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ACADEMY**

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A GLANCE AHEAD! DECEMBER 2014

We are entering an exciting month! December is full of "extras" that make the school memorable and fun. The excitement of the month revolves around that important date on our calendar - Christmas.

We need to make sure that in the busyness of the month we don't make the same mistake that Inn Keeper made many years ago - having "no room" for Jesus.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

I wonder if the Inn Keeper ever came to the realization that he had the privilege of seeing Jesus - Immanuel, God with us - born in his Inn and didn't make room for him? Sadly, the Inn Keeper and most people around Bethlehem missed the very first Christmas the night Jesus was born.

In all the busyness and excitement of the Christmas season, we too can miss Christmas. It is my prayer for each of us that this Christmas would be a wonderful time of year with family and friends, but also a meaningful time of year as we make "room" for Jesus and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for sending His son into this world to be our Saviour.



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Assemblies

Wednesday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Regular Assembly

Thursday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m.

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

Canadian Tire Money

Congratulations! We met and exceeded our Canadian Tire \$\$ goal! There were some concerns earlier in the contest...grave concerns but, success is ours. You may have been told about the amazing presentation by the grade 8's (the video is a must see on our Facebook page). They overcame formidable odds to bring in their money (which they held back until the last minute). With grand flourish, superhero Jade delivered the loot - \$421.60!!! That brought our grand total to **\$1096.05**...annihilating last year's amount by 37 cents!!! Our little school has a massive heart.

Needless to say, the grade 8's win the DQ cake for the most money brought in by a class. According to contest rules and regulations, the same class cannot win two cakes...so the class winning the most money per student is the grade 1/2's. Classroom teachers will decide when the cakes will be consumed - if your child is unable to partake, please let the classroom teacher know.

Thank you parents for your support! This has been a fun endeavour and a great way for the student body to participate in the Auction.

Mrs. Chapman and the fantabulous fours!



Capital Campaign

We are very thankful to the Lord for the generous support of our many donors. God is blessing CCA with Capital Revenue which is allowing us to invest into different capital projects. Our track is almost complete and we are getting excited to begin using it for Running Club and other activities that help promote healthy living at CCA.

Over the last 2 months, CCA has received one-time donations totaling \$34,000 from multiple donors, in addition to our monthly contributions to our Capital Campaign. We are very thankful to all of our supporters!

If there is someone in your life such as a family member or friend who you feel may be delighted to support our campaign, let us know and I will be happy to provide them with more information.

Christmas Charity Auction

Thank you so much to each of you who helped with the auction. The decorating looked great, the food was delicious and plentiful, registration and check-out went well, and we had everything dismantled afterwards in an hour! I really appreciated everyone's help.

At the end of the auction, we totaled **over \$27,000** which was about 71% of the value we started with. This is up from last year's 68%! There were donations from about 120 solicited businesses, which is fantastic because none of us have had to lay out money for those donations! Good job everyone!

We thank the Lord for His wonderful provision through the auction! May each of you feel richly rewarded for your part in this fund-raising endeavour.
We serve an awesome God!

Jenny Erwin, Auction Coordinator



Christmas Carol Sing

Staff and students will begin each day in the gymnasium singing Christmas carols together during the final two weeks of school before the Christmas break.

Christmas Holidays

CCA will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 19th. Classes will resume on Monday January 5th, 2015.

Christmas Musical - David's Dynasty

Wednesday December 17th at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place at 7:00pm

This year, students and teachers are excited to present our 2014 Christmas musical, "David's Dynasty". A family of inquisitive, energetic shepherds discovers the meaning of being part of the "royal dynasty" that will one day produce a new king for their people. As they explore what the prophets said would happen in Bethlehem, they become part of the story unfolding the night Jesus was born. They learn that even though you may have to wait to see it happen, God always keeps His promises.

Events/Field Trips - need updating

Thursday, December 11 - all day

Parental volunteers from The Storeroom are setting up the gymnasium with gently used items to give students the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their friends and family. Gifts will range from \$1 - \$3 and volunteers will wrap the gifts before they are sent home. This will be a great opportunity for students to do their Christmas shopping in one place.

Friday, December 12 @ 9:45 am

The Ayorama Wind Quintet from the Ottawa National Arts Centre will be putting on a special guest performance at CCA, called the WINDerful Musical Zoo. Animals of every stripe and colour will entertain the students. Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" and Mussorgsky's "Ballet of the Chickens in their Shells" are among the musical works that will come to life in our musical zoo. They will also explore the fascinating story of "How Tiger Made Spider Build a Web". The professional quintet includes flute, oboe, clarinet, french horn and bassoon, plus narrator. Parents and other siblings are welcome to join us for this special performance.

Friday, December 12

Students will spend the afternoon in groups participating in a large Christmas Scavenger Hunt.

Tuesday, December 16 @ 9:15 am

Parents are invited to come and watch the grade 8's play the CCA staff in a game of volleyball. The game will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Thursday December 18

Grades 5 - 8 will be bused to Centrepointhe Theatre to see the musical Narnia, put on by the 9th Hour Theatre Company. Our own Ms. Barkley is the stage manager of this show.

Saturday December 27, 1 - 2:30 pm

CCA will sponsor a Free Swim (no charge) at the Carleton Place Pool over the Christmas holidays. Come on out for a fun family swim with your friends and neighbours!

Facebook Page

Friends and family can keep up to date with photos of school activities and events through our Facebook page. If you haven't "liked" us yet, be sure to do so!



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.

