



# Calvary Christian Academy

## A GLANCE AHEAD!

### DECEMBER 2009

The month of December has brought both joy and sorrow to the CCA community.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, parents and students attended the funeral of Lisa Ehrenholz, in support of Cevyn and her family as they mourned their tragic loss. She will be missed by us all.

As we enter the Christmas season, we make a journey towards light in this dark time. As Christians, the gift of Jesus gives us eternal light and for that we are grateful. The excitement of the children is increasing as they prepare, in their classrooms, in their churches and in their families for the Holy Birth. Our children are busily preparing as they learn carols, work on the Christmas musical, decorate classrooms and exchange gifts.

#### **Virtue of the Month**

##### **Theme: Wisdom**

Seek wisdom in life from God, just like the Olympians turn to their coach to learn sport.

##### **Verse: James 1:5**

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all...and it will be given.

## **Important Parent Reminders**

Medications: Any and all medications must be delivered directly to the front office with a completed drug form, also available on our web site.

Uniforms: Please remember that only CCA uniforms should be worn while at school (tops and pants), with the exception of outerwear. Running club shirts (orange, blue etc) are *not* uniform and should not be worn in the school. Contact Trish ([trish.kitt@calvaryca.com](mailto:trish.kitt@calvaryca.com)) if you need uniform items between orders and she will check the stock.

## **Johnston Family leaving CCA**

It is with sincere sadness that we say good bye to Oksana Johnston, and her parents, Chris and Craig (and younger sister, Brooklyn). Oksana will be attending school in Smiths Falls after Christmas. Oksana has been a pleasure to have in our classes. She will surely be missed; especially by our recess soccer players! Chris and Craig have been supporters of CCA since we opened our doors - helping with our building, auctions etc, even before having children of their own. In the days 'before Brooklyn', Chris headed up our resource reading program as a volunteer. We wish the Johnstons all the best and appreciate their support over past years.

## **Please no Christmas gifts for CCA teachers or staff:**

### **Donations to Ehrenholz family instead**

We are asking parents to consider not purchasing gifts for any of us this Christmas season. Though we have traditionally appreciated your thoughtful gifts in the past, we would all prefer parents make a donation to our special CCA fund in memory of Lisa Ehrenholz. Please consider this alternative for this year. We would love to be able to pass on a generous offering to Harvey and Cevyn. Thank you.

*(Donation box in front hall, or give at concert next Thursday evening. Note that donations should be in cash or a cheque addressed to Harvey Ehrenholz.)*

Likely we've all hugged our children a little extra over the last few days. With Lisa's passing heavy on our hearts, perspective and priorities seem clearer than usual. We are united here through CCA - our school is

community. Thank you for your role in our community. Special thanks are extended to the many families who made an effort to attend Lisa's funeral last Sunday afternoon. Our children did a fine job singing *Amazing Grace*. May we all cherish our relationships - love now, because we can.

We encourage parents to keep Harvey and Cevyn in their prayers. May we as a school never lose sight of their loss and sadness. May we all remember and celebrate our friend, Lisa - the mom who loved to help and loved to make others happy; the mom who loved to drive her 'bug' and make strangers smile.

### **Auction thank-you's**

We so appreciate all the volunteers and donors who put in endless hours helping make this year's CCA auction another great success. Extra special thanks go to Veronica Horsey who put in endless - and we mean endless - hours coordinating the Winter Wonderland auction. Details on money raised will be communicated once the final accounting is finished.

### **Field Trips**

#### **Wednesday, December 9**

Grades JK - 3

National Arts Centre

"Winter Wonderland. Dress uniforms, please.

*Due to the snow day this field trip has been postponed into February (NAC will notify about a new date). No need to send new permission forms.*

#### **Monday, December 14**

Grades K- 8

Ian's Evergreen Plantation. Dress warmly please!

### **Christmas Concert**

#### **Musical "Angel Alert"**

Thursday, December, 17 starting at 7 pm. Family and friends are welcome! Students are requested to arrive between 6:15 and 6:30.

Our students are performing the **Angel Alert** musical, directed by Mrs. Snoek and Mrs. Marshall, with choir conductor Mrs. Packer. An email request has gone out for costumes. If you can help by borrowing costumes from your

church or donating some of your own, that would be very helpful. Also, if your child needs to work on his/her music, please have them practice it. **Pot luck dessert social following the concert. Please bring some nut-free goodies to share.**

### **Christmas Holidays:**

CCA will be closed after the Christmas concert on Thursday December 17 and classes will resume on Monday January 4, 2010.

### **Sports**

**Basketball** to start week of JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Junior Girls** (grades 4,5,6) will practice on Mondays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. The grade 4's are the 'practice squad' - they are not likely to get game time this year as too young.

**Senior Girls** (grades 7 & 8) will practice Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Boys will practice Tuesdays and Wednesdays - details to follow.

**Athletes are expected to be committed to their team. They are expected to attend ALL practices** (recognizing illness, special occasions).

### **Choir**

Students are participating in choir on alternating Mondays. K-3 is grouped together on one week and 4-8 participates on the alternate week. Choir is optional for the students who are interested and takes place from 2:45-3:15. The students have been working on Christmas music and songs for the musical. Warm and grateful thanks to Erika Packer (mother to Charlie, SK) who has been volunteering regularly to lead our CCA choir.

### **Lego Robotics**

The lego club continues to be held during lunch hours, mostly on Mondays. We have organized a schedule so that the children rotate and all will receive instruction for 4 hours in total. The sessions began on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue until January 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a lego robotics contest offered in Ottawa, in February. If there is sufficient interest, we will organize a team in order to participate.

### **Assemblies**

There will be no Assemblies in December.

## **No Bus Day for December**

Thursday, December 10

### **Pizza - Hot dogs - Soup**

Pizza and milk are offered every Friday to those who pre-ordered.

Milk will also be available on Wednesdays at \$1 per carton.

Hot dogs will continue Wednesdays at \$1 per hot dog, alternating with Cup of Soup \$0.50).

Wednesday, December 2 - Hot Dogs

Wednesday, December 9 - Soup (cups and spoons will be provided)

Wednesday, December 16 - Hot Dogs

### **Student Portraits**

We are expecting the prints to arrive at CCA by Friday, December 11.

### **Grade 8 fundraiser - Christmas Movie Night**

Dear Parents,

Thursday, December 10th, the grade 8's will be hosting a "Surprise" Christmas Movie Night in the CCA gymnasium. For only \$2 you will receive admission into the movie, a bag of popcorn, and a juice box. We also suggest that you bring some extra to purchase any snacks from our bountiful Bake Sale. Parents are more than welcome to attend the Movie Night. It will be start at 4:00 and end at 5:30.

Thank you for your support,

Nathan Rice

### **Inclement weather info**

School closures or class cancellations will be broadcast on CHRI 99.1 FM (generally by 7.15 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 Upper Canada District School Board cancels local bus services, our school is closed. You can verify that by accessing the UCDSB Transportation Department's Web site at [www.ucdsb.on.ca/transportation](http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/transportation) and clicking on the "Bus Cancellation Status" button - we belong to "Carleton Place School Family".

We try to send out an e-mail, but frequently our Internet may be down due to the bad weather. We encourage you to call the school rather than expect a school e-mail about the school closure.

Have a great month and Merry Christmas!  
Sincerely,

Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Loten and Mrs. Kitt

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