



Calvary Christian Academy

A GLANCE AHEAD!

March, 2010

With March fast approaching and February almost behind us, here is what we have planned for our children and CCA parents:

Trivia Night

New date will be determined - still time to register!

Please consider coming out and supporting this fun fundraiser organized by Mr. Rice and his grade 8 students. You are encouraged to bring a team of up to 10 players. Cost: \$10/person.

For those of you who missed the latest Trivia Night e-mail from Mr. Rice, here it is:

The big night is just around the corner and teams are gearing up to show the nation they have what it takes. Make sure you sign up your team for a chance to take home the prestigious crown. Please RSVP to Nathan Rice at njrice23@gmail.com with your team members. Don't worry if your unable to get a team of 10 together, any number is fine (somewhere between 5-10 people).

Trivia Night Information

Date: TBA

6:30 pm registration; 7:00 pm start

Donation of \$10 per person

Bite sized goodies (snacks) at your table

10 different trivia categories, 1 Bonus Round

Come on out and support the Grade 8 class. The team of CCA teachers have been talking up a big game and look poised to take home a victory. Get your team together and show those teachers where it's at.

Snow Angels at CCA

Well, we must say that our CCA students are pretty close to being angels! As staff, we have been tremendously impressed with our students, your children! In this photo the whole school, 129 students and staff are lying in a huge circle in our field, making a ring of snow angels: clearly the World's Biggest Snow Angel chain ever, or at least in Franktown!



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Ski days at CCA

Weather permitting, we have booked two ski days on Mount Pakenham - Monday, March 1 and Monday, March 8. Families and friends are welcome to join us. There will be one bus available to drive children from CCA and back. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Barb Bacon who was once again willing to step in to organize and coordinate this big event.

For those children that are not participating in our Ski Day, there will be a non-academic day offered at school.

Permission forms and waivers (one for each skier) were sent home on Tuesday. Please read them carefully, fill them out and bring them back to school or directly to the hill on Monday.

Please note that **every skier (parent and child)** needs to have a waiver signed before getting on the hill. In some cases we have received waivers for children but not for parents or adults that will be going with our group. All those who didn't send their waivers back will not be allowed to go on the hill. Also, please e-mail school whether or not you are going to use the CCA bus. We need to know which skiers to expect at school and who are we going to meet with on the hill.

Please note: If due to bad weather conditions on the ski hill itself we have to cancel one or both of the ski days, there will be a regular academic school day at CCA. However, this will remain a NO BUS DAY.

If, on the other hand, there is a snow day and UCDSB cancels their busses, CCA will be closed as per a regular snow day (than means that the school ski trip is also canceled). 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 and clicking on the "Bus Cancellation Status" button - we belong to the "Carleton Place School Family".

Field Trips

Tuesday, March 2

Grades 1 - 8 in CCA Gym

Michael Mitchell: guest musician at CCA. Michael Mitchell is the most "in demand" school performer in Canada today and performs 250-300 school concerts yearly. Come enjoy his concert of Canadian folk songs.

Concert in CCA gym 1:45 - 2:45 pm.

Parents and family are invited! Kindergarten parents, you are welcome to come with your kindergarten children.



For more info, please visit: www.michael-mitchell.ca

Friday, March 5

Grades K - 8 at 1 p.m. in CCA Gym

School Touring Show - Perth Academy of Musical Theatre presents:



We are delighted to present CS Lewis' famous "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" starring our own Noah Anderson. We are proud of you, Noah! Parents and family are invited!

Assemblies

Wednesday, March 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Grade 4 children presenting a play at the Assembly.

Thursday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Easter Worship Assembly (grade 5 performing)

Other CCA Events

Puppet Day at CCA - **Tuesday, March 9**

Holidays

March Break - school will be closed for the week of March 15-19 and will re-open on March 22. Have a safe and relaxing March Break!

No Bus Days for March

Monday, March 1 - Ski Day

(in case of Ski Day cancellation, it remains NO BUS DAY)

Monday, March 8 - Ski Day

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Friday, March 26

Prayer Night at CCA

Tuesday, March 30. Details to follow.

Pizza - Hot dogs - Spaghetti

Pizza and milk are offered every Friday to those who have pre-ordered. Hot dogs will continue Wednesdays at \$1 per hot dog, alternating with plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic bread (\$3). Please send in a fork if your child will buy spaghetti.

March schedule:

Hot dogs - March 3 and 24

Spaghetti - March 10 and 31

Due to a snow day on Friday, February 26, pizza will be deferred to another week later in the school year.

Sports

Basketball Tournament Dates

Senior Girls - Monday, March 8 (ski day) at Montague School in Smiths Falls

Junior Girls - Tuesday, March 9, at Sacred Heart School in Lanark

Junior Boys - Wednesday, March 10 at Sacred Heart School in Lanark

Senior Boys - Thursday, March 11 at Sacred Heart School in Lanark

Also - all parents

Girls' Basketball Games at CCA - Wed. March 3rd @ 4:00 p.m.

Please consider coming and/or letting your child stay and cheer on our girls' teams as they play North Elmsley Public School in our own gym! This will be a fun, school spirit event! We are hoping to also get a night for the boys to play.

Celebrating the Olympics

Thank you for your efforts helping your children dress up for our Olympic activities. Their enthusiasm has been wonderful, and contagious!

