



Calvary Christian Academy
A GLANCE AHEAD!
January, 2010

In these cold days of January, we look forward to the winter Olympics and all the excitement that they will bring into our country. We will emphasize to our students that even though they are part of smaller communities (their class, their school, churches and towns), they are also part of a larger community within Canada and that we are part of an even larger community of nations.

Nowhere is this better understood than through the Olympics: we will all experience joy and defeat and, more importantly, the effort of process, as we watch these athletes representing their communities. As we look towards the Olympics, we will strive to help our students understand the wonderful experience of striving towards a goal, of enjoying the process and of sharing it with community as they make the journey. Ultimately, that is what a good education is all about!

Used Uniform Sale

Gretchen Heagy is organizing a used uniform sale. It will take place at CCA after school Tuesday and Wednesday next week, (Jan 19 and 20), as well as before and after the AGM Wednesday evening (January 20). If you have uniforms to sell, please bring them to CCA by Monday. They must be clean, with no holes or stains. Mark your name on each piece (masking tape works). Don't bring any of the "dress" shorts since she has a large stock of these. If you would like to help with the sale, please contact Gretchen at their new number: 613-253-0684.

Updated School Calendar

Our updated school calendar is attached (note: the date change for Public Speaking).

New Uniform Order

Trish Kitt will be putting in a new uniform order. Deadline for orders is: Tuesday January 26. This is the time to order uniforms for the spring/summer season. A uniform order form is attached to this newsletter email.

Forms on Website

Please note that several CCA forms are available on our website at the following link: <http://www.calvaryca.com/about-cca/school-forms/>
Forms available include: Generic Field Trip permission, Change of Family Information, Occasional Bus Use consent form, Drug and Medication form, as well as Application for Enrollment.

Newsletters on Website

All monthly newsletters are also available on our CCA website under the "News" tab: <http://www.calvaryca.com/news/>

Open House

We will be holding an open house during school hours on February 3, 2010, 1 - 3 pm, as well as in the evening from 7 - 9 pm. This is during the public school PA day so that children can attend with their parents, if they are interested. Please take the time to promote our school amongst your friends and contacts. We will be preparing a flyer that you can hand out to anyone who is interested. It may be particularly useful to leave flyers at your church/youth program or MOPS program. We particularly want to attract students for the kindergarten program and Nursery/MOPS/Playgroups are good programs to talk to. 'Word of mouth' has always been the best way to spread information about our little school. Please take the time to promote our school over the next few months.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 7 - 9 pm. Updates will be given on CCA finances, as well as numerous important items of interest to CCA families. An election for one board member will also take place. If you would like to nominate someone for this position, please fill in the nomination form attached and return it to the office by Monday January 18. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Report Cards

These will be coming home in your child's backpack on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

School Chaplain

Joe Molloy will begin the job of school chaplain in January. He will introduce himself to the students at the Wednesday January assembly. He wants to spend some time getting to know our school, our children and our staff and then he will start to work with us as he understands what kind of programming would be most appropriate. We are very fortunate to have Joe Molloy as a chaplain. He has a long-standing background in education and Christian programs. Here is what he had to say about himself:

"My wife, Inez, and I were heavily involved in the establishment and formation of Community Christian School in Metcalfe, serving in a wide variety of roles. I was also on the Board of the Eastern Ontario Association of Christian Schools for a number of years. Four of our five children attended CCS from its first year until their completion of grade eight. Our eldest son was already in grade eight at the time.

I taught students in elementary school for thirty-four years. I taught students in each of the grades from one to eight for varying numbers of years. Included in these thirty-four years, I spent a number of years as the guidance counselor at two middle schools and two years working with Inuit children in the Arctic.

Following my retirement from the public school system, in 1997, I taught in the Faculty of Education's teacher education program at the University of Ottawa for ten years.

I had the privilege of taking a sabbatical from teaching, in the middle 1980's, and attended Briercrest Bible College where I completed a program of study.

Field Trips

To be announced

Assemblies

Wednesday, January 6 at 2:25 p.m.

