



developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



A GLANCE AHEAD!

March 2013

This month we have challenged the children at CCA with memorizing Psalm 27, a Psalm of David. What a wonderful privilege we have to have God's word written in our spoken language and to have the mental capacity to memorize it and *hide it in our heart*. In psalm 119 we read the importance of hiding God's word in our heart.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Ps. 119:11

Psalm 27 was written by David many years ago when David was experiencing physical situations in his life that would be uncommon to many of us. David was being pursued aggressively by his enemies that who were wanting him to stumble and fall. Having said that, there is so much encouragement to be found in this Psalm when you read of David's confidence in the Lord during these times.

The Psalm begins by reminding us that David was confident because the Lord was his light, salvation and the stronghold of his life - therefore, he had no reason to fear or be afraid. No matter what the circumstance, no matter how bad things looked, his heart was comforted by knowing that the Lord will keep him safe in His dwelling.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Psalm 27:5

David then ends the Psalm by stating that he remains confident that not only will the Lord keep him safe, but that he will see the goodness of the Lord.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:13-14

My heart is encouraged even as I write these words! We have so much to be confident of if we trust the Lord. The Lord is a good God and desires to be our *light, salvation and stronghold of our life*. Will we let him?



Assemblies

Please be reminded that families are encouraged to attend our assemblies.

Thursday March 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Regular Assembly

Friday March 22 at 2:00 p.m.

PARENTS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO ATTEND.

CCA is pleased to have Dr. Jim Mason from Creation Ministries International visiting to give a presentation. Dr. Mason's biography is below.

Creation Ministries International is a non-profit, faith-funded ministry that give answers about the accuracy of the Bible. They retain world class speakers and scientists. Dr. Mason will be giving a presentation on Dinosaurs.

<http://creation.com/>

Wednesday March 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Easter Assembly



Capital Campaign

Submitted by Todd Stepanuik, Capital Campaign Chair

I am thrilled to be part of an exciting new chapter in the history of the school.

It is with great confidence that the Capital Campaign Committee is getting poised to make a push with the "Building on Excellence", a multiphase campaign that aspires to strengthen and secure elements that are at the very core of the CCA experience.

The school has embraced a very ambitious and bold vision. It reflects a golden and defining moment in the history of the school. This campaign presents an enormous opportunity. Much work lies ahead, but we are certain that we will not only achieve our monetary goals, but also the visions they represent. This is an unprecedented call to action.

No successful institution can stand still. CCA's founders didn't simply open the school doors and then sit back to admire what they had accomplished. They worked to improve and to advance the school. Today, we benefit greatly from their efforts. By moving forward with this Campaign, transforming the campus, and enriching the education of our students, we are building on the essence of CCA. From the day the school was founded, CCA has risen through God's hand and the work of its leaders to the next level of excellence, never resting on any laurels, always striving to go above and beyond.

The Building on Excellence Capital campaign is unprecedented in scope and importance. It is essential that we provide enough square footage and adequate facilities that will serve our students for decades to come and keep CCA appealing to new families.

The current strength and future vitality of Calvary Christian Academy rests in the hands of those who know it and love it. The generosity and caring spirit of the school's trustees, faculty, parents, and community and corporate friends will ensure this ongoing commitment to excellence continues to guide the school on a sure path.

Choir

The choir has had a busy first two months of 2013!! We went to Calvary Bible Chapel in January and were invited to sing the national anthem at an Ottawa 67's game in February. The children were thrilled to be singing at the Scotiabank Place. They did a wonderful job at both events. They are scheduled to sing at other churches in March and April. If you would like us to visit your church, please have your minister contact me at cmartel@calvaryca.com. ~ Ms.Martel



Upcoming visit: March 24th at Ottawa Valley Vineyard
March 29th - Carleton Place Good Friday service

French Plays

Our French classes have been working hard on their French plays and grades 3-5 are excited to be presenting them on Tuesday March 5th beginning at 2:30pm. Everyone is invited to appreciate the fun and great work the students put into getting ready for each role. Merci! Madame Mihis

Paper Product Fundraiser

To date, we have ordered a total of 63 boxes and raised \$1449 for the school. There will be a last order before the summer holiday in the beginning of June. Please consider stocking up for the summer
Thanks, Angela Kwok

Grandparents Day

Please mark your calendars for Grandparents Day on Wednesday May 8th. This is a highlight of CCA each year and we look forward to having a gym full of grandparents with big smiles.

Guest Presentation - Living with Aspergers

We are very encouraged to have Jay Serdula visiting CCA on Tuesday March 19th beginning at 2:00pm.

Jay Serdula is a young man from Kingston Ontario with Asperger Syndrome. Jay was born in Deep River Ontario in 1972. Asperger's Syndrome did not have a name, even in Europe, until 1981. This explains why Jay's parents were unable to get a diagnosis for him when he was six, even though they knew something was wrong. During his years in elementary school he had difficulty distinguishing between playful teasing and blatant bullying. Jay was often unaware who his true friends were and who was "out to get him". Even true friends would at times get impatient or frustrated by his seeming lack of empathy (understanding the thoughts and emotions of others) and difficulty with the concept of "personal space".

Jay's hobbies have included long-distance running, swimming, cross-country skiing and chess. Jay successfully swam across Lake Ontario, 41 hours of straight swimming, to raise awareness and money for Asperger Syndrome.

Jay received his Bachelor's in Applied Math with an electrical engineering elective at the University of Waterloo in 1996 and he earned his Masters in Physical Oceanography at the Royal Military College of



Canada in 2003. Jay is currently working in the Chemistry & Chemical Engineering Department at the Royal Military College of Canada. His duties involve mathematical analysis and computer programming to study defective fuel rods in nuclear reactors.