Thank you too, to the parents who attended and supported our "Opening Ceremonies". Our 8 countries (pods*) represented themselves well - singing "Frere Jacques" in 8 different languages! Many children opted to have their photo taken with the Olympic torch, and motivational guest speaker, Mr. Jacques Morrisette. Copies of these photos will be sent home in bags within the next week.



Our Olympic Message

- **To recognize and value that hard work does pay off!**
 - We hope our children have gained an appreciation for setting goals, working hard, and accepting the results.
 - Though we've certainly tried to teach and celebrate our winning Canadian athletes, we have also tried to present balanced appreciation for every athlete.
- **Identification vs. Edification:** As much as we have wanted our children to appreciate our "Gold Medalists", etc we have tried to help them identify with these athletes. Primarily, to identify that every single Olympic athlete was once 'just a kid' like them.
- **Help our children always remember the year Canada hosted the winter Olympics**
- **Help instill Canadian pride!**
- **Help instill sincere thankfulness to God that we each are Canadian. We are so fortunate to have been born in this great country!**

Work hard - Play hard

It has been a pleasure to have some fun with the students during these two weeks of Olympic celebrations. We do like to reinforce the concept of

"work hard, then play hard". We remind them that such activities are earned privileges and we're pleased that they continuously work hard in school and at home with homework and projects, etc.

Repeatedly during our Olympic assemblies, and special POD* activities we have heard comments from observing adults like:

*POD=team - when all grades are split into 8 teams of about 12 children ranging from grade Junior Kindergarten to grade 8 with the goal of nurturing multi-grade relationships, through both co-operative and competitive activities.

- "We've never seen so many students (129) work together so calmly and co-operatively! And we would never have imagined they would clean up after themselves so well!" Mrs. Kathy Brunsdon, Parent
Comment referring to our student body working together in pods to make their team and personal Olympic flags.
- "I got goose bumps seeing the grade 7 boys taking such good care of the kindergarten children - they tied their laces, held their hands, helped them with the games, and snacks...I've never seen this in a school before."
Miss Wharran, CCA teacher

Observation made during our outdoor Olympics - We must say that all our children worked well together in their pods! Our older students are especially kind, caring and nurturing to their younger school-mates.

Manners at CCA

Parents, we assume that we are all on the same page here - as staff, we are consistently reminding and expecting all of our students to say "please" and "thank you". It is our hope that soon all of our students will inherently display common courtesies and manners.

Thank you, parents!

On behalf of staff and students, we extend a sincere thank you to Gretchen Heagy for making us all delicious "Beaver Tails" during our Olympics. As well, thank you Amy Atkinson and Christine Nicholas (and the other grade 8 parents) for your efforts cooking us spaghetti with the grade 8s.

CCA Chapel Time - Monday mornings

Starting in March, we will begin our weeks with a little chapel time. This will be an informal time where staff share a devotion and lead student body with a few songs of worship. We envision this to be a time of unity and intimacy between staff and students. Unlike our assemblies, our chapels are not intended to be shared with parents.

Introducing "Sport Stacking" to CCA!

All students will be learning the competitive sport of "SPORT STACKING" through special POD activities. Sport stacking is a highly respected activity whereby participants race to stack cups in pyramids. Once the initial skills are learned, students can progress to more complex designs, and improve upon their time to complete.

GOOD for the BRAIN and CO-ORDINATION: Like our *Brain Gym* exercises, sport stacking is respected for stimulating right brain/left brain functioning. Sport stacking is a wonderful warm up activity for hand-eye coordination, dexterity and mental focus. We encourage your family to try Sport Stacking!

SPORT STACKING AT HOME: Sport stacking is a fun family activity and can be easily done at home using plastic cups.

BORROW FROM CCA: CCA owns several sets of the actual cups and a timing mat. Parents wishing to borrow these for any weekend are welcome to do so by signing out through the office. Copies of the basic instructions and/or learning DVD are also available through the office or on-line

<http://www.speedstacks.com/docs/SportStackingInstructions.pdf>

Instructions are also attached to this newsletter.

SCIENCE FAIR and HISTORICA FAIR

This year we have opted not to host a school wide science fair as in past years. Classes will present a group project to fellow students on Friday, March 12th. After the March Break students in grades 4-10 will begin to work on their Historica Fair projects - essentially, anything Canadian! Our

fair will be held in early April. Details will follow from your homeroom teachers.

Staff Changes for the next year

As many of you already know, Mrs. Marshall will not be returning to CCA next school year. Instead, she will be taking care of her own baby which is expected in September.

Our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall!

Quote of the week

"Every problem has a solution!"

The Setting: Our school yard - full of waist high snowballs...trails meander everywhere... forts with tires as windows, snowmen with carrot noses...industrious children of all ages eagerly rolling more snowballs...

BUT...SADNESS...a grade 3 boy's snowman has fallen over...his buddies try and help...they consider blaming someone for knocking it over, staff tells them that it likely just fell over and encourages them to just make the snowman again, saying, *"Every problem has a solution!"*

Recess ends and the boys excitedly run to the staff member and say,
"we solved our snowman problem....we built him a casket!"



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Staff Changes for this year

It is with sincere regret but understanding that we inform you that Sarah Loten has stepped down from her position on our Administrative Team.

Sarah's contributions to our resource and enrichment programs will be truly missed. We expect that she will continue from the sidelines, to support both staff and board by sharing her vast knowledge, experience and perspectives. Sarah has stepped down to better focus on her family, career and educational pursuits.

And for the end....

Some of the fun moments from our February workshop with
Mr. Derek DeBeer





Have a great month!
Sincerely,

Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kitt

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