Meet chaplain Joe Malloy

Monday, January 11 at 2:45 p.m.

Elwood's visit to CCA

Wednesday, January 27 at 2:45 p.m.

Regular Assembly

PD Day

No PD days in January. Our next PD day will be on Friday, February 12.

No Bus Days for January

Friday, January 8

Occasional Bus students *or* bus student changes

If your child is not a regular bus rider but will be taking the bus on occasion for any reason, please fill in the form provided for this purpose and send it in to the office. You will find it on the CCA website under the tab "About CCA", click "School forms". Here is the direct link:

<http://www.calvaryca.com/about-cca/school-forms/>

If a regular bus student will either *not* be taking the bus on a given day *or* will be dropped off at a different stop from their usual stop, please write a note and send it in to the office. The bus driver insists on instructions in writing. Please don't use their agenda for these types of notes.

Pizza - Hot dogs - Spaghetti

Pizza and milk are offered every Friday to those who pre-order. The forms were sent home this week. Pizza and milk for this semester starts on January 22. There will be no pizza on January 15. Pizza forms should be returned to school by Friday, January 15 with your payment. Cheques only should be written to Mrs. Barb Bacon. Thank you Mrs. Bacon and Mrs. Greer for doing this!

Hot dogs will continue Wednesdays at \$1 per hot dog, alternating with plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread (\$3). Please send in a fork if your child will buy spaghetti. The next spaghetti day will be January 27.

Sports

Basketball

Well, your patience is appreciated! We are adjusting practice times, trying to accommodate as many schedules as possible.

Boys: (junior and senior together for the moment) will now practice Tuesdays at lunch and Wednesdays after school, from 3.30 to 4.30. It is important that parents pick up promptly at 4.30 pm as Coach Luke has a 5.00 pm commitment.

Girls: We would like to try to switch the practices, so that starting next week, grade 5 and 6 girls will practice on Mondays and grade 7 and 8 on Thursdays. Both practices will run from 3.30 to 5.00 pm. So, this is the plan for next week. Please advise if the changes do not work for your families. We will advise once we know tournament dates. We anticipate them to be late Feb/early March.

Athletes are expected to be committed to their team. They are expected to attend ALL practices (recognizing illness, special occasions).

Hockey Championship

As well, we are very excited to be entering a team, for the first time, in the Lanark County Boys Hockey Championships on Feb 22 for grades 6 and up.

CCA parent, Bill Connerty, will be coaching. Players must have their own equipment and previous hockey experience. Details to follow.

Music

Mrs. Snoek would like to remind everyone to keep practicing! Music has resumed on Tuesdays and instruments need to be brought regularly on that day.

Lego

The Lego workshops will be completed this month. The children have learned a tremendous amount and we hope they have enjoyed the process. There is an opportunity to participate in a Lego contest in the spring. More details will be forthcoming.

General News

Ken & Michelle Desaulniers & their children have arrived safely in El Salvador for their mission work and are awaiting an internet connection.

Local Babysitting Course

A babysitting course for youth 12 and up is being offered by the Canadian Safety Council in Carleton Place this Friday evening (Jan 15 6:30 - 9:00 pm) and Saturday (Jan 16 9:00 - 4:00). The cost is \$40. This is short notice, but if interested, contact Heather Legge at 613-257-5110 or Jennifer Bradley at 613-253-1313. Limited space.

Inclement weather reminder

School closures or class cancellations will be broadcast on CHRI 99.1 FM (generally by 7.15 a.m.). There will also be a message on the school phone detailing the decision. CCA follows the UCDSB cancellations, which means that if the Upper Canada District School Board cancels local bus services, our school is closed. You can verify that by accessing the UCDSB Transportation Department's Web site at www.ucdsb.on.ca/transportation and clicking on the "Bus Cancellation Status" button - we belong to "Carleton Place School Family".

We try to send out an e-mail, but frequently our Internet may be down due to the bad weather. We encourage you to call the school rather than expect a school e-mail about the school closure.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Loten and Mrs. Kitt

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