



**CALVARY  
CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY**

*developing minds*

*building character*

*nurturing faith*



## A GLANCE AHEAD!

February 2018

**T**his past month saw some visitors from China come and participate in the life of CCA and our Canadian Christian homes. While they came to learn from us, we sure did learn from them also. We have so much to learn from people, not just in Canada, but all over the world. We are thankful for this opportunity.

The group came with a Christian teacher, Ms. Elizabeth, who is a godly, mature lady that has a heart to see the Gospel spread in China. Approximately 10 years ago, Ms. Elizabeth joined with a pastor and his wife, to start a church in Beijing. The church is thriving and has some 2000 people that attend each week - praise the Lord! It is on their heart now to extend the opportunity of being taught the Bible at church, to learning in school as well. They have started a Christian school where children are coming to be taught the teachings of Jesus along with learning the fundamentals of academics. It is incredible to hear stories of the Gospel spreading to lands where government parties are officially atheistic, and Christianity has experienced both hostility and persecution.

My heart is both encouraged and reminded of the promise of the Gospel. The promise that the Gospel is not just for Canadian or North American culture, but the whole world!

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Furthermore, we are reminded that no matter how great the hostility, how great the attempt to put an end to truth of the Gospel touching the lives of people, God is sovereign and continues to reach the heart and minds of people throughout the entire world. Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

*Romans 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?*



## Open House

We will be holding our Open Houses on Wednesdays February 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Open Houses are from 9:30-11:00am and 6:30-8:00pm on those dates. Please take the time to promote our school amongst your friends and contacts. We have prepared a poster that you can hand out to anyone who is interested. We are asking each of you to leave posters at your church/youth program or MOPS program. In addition, we have created an event on our Facebook page that we ask each of you to share with your friends and contacts.

Apple Seeds Preschool: ages 30 months and older  
CCA: JK to Grade 8  
CCHS: Grades 9 to 12

Ambassador Program. To help encourage "word of mouth" promotion, families that are directly involved in recruiting a new family to CCA will receive a \$500 discount on their next year's tuition. If multiple families are instrumental in recruiting a family, the \$500 will be divided among those families.



## Assemblies

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

Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00 pm - speeches before school body

Wednesday, February 28 at 2:30 pm

## International Students

It has been exciting to welcome 9 Chinese students into our classes, homes and school community. They traveled a long way from Beijing to have an experience in a Canadian Christian school and we hope they take home wonderful memories of their time here. We will certainly not forget our good times together! Their last day at CCA will be Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Facebook

Our Facebook page has become a fabulous way to promote CCA and keep our community up to date, gaining great momentum. 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 February 12 - Mill of Kintail Winter trip

Grades 4, 5 and 6 will be bused to the Mill of Kintail to participate in snowshoeing, track identification, habitats and animal adaptations. This is an outdoor field trip, with a building to warm up in. Students will need to bring appropriate clothing and possibly spare mitts and socks - as well as their lunch and drinks. Parent helpers needed. Please contact the office.



### Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Skating Party

Our annual skate party is scheduled for Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> at the **Carleton Place** arena at 75 Neelin Street. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Please make sure your child brings their skates and helmet. Students will be bused to and from the arena.

12:00pm - 1:00pm skating Kindergarten to grade 8

1:00pm - 2:00pm Staff/student broomball game (grade 8's)

2:00pm - 3:00pm skating grades 9-12

### Thursday February 22, 2-3 pm: Earth Rangers

CCA is excited to host the Earth Rangers, a kids conservation organization: The Earth Rangers Assembly is a 45 minute dynamic, interactive, multi-media experience that features **LIVE** Animal ambassadors demonstrating their natural behaviors. They use science-based information to educate children about the importance of protecting biodiversity while highlighting different conservation initiatives across Canada. Students will learn about the animal conservation projects they are helping this year, including the Gray Fox and Salamanders of Quebec's Covey Hill.

### Monday February 26 - Annual Ski Day at Mount Pakenham

This is a no-classes day for all students in grades 1 - 12. We welcome you to spend the day at Mount Pakenham skiing, snowboarding or in the new "WOW" program (tubing, snowshoeing and exploring nature). On this day CCA offers classes for only JK, SK and preschool at the school. Teachers will be at the hill helping students participate. Forms will come home to sign up for lift tickets and equipment if needed. Parents need to drive their children to the hill.