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

www.steo.ca

Movie Night

The leadership team is holding a fun movie night after school on December 16th. There is no price for admission to the movie. The leadership team will be selling popcorn, drinks and baked snacks during the movie to raise funds towards their mission trip. Movie title will be announced closer to the date.

Music

Greetings from music at CCA! Each class is preparing for some exciting performances at our upcoming assemblies and of course, at our Christmas musical extravaganza on December 17!

Grades 1-4 have begun to work on class pieces for our upcoming December performance. Each week students will be learning an instrumental and vocal piece. Students can sign out recorders to begin practicing at home with permission from home. A form will be sent out this coming week. We are looking forward to an awesome Christmas season.

In Grades 5-8 we are all working on class pieces that will be performed in December. Each week students are building endurance with their 20-minute practice at home in preparation for our regular classes and performances! Instruments can be signed out for one school night at a time. Grades 5 & 6 will be playing some familiar Christmas favourites and Grades 7 & 8 will be decking out the hall with their farewell to 2014 "Fanfare on Deck the Halls!"

For more details, contact Miss Werner at jwerner@calvaryca.com or Mr. Rice at nice@calvaryca.com.



Non-Uniform Days

CCA students will benefit from the very generous bidders at the Charity Auction and will have the option of not wearing their uniforms during the first 10 Fridays of the new year.

We will be having two non-uniform days on Friday December 5th and Tuesday December 9th. The cost of the non-uniform opportunity for students is an item to donate to the Christmas shopping day on Thursday December 11th.

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank-you to Steve and Glenda O'Brien, Diana Billings and every volunteer that made our 2014 Operation Christmas Child campaign a HUGE success! Much effort, energy, time and resources are put into this campaign.

Each of us are blessed as we reach out to bless hurting children around the world. Canada's shoeboxes will be sent to Haiti, Africa (eg. Senegal, Guinea, Guinea Bisson, areas that are affected by the Ebola virus), Iraq and Ukraine.

The total number of shoeboxes packed by CCA students/community:

910 + 130 (from the packing party) = 1040 + community donations = 1284.

The total number of shoeboxes collected in the Carleton Place area was **2441!!!**

This is the most shoeboxes we've ever collected ... God is good ... All the time!

Congratulations to the following classes/students:

Most shoeboxes collected by a class:

JK/SK class for bringing in 405 shoeboxes and winning the Pizza and Bowling Party. WOW!

Honorable mention goes out to the Grade 5's for donating 236 shoeboxes. Awesome!

Most shoeboxes collected by a student:

Owen Billings, for collecting 299 shoeboxes ... those sneaky kindergarteners.

Most creative way of collecting shoeboxes:

Sydney Brown for collecting shoeboxes for her birthday in lieu of gifts.



Sports

Volleyball tournament days:

Tuesday, December 2 - Some girls on the Sr. Girls Volleyball team will participate in a tournament at North Grenville High School

Wednesday, December 3 - Jr. Girls at Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday, December 3 - Jr. Boys at St. Mary's

Friday, December 5 - Sr. Girls at Notre Dame Catholic High School

Wednesday, December 10 - Sr. Boys at St. John's Catholic High School

No Bus Afternoon

Thursday, December 18th

Swimming

Please note that swimming lessons start after we return from Christmas holidays, on Tuesday January 13. Lessons will run Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until January 29. Please return all required forms with your cheque or cash payment by Friday November 28th.



CCA offers swimming lessons for students in grades 1 - 5. These lessons are optional. The cost is \$65 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 be at the pool under the supervision of their homeroom teacher.

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.

The Storeroom

The committee for The Storeroom wants to thank all of you for your unbelievable generosity in your donations and of your time volunteering at the store. It's because of all of you that we have exceeded our expectations in sales and donations for our first year being open. We are truly blessed.

We currently have our first Storeroom Manager with us for the months of November and December~Theresa Summach. Theresa is in the store every Wednesday so please stop in and say "Hello"~ she's been known to put on a pot of tea for some of our loyal customers and is always willing to share in conversation and fellowship.

We are always in need of volunteers to help us out with their time. Whether it's helping on the showroom floor or ringing in purchases, without our volunteers we are not able to run The Storeroom. We are looking for volunteers over the Christmas holidays so if you have some free time or maybe a child in high school looking for volunteer hours, we'd love the help. You can contact our volunteer coordinator Naikia Ridenour at our email address thestoreroom@calvaryca.com.

Wishing all of you a blessed and safe holiday season,

Christina Humber, Committee Chair

Community Events

Redeemer Dance Academy is a brand new dance school in Smiths Falls led by a mother in our preschool program, Chelsea Gardiner. They are holding an observation week during Dec. 15th-19th and invite all students and families to come and watch classes and learn more about their dance school and mission. The exact schedule is on their website. redeemerdanceacademy.ca

Railway Museum The Smiths Falls Railway museum is hosting "Polar Express at the Railway Museum" on Saturday December 6th from 1 - 4 pm. The afternoon includes a ride in the Christmas caboose, treats & hot chocolate, ornament decorating, photos with Santa. \$5 per person, children 6 and under are free. For more info: [613-283-5696](tel:613-283-5696).

Paul Baloche Parent Pastor Doug Ford is taking a bus load of people to the Paul Baloche Christmas Worship Tour at the Life Centre in Ottawa. The cost of the event including the bus is \$20/person. If you are interested, please contact him directly at douglasowenford@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas Shopping Day - We are organizing another Christmas shopping day on Thursday December 11th and could use lots of help with set-up, day of sales, gift wrapping and clean-up. If you could help out, please let Naikia know as she is organizing the event - naikia@live.com

Merry Christmas!

Tom Bourne, Principal

