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A GLANCE AHEAD!

March 2017

We are working our way through a study of Hebrews 11 and found ourselves on the following verse last month.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. Hebrews 11:20

Many of us would know the story of Isaac and Rebecca and their two sons Esau and Jacob. Esau and Jacob were twins, albeit, very different twins. They both enjoyed different things and connected better with one parent - Esau with his dad and Jacob with his mother. One day Esau came in from the field and was exhausted and Jacob was able to convince his older brother Esau to sell him his birthright for a bowl of stew.

Near the end of Isaac's life, he was blind and was getting old, and we read of an account of Isaac with the help of his mother, tricking his father by pretending to be his older brother Esau and receiving Esau's blessing from his aging father. Later Esau would come in from the field and come to the realization that his younger brother had tricked his aging father. He then received his younger brother's blessing.

The whole family situation seems very dysfunctional, but the verse above is recorded in the great chapter of faith in Hebrews 11 as there is something for us to learn. One takeaway from this account that is encouragement for each of us is the fact that Isaac's faith didn't waver despite the circumstances around him. Despite the craziness that was happening in Isaac's family at the end of his life, with one son tricking the other son, despite how undesirable the situation looked, Isaac trusted God's promises and still blessed His children concerning future events. He knew God's promises would come about even though it looked quite the contrary.

This is a great reminder for our faith. May our faith rest upon the promises of God and not waver according to the circumstances around us, even when circumstances, to us, can appear to contradict His promises. As we see the sinfulness around us, it can lead us to begin to doubt God and his promises. May we recognize that in spite of any shortcomings and failures, God's purpose will be fulfilled, and may our faith find rest there.





2017-18 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/ CCHS will receive a \$500 discount on their tuition.)



Assemblies

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

Wednesday, March 1st at 2:30 pm - Regular Assembly

Wednesday March 22nd at 2:30 pm - Mission presentation by the CCA Mission Team

Grandparents Day

Please mark your calendars for Grandparents Day on Tuesday May 16th. 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 13-17 and will re-open on March 20th. Have a safe and relaxing March Break!

Intramurals

Floor Hockey has begun with some great games so far. The students in Grades 1-8 are playing hard and enjoying themselves with some high scoring games! There has been some great cheering and encouragement from all grades for each shift. Keep up the great work!



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 Friday March 31st.

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

- Bronze: Hebrews 11:1-7
- Silver: Hebrews 11:1-16
- Gold: Hebrews 11:1-28
- Platinum: Hebrews 11



Mission Trip

Please pray for Mr. Appleyard, Mrs. Pilot, Alissa, Abigail, Gracie, Liam, Lindsey, Dania, Christian and Nathan as they join Pastor Ivan and travel to Grenada during the March Break to visit schools to share a Gospel program and distribute Bibles to the grade 4 students. We thank the Lord for this opportunity.

Guitar

Mr. Gardiner will continue to run CCA's guitar club this month. Practices are on Mondays and Fridays for the two groups.



No-Bus Day: Monday March 6th for the ski day.

No-Uniform Days

On Fridays March 3rd and 10th we have our final "no-uniform days" 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 2017 speech contest.

Primary: 1st Luke Ford, 2nd Anelie Walker, 3rd Livia Kruszelnicki

Jr.: 1st Joryn Erwin, 2nd Joseph Lalonde, 3rd Zoey Pellicia

Int.: 1st Christian Erwin, 2nd Simon Bourne, 3rd Thomas Lalonde

All the best to our students that will represent CCA at the local competition on Saturday February 25th.

Ski Day

Monday March 6th is our annual ski day at Mount Pakenham. There will be classes at CCA for JK, SK and grade 1, but not for any older children. There will not be a bus from Stittsville on that date and parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the ski hill.

Spelling Bee

CCA is holding a Spelling Bee this year on Wednesday March 29th starting at 2:15 pm. There will be 4 stages: Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8 and Teachers. Each class will send two representatives to the Spelling Bee.



Sports

Practices have been going well for these teams. A reminder of the tournament dates:

Junior Girls basketball	Notre Dame HS - The girls have decided to go to the CCA Ski Day instead so they will be doing a different in-house game	
Junior Boys' basketball	Monday March 6 th	Notre Dame CHS
Senior Boys' Basketball	Tuesday March 7 th	St. John CHS
Senior Girls' Basketball	Tuesday March 7 th	Notre Dame CHS

The Storeroom

The Storeroom continues to be successful and 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.

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. thestoreroom@calvaryca.com

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!

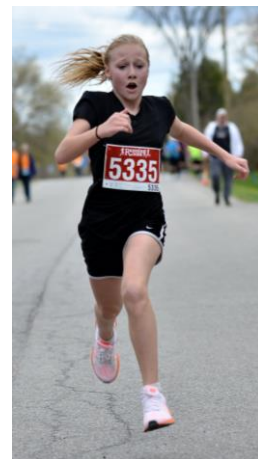
Mark your calendars on May 13th with our *Where's Franktown? Run.* Please spread the word among your communities. All registrations received before March 31st will receive a free t-shirt.

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.

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!

Tom Bourne - Principal

