



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



A GLANCE AHEAD!

February 2015

The Lord has blessed CCA tremendously over the years and we continue to see His hand on this school ministry. The past few years we have unmistakably experienced the Lord's blessing on our school and we are thankful that more and more families are being added into our community to experience this blessing on their children and families.

It is our vision to see CCA extend and open our doors to include a secondary school in the near future. In fact, this vision was always the vision of the early founders of CCA as published in CCA's Constitution on September 1997:

Article II Purpose: The purpose of the Academy is the establishment, operation and maintenance of a Bible-centred Christian Kindergarten, elementary and secondary day school programme of education, in which instruction shall be provided in accordance with Article IV, Religious principles.

The Directors and leadership at the Academy have been prayerful while researching and investigating the merits and mechanics of a Christian High School at CCA. The High School will serve as an extension of the Academy, building on the vision and practices that have made CCA a success. The school will be phased in starting with a Grade 9 program and then progressively adding grades 10, 11 and 12 in subsequent years. Over the next year, board members, parents, staff and students will play an integral role in developing the framework for establishing the CCA secondary school.

As a secondary institution our mission at CCA will be to provide an innovative and dynamic learning environment that provides students with multiple opportunities for success and self-actualization. Our goal is to develop our students into independent and capable young adults with a desire to serve the Lord and others by providing them with an education rooted in core Christian values. We will pursue every avenue to ensure that our students are well equipped to navigate the challenges of tertiary study and vocational choice. Our students will be challenged at a high academic standard and given leadership opportunities to grow in their faith in addition to being offered a rounded program including Academics, Arts and Athletics.

We are excited to begin this new phase of CCA in September 2015. We are asking that each of you be in prayer with us as we seek God's leading. In addition, we are asking that each of you support us by spreading the word to families that may be of interest.

Open House

We will be holding our Open Houses every Tuesday during the month of February. Open Houses are from 9:30-11:00am and 6:30-8:00pm each Tuesday. Please take the time to promote our school amongst your friends and contacts. We have prepared a poster that you can hand out to anyone who is interested. We are asking each of you to leave posters at your church/youth program or MOPS program. In addition, we have created an event on our Facebook page that we ask each of you to share with your friends and contacts.

As a new incentive this year, we are creating an **Ambassador Program**. To help encourage "word of mouth" promotion, we are finalizing the details of the incentive.

Assemblies

Families are reminded to come and share in our assembly time together as students have a wonderful opportunity to participate.

Wednesday, February 4th at 2:30 pm

Wednesday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. speeches before school body



Facebook

Our Facebook page has become a fabulous way to promote CCA and keep our community up to date, gaining great momentum. We are hoping to reach 300 "likes". We are encouraging families to "like" us on Facebook to help promote CCA through social media. We consistently add photos and information about CCA.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calvary-Christian-Academy/119282690295>

Field Trips

Friday, February 20th - Skating Party

Our annual skate party is scheduled for Friday February 20th at the Beckwith arena on 9th line. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Please make sure your child brings their skates and helmet.

12:00pm - 1:00pm skating Kindergarten to grade 4

1:00pm - 2:00pm Staff/student broomball game
(grade 8's)

2:00pm - 3:00pm skating grades 5 to 8

Thursday, February 26th to Friday February 27th

Our grade 7 and 8 students will be participating in a 2 day/1 night retreat at Galilee Bible Camp. The theme of the retreat is Purity. Further information was sent home to the grade 7 and 8 families.



Holidays

No school on *Family Day, Monday, February 16th*.

Intramurals

Intramural basketball has begun for children in grades 1-4. This is a great opportunity for our younger children to be introduced to the sport and have lots of fun. Our Leadership Team is doing a fantastic job leading this initiative - well done!



Missionary Support Night

We are inviting everyone out to our Missionary Support night planned on February 23rd at 7:00pm at Calvary Pentecostal Church. Students who are participating in the mission trip to Grenada will be presenting to the group the program they are working hard on. A good will offering will take place. Please save the date.

No Bus Afternoon

There will be no bus home on Friday, February 20 after the CCA skate party. Families are invited to join us for the skate party at the Beckwith arena on 9th Line.

Public Speaking

Our students have been working hard once again on their speeches. Please note the evenings when students will participate in our school Public Speaking contest. This year we have added an opportunity for students to share their speeches to the school body.



Tuesday, February 17th at 7 p.m. - Primary (K-3)

Wednesday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. - students in grades 1-8

Thursday, February 19th at 7 p.m. - Junior, Intermediate (4-8)

Remembrance Day Posters

Congratulations to our students that participated in the Remembrance Day Poster contest and were recognized as a top entry.

Dylan O'Brien	2 nd Place Grade 7-9 Black and White Poster
Raine Dekok	2 nd Place Grade 4-6 Black and White Poster
Haley O'Brien	3 rd Place Grade 4-6 Black and White Poster
Sophia Chen	1 st Place Grade 1-3 Black and White Poster
Hailey Smuck	2 nd Place Grade 1-3 Black and White Poster
Arianna Roth	3 rd Place Grade 1-3 Black and White Poster
Ella Hall	2 nd Place Grade 4-6 Colour Poster



Sports

School basketball has begun and the students are doing great! We are encouraged with the number of students who are participating and the progress they are making.

Tournament dates are below.

