



CALVARY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



A GLANCE AHEAD DECEMBER 2012

"LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!" After a mucky, dirty beginning to winter, I couldn't help but think of this Christmas Carol as I woke in the morning to see the snow fall and cover the ground with a clean looking blanket of white snow. The dirt on the walkway, the leaves that still needed to be raked, and the toys that were not picked up and were lying on the lawn were all covered and it looked beautiful!

The contrast between the dirty unclean surroundings and the clean, fresh snow helps to paint a picture of what the Psalmist prayed in Psalms 51.

...wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7

Isaiah also understood the contrast between a sinful life and the cleansing our Heavenly Father can offer.

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.

Isaiah 1:18

As we celebrate the Christmas season together and remember how some 2000 years ago a little baby named Jesus was born in a manger, may we be ever cognisant of who that baby was and how through his death we are able to be cleansed *as white as snow!*

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.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9



ASSEMBLIES

Wednesday, December 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m.

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



CANADIAN TIRE MONEY CHALLENGE

The winners of the CCA Canadian Tire Money classroom challenge (and DQ cakes) are... drumroll please... Most money/class: Ms. Barkley's Grade 1 and 2's - \$344.15 total (\$209 brought in the last week alone) (The runner up: Grade 5 with \$161.90)

While the Grade 1&2 total also gave them the most/student (impressive given they have the largest class)... The most money/student (average) goes to: Mrs. Hamelin's Grade 3's whose average was \$13.94/student!! The runner up: Grade 5 with \$10.79.

When every student from every class takes part in the bigger project... everyone wins! Certainly, the school is the biggest winner - in total \$1040.05 was raised, and a donation from CT Smiths Falls of an item thrown in "because of our efforts" translated into the same amount being raised at our auction!! It was a very productive year!

Thank you to all the amazing efforts of those who contributed to the challenge! It's very much appreciated!

Shelley Stepanuik

CHRISTMAS CHARITY AUCTION

Well, another auction is behind us! Thank you once again for helping pull it all together! I truly value all the physical help, the ideas, the encouragement and the prayers that went into the auction. A huge thanks to those of you who took on the responsibility of heading up a team!

So, on auction night:

- there were between 250 and 300 people in attendance
- we raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$26,000
- we sold over 400 items
- we consumed over 20 litres of ice cream!
- yes, we made a profit on all those purchases made with your children's Canadian Tire donations!



Thanks again!

Blessings,

Jenny Erwin

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

CCA will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 21. Classes will resume on Monday January 7, 2013.

CARLETON PLACE CHRISTMAS PARADE

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out with the CCA float in the CP parade this year. The float looks better and better each year and it is such an encouragement to see. 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 MUSICAL — THE NEXT NOEL

Everyone is invited to our Christmas Musical on December 19th at 7pm at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place. Dress rehearsal is Wednesday December 19th in the morning.

Below is description of the musical.

This musical is a sequel to *"The First Leon"*. Leon is again the center of the action, only this year he, having matured from the simple status of understudy, is directing the Christmas pageant. He has grand and lofty dreams and expectations for the program. However, the closer the cast gets to opening night, the more wildly overstated and ridiculous Leon's ideas become - and more importantly, the more the program becomes all about Leon's initiative instead of God's miracle at Christmas. The musical takes an "a-ha" bend when, the night before the performance, one of the little girls in the cast gets sick and cannot fulfill her role as one of the lowly sheep in the stall. All of the kids in the cast tell Leon that he has to play the part and that no one else can. Leon is defiant about having to play such an insignificant role - especially having to kneel. Then, he suddenly realizes that humble worship is exactly what our response should be at Christmas and all lifelong.

FIELD TRIPS

Monday, December 3

Grades 3 to 8 will be travelling to PDCI to enjoy the musical drama *The Great Robot Revolution*. The bus leaves CCA at 11:15 am and returns at 2:00 pm.



Monday, December 3

Kindergarten to grade 2 will be travelling to the Perth Library to engage in a fun library program. They will travel by bus with the older students. Please contact the office if you would like to accompany the students to the library field trip.

