



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



October 2015

We are one month into our 2015-16 school year and we feel richly blessed. The CCA community each year continues to remain strong with a real sense of glorifying God at CCA. Most of the staff at CCA have been around for many years and all have completely bought into the vision of CCA: *Christian education that provides a quality Bible-based education with an emphasis on strong Christian values.*

Prior to each school year, the staff get together to pray for and discuss the upcoming year and to revisit our vision and mission. I've been a part of that now for 6 years and it is incredible how unanimous we all are in wanting to see CCA develop children who are strong academically, but equally important, who have a real keen spiritual desire to not only use their academics, but their entire life, for the Lord.

We started something new at CCA this year allowing students to have a little active time before coming to class in the morning. Once students come into the school, we play an uplifting song and at the end of the song, students are to be at their desk for O'Canada, devotion and prayer. This has worked well.

The song we played today was a song by Building 429. The words to the entire song, and especially the chorus which you can read below, really resonates here at CCA. As I sit here writing, I have a tremendous sense of thanksgiving for CCA as a parent, educator and leader. God has richly blessed CCA!

♪All I know is I'm not home yet
This is not where I belong
Take this world and give me Jesus
This is not where I belong♪



After School Program

A reminder that CCA is offering an after school program. This program offers parents the opportunity of a later pick-up time for their child, while providing a fun environment, snack and social atmosphere that children look forward to. Children who are not picked up by 3:45 pm will be put in the After School Program. The program runs until 5 pm at a cost of \$8 per child per day or a family rate of \$15.

Assemblies

Thursday October 8th at 2:00 p.m. OCC Kickoff



Siblings, parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to attend.

At our Operation Christmas Child Campaign Kickoff, each child will pack a shoebox. This year our hope at CCA is to be a blessing to as many families and children as possible.

For further information, please contact Glenda O'Brien steveandglenda@sympatico.ca

Wednesday October 21 at 2:30 pm Regular Assembly

Wednesday, October 28 at 2:30 p.m. Regular Assembly



RUSTIC
COUNTRY
CHRISTMAS
CHARITY AUCTION

Auction

CCA's Christmas Auction is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st at the Carleton Place High School Cafetorium.

Invite your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Each CCA family will receive 6 tickets. Additional tickets are available at the CCA office or at the CPHS door on auction night.

Dessert Buffet & Beverages will be served. It is an exciting evening with both live and silent auctions!

Please remember each family's requirement:

- Family donation worth a minimum of \$100 (These are tax receiptable if the sales receipts are attached). Don't forget you can purchase something on sale as long as the value is \$100. You may want to consider pooling your funds with another family in order to purchase something of greater value.
- Solicit 2 businesses. Arm yourself with the donation request letter (available from CCA's website) and try to get a couple of places to donate goods or services to the auction. A good place to start is a business where you have spent money in the past (garage, hair salon, massage therapist, dentist, car dealership, coffee shop, etc). The time you spend soliciting counts towards your required volunteer hours!

Donations are due by November 6. You may leave them anytime at CCA in the front hallway.

- Volunteer. Please let Jenny Erwin know how you would like to be involved.

Items are added daily to the auction website: www.calvaryca.com and follow the auction link.

We've got a Facebook site dedicated to the auction <https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryChristmasAuction?fref=ts>

The direct link to our auction catalogue is www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/cca2015

Contact our Auction Coordinator, Jenny Erwin, if you have any questions: auction@calvaryca.com

Church Presentation

Our Leadership team and Worship band will be visiting Rideau Christian Fellowship in Perth on October 25th.

Fall Fair

Our Back to School Fall Fair last month was an excellent way to begin the school year. It was great to see so many people out and to have some of our alumni families visiting. A big thanks to Mrs. Hamelin for organizing this great event.



Field Trips

Friday, October 2

Grades 6 - 8 will be traveling to **Gatineau** to hike the **Luskville Falls** trail to a summit to have a spectacular view of God's creation. We will depart from CCA by bus at 9:00am and return by 3:15pm

Dress: Students are welcome to wear appropriate clothing for the hike (uniforms are not required). Be sure to wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Bring a bag lunch and water bottle.

Friday October 9th

Grades JK - 5 will be bused to the **Mill of Kintail** in **Almonte** where they will have a guided program on the trails, visit the museum, do a scavenger hunt and have fun on the newly re-opened playground. We will depart by bus at 9 am and return by 3 pm. Parent volunteers are needed.

