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A GLANCE AHEAD!

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I am reminded regularly by my Kindergarten class about the verse where Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." If we were to unpack that verse, very simply, it refers to the simplicity, innocence and basic trust for our Lord that each child possesses. Each class I have had, year to year, has a different classroom dynamic. I realize I may sound like a proud parent here but please let me share a little bit about my current class and how they have already been teaching me about the importance of that verse.

Growing up, I have always known about the importance of prayer and how spiritually it is a vital personal discipline in the day-to-day living out of our lives. We live in a society where the expectation is often about instant and immediate results. If we have to wait for anything we become impatient. The whole premise of prayer is communicating with a God who loves us dearly and desires to spend time with us as well. The Lord loves to hear from us regularly but we ultimately need it to keep our hearts still and peaceful. The wonderful thing about the Bible is that God's promises are real whether we believe them or not.

"If you seek Him, He will be found by you..." 1 Chronicles 28:15

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you."
Jeremiah 29:13-14.*

Did you notice the active verb tense in both these verses? That kind of seeking is prayer in its simplest forms. Currently, I have many of the Kindergarten children who love to start and end the day in prayer. The way they talk to the Lord is the way they would talk to you or I. There is an expectation that the Lord is listening and He will answer their prayers. Some of the prayers are silly, sincere and some are even said out of frustration. ("Please help daddy stop snoring at night because he is keeping us all awake at night.") The common belief amongst many children is that prayer is accessible to everyone. It involves telling God how we feel, thanking him for our blessings and asking him for what is on our hearts. At the very least it is an opportunity to tell him what is going on in our lives.

We have a weekly prayer board in our classroom that we update every Friday. When a request has been answered the response is inspiring, "Wow...He was listening to us." They are enthusiastic every week to fill that board up. In many ways your children have taught me how to pray: simply and honestly. As adults we have a tendency to complicate things. In the busyness of life and as we start preparing for the Christmas season, I would encourage all of us to quiet our hearts and talk with the One who loves us so very much.

Ms. Martel
Kindergarten Teacher
Leader of Early Childhood Education

Auction Update

CCA's Christmas Auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 22nd at the Carleton Place High School Cafetorium. Doors open at 5:00pm. Silent auction is from 5:30-6:30 and the Live auction is from 7:00-9:30.

Six tickets will be coming to each family soon. These have been paid for in your tuition. Please note that the auction evening is for adults so distribute your tickets accordingly. If you wish to purchase additional tickets, they are available online and at CCA for \$20 in advance. Tickets at the door will be \$25.



Enjoy an exciting evening of Christmas shopping in a whole new way! We can't wait to see you!!!

Please remember each family's requirement:

- 1 family donation worth \$100
- 2 donations from businesses (or more - some parents have brought in dozens of business donations)

Items are added daily to the auction website: www.calvaryca.com and follow the auction link. Forms can be downloaded from the website as well.

Contact our Auction Coordinator, Jenny Erwin, if you have any questions auction@calvaryca.com

Assemblies

Wednesday November 12 @ 2:45 pm - Regular Assembly

Thursday November 20 @ 2:00 pm - Operation Christmas Child Assembly

Wednesday November 26 @ 2:45 pm - Regular Assembly

After School Program

Our After School program is well underway. This program offers parents the opportunity of a later pick-up time (until 5 p.m.) for their child, while providing a fun environment and social atmosphere that children look forward to. Cost is \$8 per child or \$15 per family and includes a snack, play time and supervised homework time.

Capital Campaign - Athletic Field Work

The second phase of our Capital Campaign is underway and we are excited to continue encouraging healthy living by creating more opportunity for physical activity.

If you would like to contribute to the project, please let us know.



Christmas Country Gospel Music Night

Mark your calendars - November 29th. Our Christmas Country Gospel Music night this year will have homegrown CCA talent in the evening. More information to come.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 a.m. Remember to put your clocks back an hour.

Field Trips

Friday, November 7 - Beginning at 9:15 am

Ventriloquist Joe Gandleman will perform for grades JK - 8. Using a huge cast of puppets and wooden characters, plus lots of student participation, he is sure to entertain! Parents and siblings are welcome to join us.