Friday, December 14

JK - Grade 8 will be participating in a school wide Christmas scavenger hunt in the back woods.

IMPLEMNT 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.

The Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario website will post bus delays or cancellations. www.steo.ca



INSTRUMENTAL BAND

Grade 6-8 Instrumental band is off to a great start with some dedicated members! We are preparing our debut performance of some Christmas selections for the December 19th concert at 7:00 pm and look forward to several more performance opportunities in 2013. Interested students and parents can contact Ms. Werner for more information.

METAL FUNDRAISER

Here's a breakdown of the last trip to the recycler:

Aluminum - 8 lbs. @ \$0.45/lb = \$3.60

Steel - 15 lbs. @ ~\$0.07/lb = \$1.15

Beer cans - 20 cans @ \$0.10/can = \$2.00

Trip Total = \$6.75

Total to date = \$18.65

That's \$18.65 to the school from items that would have been thrown away! Keep up the good work!



Next time you are throwing out items, see if they can be donated to the school for recycling - below are some examples:

Aluminum - cans, pots/pans, foil, pie plates, etc.

Steel - cans, lids from glass bottles, pots/pans and their lids, cutlery, etc.

Stainless steel - kettles, sinks etc.

Copper - house wire, network cables, pipe, fittings, extension cords, power bars, etc.

Brass - can't think of any examples, but it can be recycled.

Tip

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If you are parting ways with a small kitchen appliance (toaster, kettle, etc.), remove the cord and send both pieces in to the school.

The cord would be counted as copper (insulated) and the appliance would be counted as steel or stainless steel.

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Thank you for your continued support in this fundraising activity.

Kosta Koulofakos

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Operation Christmas Child Campaign was another great success this year @ CCA. We collected 1098 shoeboxes @ the closeout on November 22nd.

The grade 4s soared to new heights and captured the "Classroom that collected the most shoeboxes Award" with 132 shoeboxes. They will be treated to a pizza and bowling party in January (during school time.) If any parents are able to help with this event please contact Glenda!



The students that brought in the most shoeboxes were Ariel Hay and James & Thomas Moore. Ariel Hay also won the "Most Creative Award" for collecting shoeboxes. She made bookmarks from dried flowers and sold them for \$2.00 each - with all proceeds going to shoeboxes. Way to go Ariel!

The winners also won a Dairy Queen cake for their amazing efforts - to share with their family of course ... because we know this is truly a family effort. Thank you to every student, parent, family member and friends for participating in our shoebox campaign again this year. It truly is "A Lesson in a Box!"

We know packing shoeboxes takes a lot of effort and planning on your part ... but when we see the smiles on the kids' faces and hear the impact stories, such as Lelja Allison's, it makes it totally worth it. Check out Lelja's video @

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGGtWC528I&feature=related> ... for **this is the reason why we pack shoeboxes!**

To date CCA, Calvary Pentecostal Church, Carleton Place and surrounding communities have collected **2003 shoeboxes** ... and counting. Canada's goal is to collect 1 million shoeboxes in 2012. If you still have shoeboxes please drop them off at CCA. I'll collect shoeboxes until December 4th - as I'm going to the OCC processing Center and will take them with me.

Merry Christmas and God Bless,

Glenda O'Brien

NO BUS AFTERNOON

Thursday, December 20th

SPORTS

Volleyball tournament days:

Dates have not been confirmed yet. They will be in December and families will be notified as soon as we know.

SWIMMING

Please note that swimming lessons start after we return from Christmas holidays, on Tuesday January 15. Lessons will run Tuesday and Thursday mornings until January 31. Please return all required forms with your cheque or cash payment by Friday December 14th.

CCA offers swimming lessons for students in grades 1 - 5. These lessons are optional. The cost is \$58 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 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

[Children's Christmas Shop](#)

Saturday, Dec 1 from 10am to 2pm @ Kanata Baptist Church
465 Hazeldean Road

Sincerely,

Tom Bourne
Principal