Dress: School uniforms. Dress for the weather as this is mostly an outdoors event.

Lunch: Students must bring bag lunches and water bottles. No hot lunch will be provided. (If you ordered a hot lunch for that day you can have a credit on your next lunch order form.)

Free the Numbum

The talented Mr. Rice has been working on a new resource for teachers in the classroom, but which also could be used in homes to promote activity. This resource launched in September 2015.



Please take a look and help share this great resource with as many people as possible! (There is no cost.)



Give 'em the Boot!

This Thanksgiving season CCA is partnering again with Calvary Pentecostal Church to help give the underprivileged children of Guatemala new rubber boots for school. An old rubber boot is placed in the front hallway and any monetary donations are welcome. This fits greatly with our "Love Does" theme this year.

Lunch Program

Our daily lunch program meets the standards of our Provincial Health Unit. Lunch includes all four food groups with an additional serving of fruit or veggies. The cost to each student is \$5.25 per lunch per day for a large portion or \$4.25 per lunch per day for a small portion. Large portions will be larger - for example double portions of meat, or a second hot dog or slice of pizza. Lunches must be pre-ordered for planning / preparation purposes. There is a Family Meal Plan option for \$11 per family per meal.

More information including order forms can be found on our webpage <http://calvaryca.com/food-program/>

Holidays

No school on Thanksgiving Monday, October 12 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

No-bus afternoon

Wednesday October 14, Parent Observation Day. There will be a bus in the morning, but no bus home on this date. Bus families will be given priority in booking class Observation times Wednesday afternoon.



Parent General Meeting

Monday, October 5 at 7 pm. All families are urged to attend this evening meeting to be brought up to date on many topics.

Parent Observation Days

Wednesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 15

Parent observation days are not mandatory. They provide an opportunity for parents to observe their children in class. Forms will be sent home with children. To book your time, please fill out the form and return it to the office.

PD Days

No school on Thursday October 22 and Friday October 23. CCA staff will be attending the Global Leadership Summit.

Photo Retakes

Monday October 14

Students are to wear dress uniforms if they are having a photo taken. Please notify the office if you would like your child's photo to be re-taken. Photo proofs from the first photo day will be sent home before that date.

Running Club

Ongoing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your children have running shoes on these days.

Seaway Valley Principals Meeting

We are excited to be hosting principals from the Seaway Valley Principals Association for a day of meetings and presentations on Monday October 5th.

Softball Fundraiser

On Saturday September 19th CCA organized a Softball Fundraiser that saw 4 teams involved in friendly competition to determine the 2015 champion team. Congratulations to team Bible Thumpers on repeating as champions this year. Thanks to Chris Coker for leading and organizing the day.



Sport Events (for students who have been training at CCA on teams)

Soccer at Beckwith Park

Monday, October 5 Senior Boys and Senior Girls

Wednesday, October 7 Junior Boys and Junior Girls

Cross Country Run

Tuesday October 20 Grades 3-8 at Mill of Kintail

The Storeroom

Our second hand store, The Storeroom, located at 133 Bridge Street reached another milestone this past month - 2 years! We are so thankful for the Storeroom and all the volunteers. Without any question, it has been very successful in the two main purposes of the store: being a light in the community and helping to raise funds for the school.

If you are able to help out and volunteer, please contact us. If you have any large items you would like to donate we can pick them up.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date <https://www.facebook.com/thestoreroomcarletonplace>
thestoreroom@calvaryca.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Family involvement and volunteerism is critical to the health of our school. Volunteerism helps keep tuition down and enables families to take an active role in the spiritual, educational, relational, emotional and physical development of their children. Each family has an obligation to put in 25 hours of volunteer work each year (unless you opted out by paying the extra \$500). Please remember to keep track of your hours on the Volunteer Hours of Service form and to return this form in June 2016.

This month's volunteer opportunities are as follows.

Field Trip Helpers

We need parent helpers in grades JK to 5 to accompany the field trip to the Mill of Kintail on Friday October 9th. Please let the office know if you are available.

Auction

If you would like to help out in any way with the auction, please contact Jenny Erwin directly
auction@calvaryca.com

The Storeroom

If you are interested in volunteering at our new store in Carleton Place, please contact the ladies at
thestoreroom@calvaryca.com

Have a great month!

Blessings!

Tom Bourne
Principal