Tuesday, November 11 - Remembrance Day

CCA students will be bused to Beckwith Park to attend a Remembrance Day ceremony at 1pm. Dress uniforms are required (white shirt & Kilt/tunic or black pants for boys). Dress for the weather because the event is outside.

Monday, November 18 - Grade 7 and 8

Students in grade 7 and 8 will be traveling to the Carleton Place Curling club to learn and participate in the fun sport of curling.

Give 'Em The Boot!

A Big thank you to the staff, children and families of Calvary Christian Academy for helping us contribute 275 pairs of rubber boots to the children of Guatemala.

The schools contribution was \$305 and I am very grateful for their effort. Together we realized \$1930. Blessings and again THANK YOU - Pastor Ivan

Hot Lunches

We are encouraged with the progress and participation of our food program. Information can be found at <http://calvaryca.com/food-program/>. Questions should be directed to kitchen@calvaryca.com

No Bus Afternoon for November

Thursday, November 20 - due to Parent Teacher Interviews

Bus parents will be given priority for interview timeslots on Thursday.



Operation Christmas Child

Update - The Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox campaign is coming along very well. A big thank you to our CCA families. The final day to hand in your shoeboxes is Thursday November 20th. On this date we will also have an assembly celebrating the campaign.

If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child please feel free to contact Glenda @ [613 850-6445](tel:6138506445) or @ steveandglenda@sympatico.ca.

PD Day

Friday, November 14 - CCA Professional Activity Day - Curriculum Review (NO SCHOOL)

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, November 20 - after school (4 - 8 p.m.)

Friday, November 21 - (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) (NO SCHOOL DAY).

Please note that all parents are requested to attend Parent Teacher Interviews. A link will be sent home to book your interviews online.

Redeemer Christian High School Open House

Thursday, November 20 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at 82 Colonnade Road North, Ottawa

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the gym on Thursday, November 20 from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm and Friday, November 21 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The Book Fair will be open for viewing for students by class during the day on Wednesday November 19. This is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for children and/or their classroom. Money raised at the Book Fair helps CCA purchase readers for the classrooms.

Spirit Week



Monday Nov 3	Wednesday Nov 5	Friday Nov 7
Wacky Hair Day	Summer Vacation Day	PJ Day
Monday Nov 10	Wednesday Nov 12	Thursday Nov 13
Character/Career Day	Lanark County Day (celebrate Lanark day by wearing your camo, plaid, hunting hats, etc	Bible Character Day

Report Cards

Mid-term reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 19.

Sports

Soccer

Congratulations to all of our students for playing hard in each of the soccer tournaments. Well done to both coaches and athletes!

Cross Country Running

Many of our students competed in the Lanark County Cross Country Running Meet. The weather was warm and very wet! All our students ran very hard and we are encouraged by their efforts! Thanks to Mrs. Reid for her commitment to coaching Cross Country.



Top 10 results included: Austin Bell 4th, Timothy Bourne 6th and Simon Bourne 3rd

Flag Football

Our Senior Co-ed flag football team will be participating in the Lanark Invitational on Wednesday November 5th at St. John's Catholic High School.

Intramural Soccer

Our grades 1-4 are having lots of fun playing intramural soccer during lunch hours on Thursdays and Fridays. The children are all working very hard and improving on their skills!



The Storeroom

We are so thankful with the progress The Storeroom has made during the last year. This past month **The Storeroom donated \$3000 to CCA!** A huge thank-you to all the families that work hard to support The Storeroom.

Please continue supporting this endeavor by donating your gently used items to the store and shopping there. New items are being placed on the floor daily.

Volunteer Opportunities

Family involvement and volunteerism is critical to the health of our school.

This month's volunteer opportunities are as follows.

Auction If you would like to help out in any way with the auction, please contact Jenny Erwin directly auction@calvaryca.com

The Storeroom If you are interested in volunteering at The Storeroom please contact Naikia thestoreroom@calvaryca.com

Website

We want to keep directing our families to our website. We keep updating our website to be as up to date as possible including an events calendar, parent handbook, school forms and other important information.

Have a great month!

Tom Bourne- Principal

