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A GLANCE AHEAD!

DECEMBER 2011

December is now here! With such abnormal highs in November, it is hard to imagine that Christmas will be here in less than a month. Christmas is such a wonderful time of year, isn't it? I love the fact that CCA continues to celebrate Christmas in its true meaning:

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23.

Too often in our culture Christmas is celebrated without remembering the birth of Jesus Christ - what a tragedy. Everything about the birth of Jesus was truly miraculous - God became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). No other birth has impacted our world like the birth of Christ - we split time by the birth of Christ. No other birth had the same response from heavenly hosts.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests"

Lastly, no other birth had the power to save people from their sins and bring them into a relationship with their creator God.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. John 1:21

This Christmas as we enjoy different Christmas traditions and festivities, may we be cognizant of the true meaning of Christmas:

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11



Apple Seeds Pre-School

Wow, only 3 months into launching a Pre-School program here at the Academy the word is travelling fast about our strong program! We are so encouraged at the response of families. We now have 15 families registered as of January 2012 and only have room for a couple more children.

Apple Seeds now have their own custom shirts. Please note the picture of Inari and Ms. Martel.



Assemblies

Wednesday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 22 at 2:45 p.m.

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

Canadian Tire Money - Challenge

Finally... the winners of the CCA CTM (Canadian Tire Money) Classroom Challenge are JK/SK and Grade 3! Our Kindergarten class brought in a total of \$280.60! Our grade 3's brought in an average of \$15.37 per student. Two DQ cakes have made their way to CCA to be enjoyed by the winning classes.



Truly, the winners are all of us, as the school "earned" more than the value of the items we purchased using the CT dollars. THANK YOU everyone for making it happen!

Sincerely,
Shelley Stepanuik (from the Auction Committee)

Carleton Place Christmas Parade

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the CCA float in the CP parade this year. The night was beautiful and our children did a marvelous job.

And guess what? Our float won FIRST PRIZE for best use of theme!!! It wouldn't have been possible without all the helpers and of course the children's smiling faces. Our little school shone!

Have a blessed Christmas!
Jen and Rich Keating



Christmas Charity Auction

A big thank-you to everyone for helping me coordinate the auction this year. So many of you came alongside me, helped out by doing so many tasks, and really relieved the burden. I could not have done it without you! It looks like on auction night, we brought in just over \$30,000, so we have lots for which to be thankful!

Blessings to each of you for your encouragement, help and prayers over the last couple months.

Jenny Erwin
Auction Coordinator



Christmas Holidays

CCA will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 23. Classes will resume on Monday January 9, 2012.

Christmas Musical - The First Leon

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Musical on December 21st at 7pm at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place. Dress rehearsal is Monday December 19th during the day.

Below is description of the musical.

In this charming musical, you will see the Christmas story through the eyes of Leon. You see, Leon is... special. Ever since he discovered that his name spelled backwards is "Noel," he's felt called to tell the world the true meaning of Christmas. But when he tries out for every role in the annual pageant, he finds that he's the only one who doesn't get a part. Rejected, Leon understands better than anyone how Mary and Joseph must have felt when they heard the words, "No room" that night in Bethlehem. Without really trying to, however, Leon does uncover the true meaning of Christmas when he identifies the real Star of Bethlehem.

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11*

Choir

We are encouraged with the large number of children participating as a choir singing the national anthem at the Ottawa 67's game on December 28th. Families with children participating are reminded that tickets need to be purchased in the office. Children participating receive a free ticket and all other family and friends purchase their tickets for a discounted price of \$15 (regular \$19).

Any questions, please contact Ms. Martel directly cmartel@calvaryca.com

Field Trips

Thursday, December 8

Grades 1 to 8 will be travelling to PDCI to enjoy the musical James and the Giant Peach.

Wednesday, December 14

Kindergarten to grade 8 will be travelling to Ian's Evergreen to get a Christmas tree, enjoy a wagon ride and hot chocolate.

Inclement Weather Info

School closures or class cancellations will be circulated by email 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 UCDSB cancels local bus services, our school is closed.

We try to send out an e-mail, but frequently our Internet may be down due to the bad weather. If you are unsure because you have not received an email, we encourage you to call the school. We will record a new message if the school is closed.

Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox campaign here at CCA was a HUGE success! CCA and the surrounding community raised 2157 shoeboxes. Yes, that is not a typo. We raised two-thousand, one hundred and fifty seven! Many, many boys and girls are going to be blessed this upcoming Christmas because of the generosity of each of you.

As an incentive, a few select staff members received a whipped cream facial - good sports our staff are.

A big thank you to Glenda O'Brien for organizing this incredible collection!



No Bus Day for December
Thursday, December 22



Sports

Volleyball tournament days:

Senior boys	Friday, December 2 at N. Elmsley Public School
Senior girls	Friday, December 9 at N. Elmsley Public School
Junior boys	Monday, December 12 at Montague Public School
Junior girls	Thursday, December 15 at Montague Public

Swimming

Please note that swimming starts on the first week after Christmas holidays on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. PLEASE RETURN ALL REQUIRED FORMS WITH YOUR CHEQUE OR CASH PAYMENT BY Thursday, Dec 15th.

CCA offers swimming lessons for grades 1 -5 students. These lessons are optional. The cost is \$55 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 stay at CCA for supervised center/homework/reading time.

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.

Community Events

December 3 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Every year Kanata Baptist Church hosts a Children's Christmas Shop for kids to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. The gifts range from 25 cents - \$3.00 (this includes gift wrapping.)

This is the annual fundraiser for Pioneers Club and it's a lot of fun for the kids. Parents are welcome to enjoy a coffee and baked goods while they wait for their kids. For more info, please contact Glenda O'Brien.

Have a great month and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Tom Bourne - Principal

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