### **Grade 8 Fundraising**

#### Family Valentines Dinner

The Grade 8s are also hosting a **Family Valentine's Dinner** fundraiser on Monday, Feb. 12, at 6pm. Dress for date night, and bring any members of the family who want to join us for a delicious dinner, photo booth, and some heartwarming Valentine's fun. \$20 per person, or \$50/family. This could be a father-daughter date, or a mother-son date, or an entire-family night out...Your choice. Please RSVP to [cgardiner@calvaryca.com](mailto:cgardiner@calvaryca.com) by Friday, Feb. 9. See you there!



#### Teddy Bear Auction

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, the Grade 8s will be hosting a Teddy Bear Auction. Please send in your excess stuffed animals during the week of Feb. 5-9 and donor students will receive a chocolate heart to sweeten the deal. On auction day, students are encouraged to bring their enthusiasm and shopping funds to buy that special stuffie for that special someone.

### **Holidays**

No school on *Family Day, Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>*.

## **Lego Robotics**

Ian Dudley will be returning to run a series of Lego Robotics classes for students who signed up for this program on each Tuesday in February over lunch hour.

## **No Bus Days:**

Afternoon - Friday February 16 (Skate Party, families welcome)

All Day - Monday Feb. 26 (ski day at Mount Pakenham, families welcome)

## **No Uniform Days**

February 9, 16 and 23, thanks to the generous bidders at our annual Christmas Auction!

## **PD Day**

Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Public Speaking**

The annual tradition of the Public Speaking Contest lives on! Each student is invited to show-off their stellar speaking skills at CCA's Speech Night on Thursday, February 15th in the Gymnasium. Please note, all students will be presenting on the same night this year.

Speeches highlighted by our kind Judges will receive an invitation to compete in the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, February 17th.

In addition, students will be presenting their speeches in their respective classrooms and two students per class will be chosen to present at our Assembly on Wednesday, February 14th at 2pm. Although students will be chosen for the Assembly, the CCA Speech Night is open to any willing participant hoping to move on to the Legion Contest.

It is sure to be a fantastic night, celebrating the mastering of the coveted skill of public speaking. We hope to see you there!

- Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. - students in Grades 1-8 at Assembly
- Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - Primary, Junior & Intermediate (all Grades for those wishing to compete)
  - Primary (Grades 1-3) starting at 6:30pm
  - Junior & Intermediate (Grades 4-8) starting at 7:30pm

## **Report Cards**

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on Thursday, February 1st.

## **Sports**

### **Volleyball**

It was another great year for CCA volleyball. All teams worked hard at practices to be ready to compete in their tournaments. The Senior and Junior boys both came home with gold medals, while the Senior and Junior girls lost out in semis. Great job everyone! I can only imagine what next year will bring for CCA volleyball.



### **Intramurals**

Wallyball was a success with the Blazers winning the season! We are now starting Floor Hockey which sees a showdown of 5 Canadian teams. Children from Grades 1-8 are involved with this fun sport and are all enjoying themselves and playing really hard.



### **Swimming**

We have been enjoying our swim lessons for Grades 1-5 at the Carleton Place pool. The children have been working very hard to earn their badges and learn new things. We will be continuing our swimming into February because of some snow days.

### **Basketball**

The coaches are ready and the players are getting excited for our basketball season. The dates of the tournaments are:

Junior Girls: March 1st at St John's HS

Junior Boys: March 1st at Notre Dame HS

Senior Boys: March 5th at Notre Dame HS

Senior Girls: March 5th at St John's HS

### **Swim Lesson Make-up Dates**

To make up for a recent snow day, the following will be the replacement swim lesson dates. Bus will leave CCA at 1:15 pm and swim report cards will be sent home on the final days:

Tuesday January 30th: Grades 1 and 2 Thursday February 1st: Grades 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday Feb 6: Grades 1 and 2 Thursday Feb 8: Grades 3, 4 and 5

### **Winter Carnival**

Students are participating in an exciting winter carnival during the afternoon of Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fun winter activities and winter treats and snacks will make this day a blast. Be sure to dress for outdoor activities. Bad weather date will be March 5th.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,  
Tom Bourne - Principal