Senior Boys' basketball	Tuesday, March 10, 2015	St. John CHS
Senior Girls' Basketball	Wednesday, March 11, 2015	Notre Dame CHS
Junior Boys' Basketball	Wednesday, March 25, 2015	Holy Name of Mary
Junior Boy's Basketball	Thursday, February 5, 2015	Turnbull School
Junior Girls' Basketball	Wednesday, March 25, 2015	St. Francis

Grades 4-6 Independent Schools Skate Meet Monday, February 2nd at Brewer Park Oval, Ottawa

Fathers & Daughters Valentines Dinner and Date Night

We are cordially inviting all fathers and daughters to Calvary Christian Academy's Valentines Dinner and Movie night in celebration of wonderful relationships and in support of the leadership mission team.



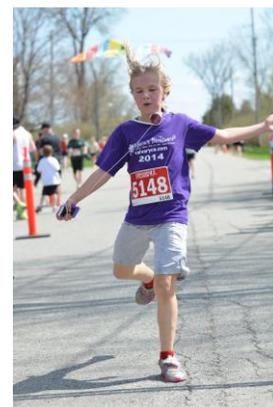
February 12th beginning at 6pm. \$20 per person gets you a delicious dinner served by leadership team and parents, some fun activities and an enjoyable movie together.

Please come be our guest of honour and enjoy a wonderful night out loving your father/daughter.

RSVP to reserve your spot kitchen@calvaryca.com

Where's Franktown

Our 11th annual Where's Franktown run is scheduled for Saturday May 9th 2015. Though this date may sound far away, preparations for the race have started and we are looking to build on a very successful year last year. In 2014, we saw over 500 runners participate in the event. The event is great for the school, both as a community builder and fundraiser. From an educational perspective, the race gives us a goal for students to reach towards as we promote healthy living.



Online registration has been set up and we encourage everyone to register early to help the race gain momentum. Runners get excited participating in a race with many other participants.

A few things:

EARLY RACE REGISTRATION

For the 2015 race, we are offering a complimentary "T-Shirt" for all participants who register before March 31st 2015. We encourage everyone to sign up early to take advantage of this offer.

You can download the registration form from <http://calvaryca.com/events/franktown/>

You can register with the Runningroom <http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=11605>

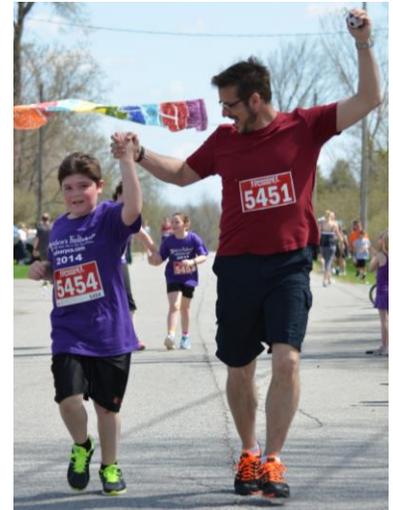
NEW THIS YEAR: To encourage active living and participation, new to this year is a virtual run. For individuals that would like to participate but are unable to attend the day of, we are encouraging runners to register for the virtual run. Participants would complete a run at home and we will mail out a participation medal.

PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP

A big part of the success of this run is getting sponsorship and promoting the run. Rachael Bell is leading this part of the race and is looking for help. Please consider:

- Whether your business could be one of our sponsors
- Whether you would like to help support the school by working with Rachael in this area.
- We are going to be sending out emails and Facebook posts and ask that each of you distribute to your contacts.

- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calvary-Christian-Academy/119282690295?ref=bookmarks>



VOLUNTEER TEAM / ROLES REQUIRED

The success of this race depends on each of you. We need all hands on deck for this race and each parent to help out. There are many areas of this race which need volunteers. Please consider how you can help out. Track your hours towards fulfilling your required 25 hours of volunteering.

The leadership of the race is being done as a group effort this year and we are thankful that Rachael Bell and Paul Young-Davies have agreed to work with myself to help make this race great. Any race communication, please direct it to wfrun@calvaryca.com

Winter Carnival

Students are participating in an exciting winter carnival in their POD groups during the morning of February 13th. Fun winter activities and winter treats and snacks will make this day a blast.

Yearbook

Our Yearbook preparation has begun! Yearbooks are a great way to remember all the good times we had at CCA this year. Mrs. Gardiner is leading the yearbook this year. If you have any pictures from sporting events, activities, assemblies, etc, that you can send in for the yearbook that would be great!

Community

Violin and Cello Lessons Available: Sarah Loten has some space available in her home studio, located 15 minutes from the school, for violin and cello lessons. Sarah has 25 years' experience teaching music in private, elementary (she was CCA's first music teacher!) and university settings. She has a background in cello classical performance and violin fiddling and has M.Ed. and M.Mus. degrees. She teaches using a variety of music styles including classical, Celtic, fiddling and popular, with an overall emphasis on learning good instrumental technique. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Loten by email at sarah.loten@gmail.com or phone/text [613-812-0438](tel:613-812-0438).

March Break Camp at the Railway Museum of Eastern Ontario (Smiths Falls)

RMEO is offering a March Break Camp, March 16-20. Transportation-themed full day camp featuring food, fitness and history. Ages 4-7 and 8-12. For more information: 613-283-5696.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,
Tom Bourne - Principal