Veronica Horsey at redheadvmh@yahoo.ca

H1N1 Update:

The health unit continues to encourage all people to get vaccinated. Vaccination began in Smiths Falls on October 29th and 30th for those who are in the priority group. Please visit the health unit's website at www.healthunit.org for more information, including clinic updates. If your child has flu-like symptoms and you are not sure of their nature or severity, the health unit is requesting that you contact your primary health provider or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for advice or a recommendation before proceeding to the hospital emergency

Respiratory Illness Reporting

Thank you to all the parents who are calling in to report on their sick child. Just as a reminder, we are required by the Health Unit to report weekly on any students ill with respiratory or influenza-like illness (as well as reporting chicken pox). "Influenza-like illness is the acute onset of respiratory symptoms with fever and cough and one or more of the following symptoms: sore throat, muscle aches, joint pain, or weakness." When your child is home sick, please let us know immediately if he/she exhibits influenza-like symptoms, as above. Remember that your sick child needs to stay home from school and all other public places until 24 hours after their fever is gone.

Lice Checks

We remind you to check your child's hair for lice weekly. We suggest Sunday evenings...and a quick check around ears is sufficient. Thank you.

Emergency First Aid and CPR Course

CCA will be hosting a St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid and CPR course at the school on Saturday November 7 from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$70 per person. Please call or email the office immediately if you would like to attend this course. There are still a few openings left, on a first come first served basis.

T-line

As we have already mentioned in our e-mail, thank you again for respecting our "T-line" and not entering the "Learning zone". It makes a big difference for all of us - teachers and students.

Teachers can focus on welcoming your child and preparing for the class. And your children can start their morning session on time and without interruption. It also makes a big difference at dismissal time.

Of course, kindergarten parents are welcome to use either front or side doors as they walk their child to class.

If you need to walk into the "T-zone" for whatever valid reason (prayer group, volunteering etc.) please make sure you sign in at the front and take a "CCA Visitor" card.

If you need to meet with your child's teacher, teachers will be happy to meet with you after school.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Swimming Lessons

(Grades 1-5)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dec. 1- 17

Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

Public Speaking

Wednesday, February 10 / Primary

Thursday, February 11 / Junior-Intermediate

*CCA Family Skate Party** Friday, February 26

*Ski Days**

Mondays, March 1 and 8

Music Festival

Thursday, May 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

Grade 8 Graduation

Wednesday, June 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Senior Kindergarten

Graduation

Thursday, June 24 @ 1:00 p.m.

Mad Science Program

January /February to be confirmed

Science Fair

TBA

Heritage Fair - CCA

TBA

**subject to change: weather*

NO BUS DAYS FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Thursday, November 26 Parent Teacher Interview

Thursday, December 10

Friday, January 8

Friday, February 26 Skate party

Friday, March 1 Ski day

Friday, March 8 Ski day

Friday, March 26

Friday, April 23

Wednesday, May 12

Thursday, June 24 Last day of school

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

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