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A GLANCE AHEAD! DECEMBER 2010

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year and it's tough to miss if you live in North America today. Just about anyone with a pulse can tell you what time of year it is. We hear the ads on the radio and TV, see the lighted houses and buildings, the decorated yards in our neighborhoods, the displays inside every store make sure we don't forget...and the Christmas music, we can't forget the music. How can you not get into the spirit when you are at the mall and all that wonderful Christmas music is playing?

Christmas can also be a very busy time of year. Buying presents, putting up lights, decorating, gingerbread houses, family traditions, even something so simple like getting a tree can be a chore and take lots of time. May we take time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas amidst the hustle and bustle - the birth of Jesus our Saviour!

Mat 1:18 -21 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Christmas Holidays

CCA will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 23. Classes will resume on Monday January 10, 2011.

Assemblies

Wednesday, December 8 at 2:30 p.m.

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"Preparing the Ground" Assembly
Families are invited to attend!

Thursday, December 23 at 2.45 p.m.

Christmas Assembly - Singing Christmas Carols and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!



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Field Trips

Wednesday, December 15

Grades JK - 8 Christmas Tree Hunt on CCA property (details to follow)

No Bus Day for December

Thursday, December 23



Christmas Musical - *Christmas Hang-Ups*

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Musical on December 22nd at 7pm at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place. Dress rehearsal is Monday December 20th.

Below is description of the musical.

It's just before Christmas and the tree ornaments have been awakened from their yearly hibernation. It's time! As they begin to prepare for another season on the Watson's Christmas tree, they are greeted by a rather strange and "un-Christmassy" ornament, a Hula Girl. The Star, the Angel, the Snowman and others don't understand what she has to do with Christmas and give her a rather cool reception until another significant figure from the mantelpiece shows up to explain to all of them what Christmas is about and how they each have significance in God's amazing plan of redemption through His Son, Jesus.

Sports

Intramural Soccer

Intramural soccer has ended. Congratulations to all those in grades 1-8 who participated!

Volleyball tournament days:

Senior girls Monday, December 6

Junior girls Thursday, December 9

Senior boys Friday, December 10

Junior boys Friday, December 10th ***Note this is a change to the previous date



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, Application for Enrollment, Volunteer Hours of Service form as well as CCA Uniform order form.



Newsletters on Website

All monthly newsletters are also available on our CCA website under the "News" tab:

<http://www.calvaryca.com/news/> Note that the CCA List of Important Dates, as well as "no bus" days are in the October newsletter issue, accessible at the above link.

Choir

Our choir will sing in Smiths Falls for their last time in 2010 on Sunday December 5th at Smiths Falls Free Methodist Church.

Thank you to all the parents and children who are involved. This has been a huge blessing and success.

SWIMMING

Please note that swimming starts on the first week after Christmas holidays. PLEASE RETURN ALL REQUIRED FORMS WITH YOUR CHEQUE OR CASH PAYMENT BY Wednesday, Dec 15th.

CCA offers swimming lessons for grade 1 -5 students. These lessons are optional. The cost is \$55 per student, includes transportation and six 45 minute lessons. The lessons are at the Carleton Place pool.

Children not participating will stay at CCA for supervised center/homework/reading time.

As we have in the past, we value swimming as a basic life skill, and an excellent form of physical activity. We would hope that all students participate. Knowing this is an expensive time of year (Christmas, auction....), **we will welcome post-dated cheques. Post-dated cheques need to be sent in with the swimming forms.**



Inclement Weather Info

School closures or class cancellations will be circulated by email and broadcasted 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 UCDSB cancels local bus services, our school is closed.

We try to send out an e-mail, but frequently our Internet may be down due to the bad weather. If you are unsure because you have not received an email, we encourage you to call the school about the school closure.

CCA Christmas Charity Auction

Well, we all did it together: It was another successful CCA auction!! Praise God for His continued blessings on our school!



The cafetorium looked beautiful, the food was delicious, the place was packed with friends and strangers and there were big and small auction items lining the tables. What a great community event and CCA fundraiser! Thank you all for pulling together to make this auction another great success. We will communicate the final profit figures once they have been calculated, but by all accounts it was a success. Thank you everyone! Trish Kitt

Canadian Tire Money - Challenge

A HUGE thank you goes out to all our students, parents and families that assisted in raising "Canadian Tire money" within the classroom challenge, for the auction. On the whole, we raised \$800! If it's not a record, it's very close to one! What a fantastic goal to beat for next year!!! (start tucking it away now!!) From that, items valued at over \$1300 were purchased at CT... and these netted \$900 in "sales" at the auction. This is a big success for us!! Everyone is to be congratulated! We did not have the "matching" support from CT this year (although I do gratefully acknowledge that the Carleton Place location did give us a \$100 BBQ for the live auction). Whatever CT is willing to do is certainly a bonus for us and we will ask again next year!



Regarding the Classroom Challenge... the grade 2's came out way ahead when a last-day contribution came in from James of over \$165! What an excellent example of spreading the word about the school - he and his family asked friends, relatives, anyone they could reach out to, to help the school! Thank you Moore's! The Grade 2's won the highest classroom total (of \$276.00)... and the Grade 5's received the highest average/student (with \$11.01). The details of the collections are posted on the wall by the front door bench if you want to see them when you are in for parent-



teacher interviews! These two classes will each enjoy a Dairy Queen cake... and a "dress down" (no uniform!) day in the near future!

Next year we may change up the challenge... maybe boys against the girls? ... maybe pods competing against each other?... maybe "portables" vs. everyone else! It's not decided... any ideas are welcome!

Thanks again. You helped make this possible! God Bless!
Shelley Stepanuik

New Baby Boy

We are happy to share with you that the O'Dacre family have been blessed with the birth a new baby boy. Luke was born on November 27th and both mom and Luke are doing well - praise God!

New Family

We are encouraged to share with you that the Tubmans have joined us here at CCA. Welcome Ian Tubman to Junior Kindergarten class and school!

Community Events

Every year Kanata Baptist Church hosts a Children's Christmas Shop for kids to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. The gifts range from 25 cents - \$3.00 (this includes gift wrapping.)

This is the annual fundraiser for Pioneers Club and it's a lot of fun for the kids. Parents are welcome to enjoy a coffee and baked goods while they wait for their kids. For more info, please contact Glenda O'Brien.

Have a great month and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Tom Bourne - Principal

Regina Johnson - Administrative Assistant