This is a presentation that will be encouraging to all of us. We strongly encourage each of you to attend this presentation.

You can watch an interview with Jay Serdula when he was a guest on 100 Huntley Street.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkxc6YP--Sk>

Holidays

March Break - school will be closed for the week of March 11-15 and will re-open on March 18. Have a safe and relaxing March Break!

March 29th - Good Friday



Laugh Again Night Out

The Christian schools in Eastern Ontario are teaming up to bring awareness to Christian Education by hosting a fun night out with humorist Phill Callaway. The event is Monday March 4th at Ottawa Christian School beginning at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10.

To learn more about Phil Callaway - please visit www.laughagain.org

<http://www.philcallaway.ab.ca/Audio%20Video/speakingvideo.htm> - youtube clips here

No Bus Days

Monday March 4th - Ski Day (in case of Ski Day cancellation, it remains a no bus day - both am and pm)

Wednesday March 27th - No Bus Afternoon due to Easter Assembly

Registration

We are very encouraged with the great turnout at our Open Houses last month. It is exciting meeting new families that are interested in the very things CCA promotes and encourages. Please continue to promote CCA among your friends and families and continue to share the great testimony of how CCA has prepared your children for success.

Science Fair

Our Science Fair is scheduled for Monday March 25th beginning at 9:00 am. This year the Science Fair is optional for grades 4-8. All CCA students will be required to participate in the Heritage Fair in April.

Science Fairs provide students an opportunity to extend their academic learning by developing their own investigations. Students participating will have an opportunity to present their project to the visiting parents and friends.

Please remember that a successful Science Fair project does not have to be expensive or even terribly time-consuming. However, it does



require some planning and careful thought. Projects become frustrating to students, parents and teachers when they are left to the last minute and thus don't have the chance to be as good as they possibly can.

Ski Day

Weather permitting, we have booked our annual ski day on Mount Pakenham for Monday, March 4th. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Jenn McNamara who organized and coordinated this big event again this year.

Please note: If we have to cancel the ski day due to bad weather conditions on the ski hill, there will be a regular academic school day at CCA. However, this will remain a NO BUS DAY.

If we have to cancel the ski day due to bad weather and UCDSB cancels their buses (www.steo.ca), CCA will be closed as per a regular snow day. We will put a message on the school phone detailing the decision.

Speeches

Congratulations to all of our students for their excellent work on their speeches! We were thankful to see so many of our students participate in the gym and share their speeches with our families.

Participants included:

Primary: Timothy Bourne, Annabel Dow, Joryn Erwin (1st place), Cassandra McNamara, Hailey O'Brien, Sydney Brown and Simon Bourne (2nd place).

Junior: Meghan Peterkins, Gracie Bourne, Gracie Froggatt, Ella Chapman, Marshall Chapman, Riley Wissink, Christian Erwin (1st), Adam Reid (2nd) and Jayden Smuck.

Intermediate: Liam Gardiner (2nd), Camden Erwin, Joel Hall, Kyla Smuck, Evan Loten, Alyssa Fluit, Madison Reid (1st) and Matthew Walker.

Congratulations to the following students for placing at the region speeches competition in Carleton Place.

Joryn Erwin (2nd) and Simon Bourne (3rd). Adam Reid (3rd). Liam Gardiner (1st) and Madison Reid (2nd).

Sports

Many of our boys and girls have been working hard at basketball. We are looking forward to having our students participate in the Lanark County basketball tournaments this month.

Junior Girls - March 6th at St. Francis

Junior Boys - March 7th at Holy Name of Mary

Senior Girls - March 5th at Notre Dame Catholic High School

Senior Boys - March 21st at Holy Name of Mary



Spring Water Awareness Program (SWAP)

As the warmer spring weather approaches, snow and ice begin to melt and waterways begin to fill up with cold, fast moving water. Children are often interested in exploring rushing streams and thawing ponds during the warm days of spring. However, these areas can be unsafe and it is important to teach students the dangers of these areas. The Spring Water Awareness Program (SWAP) is a free safety program offered by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to teach students about staying safe around dangerous spring water.

Through an interactive presentation that includes demonstrations, games, and discussion, SWAP teaches:

- Why spring water and ice are dangerous
- To stay away from waterways, especially in the spring
- To know what to do if a water or ice-related accident occurs
- To tell their family and friends about what they have learned

This interactive safety education program is approximately 45 minutes in length and will be provided to our grade 3 and 4 classes on Wednesday March 20.

Where's Franktown? Run

Spring is fast approaching and so is our run. Don't forget to mark your calendars on May 11th with our *Where's Franktown? Run*. Please spread the word among your communities. Registration forms, online registration instruction and pledge forms can be downloaded from our website

<http://calvaryca.com/events/franktown/>

For further information, please contact the office

Community Event

"The Bible" miniseries begins on the History Channel Sunday, March 3. This is a 10 hour mini-series that will focus on telling the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Divided into two hour episodes, it will air for 5 weeks, concluding on Easter Sunday with the crucifixion, resurrection, story of the early church and Christ's promise in Revelation to return. This epic story has been produced by Mark Burnett (producer of Survivor and Shark Tank) and Roma Downey (star of Touched by an Angel). After that date the simulcast will be available "on demand".

Visit <http://incastevents.com/portfolio/the-bible/> for more information on the miniseries and resources available.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Tom Bourne - Principal



Amazing Goalie!

