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## A GLANCE AHEAD! DECEMBER 2017

**W**e spent some time this month as a school further discussing our walk with God, specifically, we discussed walking *humbly* with our God. Scripture teaches us that God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble (1 Pt. 5:5), with humility comes wisdom (Proverbs 11:2), and that when we humble ourselves before the Lord He will lift us up (James 4:10).

Micah the prophet asks the question "With what shall I come to the LORD and bow myself before the God on high?" He then goes on to answer the following beautiful words.

*He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

As we discussed some ways we can walk in humility with our God, I was reminded to consider Jesus' walk during this Christmas season. Jesus' birth and entire life here on earth was a walk of humility with His God. Prior to coming to earth, Jesus had existed throughout eternity past in full glory with His Heavenly Father as the eternal Son of God. And yet, we read in Philippians that although he was in the very form of God, he did not consider equality with God something to cling to, and that he emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant and being born in the likeness of men.

As familiar as the Christmas story has become to me, I found myself at a loss for words to express this Christmas season how incredibly amazed and thankful I am for the humility of Jesus. The Eternal Son of God, taking on the form of a servant and being born in the likeness of men. Not only born in the likeness of men, but born in a manger, alone without the rightful glorious entry to earth that He deserved.

His humility didn't end with His birth. The story doesn't further develop with Jesus growing up and being recognized by the masses as the King of Kings, but His entire life was lived as a lowly servant serving others. Nearing the end of Jesus' life, we read an account of the mother of two disciples asking for Jesus to allow her sons to sit at Jesus' right and left hand. Jesus took advantage to share a valuable lesson on humility and instructed his disciples that whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant...just as He did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20). The Eternal Son of God, taking on the form of a servant and being born in the likeness of men and living a life serving.

Both of our scripture verses above (Matt. 20 and Phil. 2) remind us that Jesus' humility goes even further. Jesus gave his life a ransom for many and humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. The eternal son of God humbling himself and dying on a cross for you and me! Praise God for God's plan of salvation and for the obedience and humility of Jesus!



I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom



## Assemblies

Wednesday, December 6 at 2:30 p.m. - Regular Assembly.

Thursday, December 21 at 2:30 p.m.

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



## Christmas Charity Auction

A huge thanks to everyone who helped make this year's auction a success! We are excited to share that we ended with a grand total of \$26,500!!!

Thank you for your donations, and to all who helped with set-up, decorating, food, registration, silent table closing, data entry, check-out, and clean-up. It was a huge group effort, and very much appreciated! Thanks to the grade 8's for presenting the live auction items so well! Great job everyone! A big thank you to each one that baked, made, bought, chopped or provided food for the auction. Thank you to Sylvia Bourne, Sharon Wood and Randy Gardiner for leading the food portion of the auction! We had many compliments on the quality and taste of the food and it adds wonderfully to the evening.

A very special thank you to Jenny Erwin and her family for their great work and leadership once again this year! Jenny has been serving the school community for 7 years now leading the auction and each year she puts incredible amount of time, sweat and care into the event to bless each one of us.

## Christmas Carol Sing

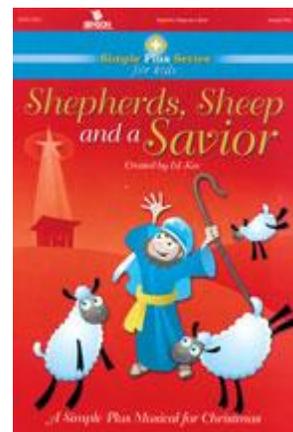
Staff and students will begin each day in the gymnasium during the final two weeks of school before the Christmas break to sing Christmas carols together. Families are always welcome to join us.

## Christmas Holidays

CCA will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 22nd. Classes will resume on Monday January 8th, 2018.

## Christmas Musical

This month our students will be presenting a short musical entitled, "Shepherds, Sheep and a Saviour". What a wonderful way to usher in the Christmas holidays as our students sing about the night of our Saviour's birth from a shepherd's perspective. While they may have been at the bottom of the social ladder in Bethlehem, God still chose shepherds to be the first to see the baby Jesus. This is their story, what they heard and saw on that marvelous night when God came to dwell among us. Please come and celebrate with us on Wednesday, December 20th at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. Students are asked to be at the church in costume at 6:30 p.m.



## Events

### Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>      **Food Drive and Dress-Down Day**

Bring in some food for local area Christmas hampers and enjoy a CCA dress-down day (i.e. no uniform). Please send in non perishable items.

### Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm      **Arise Dance Performance**

The Arise Dance Youth Ballet return to CCA to perform their Christmas ballet, followed by a question and answer period about ballet. Parents are welcome to join us.

### Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>      **Christmas Sale**

It is our desire this year to once again set up the gymnasium with gently used items to give students the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their friends and family. Gifts will range from \$1 - \$3 and volunteers will wrap the gifts before they are sent home.

This will be a great opportunity for students to do their Christmas shopping in one place.

We invite you to send in items to be put in the Christmas sale the week before the sale. Any unwanted stuffed animals, toys, games make for great sale items, as well as kitchen items, books, household items, etc. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

*Proceeds from this event go towards the CCA Leadership Team Mission Trip to Grenada.*

### Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>      **Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal**

Students will be bused to Calvary Pentecostal Church for a dress rehearsal.

### Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>      **Christmas Musical "Shepherds, Sheep and a Saviour"**

Students will be presenting a Christmas musical at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place beginning at 7:00pm.

### Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>      **Grade 8 vs Staff Volleyball Game**

Staff are taking on the graduating grade 8 class of 2018 in a friendly game of volleyball on Thursday December 21st beginning at 9:00am

## **CCA Parent Facebook group**

If you are interested in joining the CCA Facebook parent page it is called CCA Parent 2 Parent Connection and is a good place to track down lost uniforms, arrange sports event rides and so on.

## **Facebook Page**

Friends and family can keep up to date with photos of school activities and events through our Facebook page. If you haven't "liked" us yet, be sure to do so!



## Operation Christmas Child

A big thank-you to Glenda O'Brien and Diana Billings and every volunteer that made our 2017 Operation Christmas Child campaign a HUGE success! Much effort, energy, time and resources are put into this campaign. Each of us are blessed as we reach out to bless hurting children around the world.



**The total number of shoeboxes packed and collected at CCA was 723.**

**The total number of shoeboxes collected in the Carleton Place and surrounding areas was 3062!!!**

Congratulations to the following classes/students:

**Most shoeboxes collected by a class:** Mrs. Gardiners' Grade 8 class for bringing in 403 shoeboxes! Amazing! Way to go Grade 8's for great teamwork in making the "Jesus" Shoebox wall! Honorable mention goes out to the Grade 3's for bringing in 81 shoeboxes. Awesome!

**Most shoeboxes collected by a student/team:** Haley's Shoebox Club for making crafts to go in their shoeboxes and collecting 129 shoeboxes in 2017. Way to go Dana Hogan, Haley O'Brien, Ella Hall and Sydney Brown!

**Most creative way of collecting shoeboxes:** Willem Hagenars for collecting 40 shoeboxes.

THANK YOU for packing a shoebox and changing [the](#) life of a child in 2017!



## Grade 8 Fundraising

Our Grade 8 class has launched a "Coffee, Cheese & Popcorn" fundraiser to help with the spring grad trip. On Nov. 16 order forms were sent home in your child's bag. These are delicious products that we hope will brighten your winter and make your Christmas shopping easier. Please be reminded that completed order forms are due on THURSDAY, November 30. Enjoy your purchases and we greatly appreciate your support!

## Inclement Weather Info

School closures or class cancellations will be circulated by email generally by 6:30 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.

The Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario website will post bus delays or cancellations. [www.steo.ca](http://www.steo.ca)

## No Bus Afternoon

Thursday, December 21st Please join us for our Christmas assembly before the holidays.

## Non-Uniform Days

CCA students will once again benefit from the very generous bidders at the Charity Auction and will have the option of not wearing their uniforms during the 16 school day Fridays starting January 12th and ending with May 25.

We will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday December 1st (food drive for Christmas hampers).

## Sports

### Flag Football

It was a cool day as the 2 CCA teams prepared to play hard at the Lanark Invitational Tournament in Perth. Both teams gave their best efforts and showed great grit and sportsmanship on and off the field. Great job players and coaches for representing CCA well at the tournament. Thanks to our coaches Ms. Barkley and Mrs. Hamelin.



### Volleyball

Practices are well under way for all of our volleyball teams. We have been working hard at the fundamentals of the game and look forward to our tournaments.

Sr Boys at SJCHS on Friday December 8th. Snow date Monday December 11th

Jr Boys at NDCHS on Monday December 4th. Snow date Monday December 11th

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## **Intramurals**

After a great turn out for our soccer season we are excited to begin our Volleyball tournament. The kids in Grades 1-4 will be getting a chance to play starting in December. We are excited to have a blast on the court!

- Ms. Barkley, Lead of Athletics

## **Swimming Lessons for grades 1 - 5**

Please note that swimming lessons start immediately after we return from Christmas holidays, on Tuesday January 9th. Lessons will run Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until January 25. Please return all required forms with your cheque or cash payment by Friday December 8th.

CCA offers swimming lessons for students in grades 1 - 5. These lessons are optional. The cost is \$65 per student, including transportation and six 45-minute lessons. The lessons are at the Carleton Place pool. Students are placed in appropriate classes for their swimming abilities.

Children not participating will attend the pool under the supervision of their homeroom teacher. 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.

## **The Storeroom**

The Storeroom continues to be a blessing to CCA and the surrounding community. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this ministry.

We are always in need of more volunteers. Whether it's helping on the showroom floor or ringing in purchases, without our volunteers we are not able to run The Storeroom. We are looking for volunteers over the Christmas holidays so if you have some free time or maybe a child in high school looking for volunteer hours, we'd love the help. You can contact the team at [thestoreroom@calvaryca.com](mailto:thestoreroom@calvaryca.com).

## **Grade 7 vaccines - Wednesday December 6th**

The following vaccines will be given to those whose parents requested them:

Grade 7: Hep B#1, HPV#1

CCA Family Discount at Local Vet Clinics. A reminder that our *Where's Franktown* Run Platinum sponsor has offered CCA families a 10% discount at their two local vet clinics: Lanark Veterinary Clinic in Smiths Falls and Carleton Veterinary Services in North Gower. These vet clinics are owned and run by the Lima family who have a son in grade 1.

Merry Christmas!  
Tom Bourne, Principal