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A GLANCE AHEAD!

March 2015

We have an exciting month ahead of us. I mean, who doesn't love March. "Roll Up The Rim" is in full effect, the roars from March Madness basketball are ringing out, and of course spring starts to peek through the snow. This time of year we seem to breathe easier, step lighter, and wait with expectation.

I'm continually reminded that God calls us to a relationship that is always consistent. Growing up around the church I often heard phrases like "your burden is light," "the chains are gone" and "our freedom is found in Christ" but often felt like this concept was more of an ideal rather than a reality. Past experience and cynicism often tells us that the "good news" is more like the "alright news".

Recently, I have caught glimpses of the relationship that Christ desires for us. To understand this in full we first need to understand who we are in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says that "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." With our identity rooted in Christ, we can begin to walk boldly, lightly, and with the hope that Christ moves in and around everything we do. Our relationship is no longer something to be achieved, but simply something that we receive. In Philippians 4:11 Paul wrote, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances" (TNIV). That is a pretty impressive statement coming from someone who was imprisoned, tortured, starved, defamed and tossed over the side of a ship. Paul said that his secret to fulfillment was the living Christ within him. Through Paul's union with the indwelling Christ, he found that he could live in peace, joy and freedom regardless of his situation.

Often times, I find that I let my relationship with Christ be defined by my efforts, feelings, and circumstance. This is not the relationship that He desires for us. In Matthew 11: 28-30 the Bible says, "Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." This is the life that Christ wants for us. We just simply need to receive His Grace and allow Him to work in our everyday.

As we enter into this new season at CCA, let the "unforced rhythms of grace" guide your everyday. It's simple yet profound to uncover the picture of grace in our today and our tomorrow. A quote from pastor Caleb Davidson of MyChurch says "if you do what you can, God will do what you can't." Our relationship with Christ doesn't have to be complicated when we love God, love people and in turn love our life.

Mr. Rice



2015-16 Registration

Thank you for helping to promote our Open Houses last month. We saw new families come in that were interested in registration. Please be reminded that registration is still open, so we continue to ask you to spread the word - don't forget the new Ambassador Program incentive! (Families that are directly involved in recruiting a new family to CCA will receive a \$500 discount on their tuition.)

We are really getting excited about our future Secondary School! Planning is still underway. If you would like more information, please let us know.

Assemblies

Families are reminded to come and share in our assembly time together as students have a wonderful opportunity to participate.

Wednesday, March 4th at 2:30 pm - Regular Assembly

Wednesday, March 25th at 2:30 p.m. - Regular Assembly

Friday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. - Mission Presentation by the CCA Mission Team and Emma Moffat

Winter Carnival

Our rescheduled winter carnival will be on Friday March 13th beginning at 1:30p.m. Let's pray for wonderful winter weather to enjoy together!

Facebook

Our Facebook page has become a fabulous way to promote CCA and keep our community up to date, gaining great momentum. We are hoping to reach 400 "likes". We are encouraging families to "like" us on Facebook to help promote CCA through social media. We consistently add photos and information about CCA.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calvary-Christian-Academy/119282690295>

Field Trips

Monday, March 2nd - Ski Day

Our annual ski day on Mount Pakenham is scheduled for Monday March 2nd.

There are no classes at CCA (with the exception of Kindergarten) on the Ski Day as all teachers will be on the hill. (Bus parents of kindergarten kids, please note that there is no bus either way on this date.)

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 and send an email detailing the decision.

Grandparents Day

Please mark your calendars for Grandparents Day on Wednesday May 6th. Every year this is a highlight for each of us. We welcome having our gym full of grandparents with big smiles.

Holidays

March Break - school will be closed for the week of March 16-20 and will re-open on March 23. Have a safe and relaxing March Break!

Intramurals

Intramural basketball finished this past month with an exciting finals in the gym. It is such a joy seeing our younger students work so hard, have lots of fun and be a part of a team.

A big thanks to our Student Leadership Team for leading these intramurals.



Memorizing Scripture

Each year we encourage our students to memorize scripture and to make it a spiritual discipline in their life. Once speeches are done, we encourage further scripture memorization by challenging them to go beyond their typical discipline and to memorize a large passage of scripture. The deadline to recite the scripture passage is March 31st. The great Martin Luther came to his tremendous discovery of the Bible because he knew so much of the Bible by memory, that when the Lord opened his eyes to see the truth of justification in Romans 1:17, he said "Thereupon I ran through the Scriptures from memory," in order to confirm what he had found.

Students decide whether they are going to aim to achieve a bronze award, silver award or gold award.

Bronze: Psalm 100

Silver: Psalm 103:1-13

Gold: Psalm 103

Mission Trip

Please pray for Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Peterkins, Mr. Wissink, Aubrey, Gracie, Jade, Laura, Meghan, Tanner and Riley as they join Pastor Ivan and travel to Grenada during the March Break to visit schools and distribute Bibles to the grade 4 students. We thank the Lord for this opportunity.

Congratulations to team Green for winning the Volleyball Mission Fundraiser.



No Bus Day

Monday March 2nd (CCA ski day). Please note that there is no bus morning or afternoon on this date.



Non-Uniform Day

Each Friday for the month of March students can come to school NOT wearing their uniforms courtesy of generous friends from the auction.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to all of our students for their excellent work on their speeches! We were thankful to see students participate in the gym in front of the student body and in the evening in front of the parents.

Congratulations to the winners of our 2015 speech contest.

Primary: 1st Hailey Smuck, 2nd Caleb Bourne

Jr.: 1st Christian Erwin, 2nd Simon Bourne,
3rd Joryn Erwin

Int.: 1st Emma Moffat, 2nd Ryan Giasson



Sports

Tournament dates and locations are below for the Lanark County basketball tournaments.

Senior Boys' basketball

Tuesday, March 10

St. John CHS

Senior Girls' Basketball

Wednesday, March 11

Notre Dame CHS

Junior Boys' Basketball

Wednesday, March 25

Holy Name of Mary

Junior Girls' Basketball

Wednesday, March 25

St. Francis

Congratulations to our Jr. Boys basketball team for their 2nd place finish at the Ottawa Independent Schools basketball tournament.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the skate meet last month. It was a cold day and each of you did so great!



The Storeroom

The Storeroom continues to receive very positive feedback from the community. The team works very hard and the atmosphere in the store is wonderful. There are daily opportunities to be a light downtown. We are very thankful to each person who has committed time and energy to The Storeroom. We want to thank Connie Pilote for her commitment to The Storeroom as our Manager!

If you would like to help as a lead volunteer, or for a couple of hours sorting and stocking shelves, please let us know! We promise you that the Lord will bless you richly for your service.

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Where's Franktown

There is much anticipation in the school for spring to arrive; it could arrive any day now and we won't be upset ☺. Spring means no snow, warmer weather, beautiful flowers begin to bloom, AND the Where's Franktown? Run!

Mark your calendars on May 9th with our *Where's Franktown? Run.* Please spread the word among your communities. All registrations received before March 31st will receive a free t-shirt.

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.

Online registration has been set up and we encourage everyone to register early to help the race gain momentum. Runners get excited participating in a race with many other participants.

Please remember NEW THIS YEAR: Even if you cannot attend the race, we encourage you to participate in this event and register to the Virtual Run. Participants complete a run at home and we will mail out a participation medal.

PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP

We are making some ground on sponsorship but are still looking for more sponsors. Please consider promoting your business this way.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,
Tom Bourne - Principal

