



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



A GLANCE AHEAD!

DECEMBER 2015

December is an exciting and joyous month for CCA! There are many different activities that take place over the month that often have a focal point of the birth of Jesus Christ. Between Christmas caroling to our Christmas musical our staff and students all understand the importance of Christmas; the birth of Jesus!

*For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11*

The exciting and joyous month described above seems to be in complete contrast to much of the world events that are taking place around us. Amidst so much darkness, conflict and chaos in our world of late many are entering into this great month with feelings and emotions that could include: frets and fears, rage and wrath, concern and uncertainty, patience and courage, and faith and trust.

For those of us with faith in Jesus Christ, may we see His birth this Christmas season, with fresh eyes to see that the birth of Christ is Good News for all the nations! This is the theme of our School Christmas musical this year. The title is **Christmas Around the World** and it is a celebration of the birth of Jesus as seen through the eyes of children from many different countries. The student presentation will illustrate the familiar scripture, God so loved the world... in a way kids can readily understand the wonder and excitement of the Savior's birth.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

Assemblies

Wednesday, December 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Regular Assembly

Thursday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m.

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



Capital Campaign

Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as CCA celebrates its past and looks to its future! The Building on Excellence Capital Campaign is planning a Christmas celebration on Saturday December 12th beginning at 6:30pm at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place.

As a community, we will enjoy musical entertainment provided by our students and alumni. We will discuss future plans and ideas that are integral to the growth and expansion of our school facility. We will explore available options and avenues for support as we celebrate the support that we've currently have. Child care will be provided.



Christmas Charity Auction

Another auction is behind us and we really want to thank our community for all of their contributions, attendance and hard work that helped pull it off! CCA earned \$26,000 at the auction! This is truly amazing!

A very special thank you to Jenny Erwin and her family for their great work and leadership! Each year this event is a success and they contribute much time and energy - thank you! We would also like to thank the Grade 8 class who secretly compiled Canadian Tire money and surprised us with enough to buy a TV to donate to the auction. Be sure to check out their video about it on our Facebook page.

Thanks so much to all of you who helped with set-up, decorating, registration, data entry, closing silent tables, check-out, clean-up, and food prep and serving. It took many hands and every effort was greatly appreciated.

Christmas Carol Sing

Staff and students will begin each day in the gymnasium during the final two weeks of school before the Christmas break to sing Christmas carols together. Families are always welcome to join us.

Christmas Holidays

CCA will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 18th. Classes will resume on Monday January 4th, 2016.



Christmas Musical - Christmas Around the World

This year, students and teachers are excited to present our 2015 Christmas musical, "Christmas Around the World". This is a 20-minute celebration of the birth of Jesus as seen through the eyes of children from many different countries. This simple musical presentation illustrates the familiar scripture, *God so loved the world...* in a way kids can readily understand.

The evening begins at 7:00pm at Calvary Pentecostal Church on Wednesday December 16th. Students are asked to be at the church in costume for 6:30pm

Events/Field Trips

Friday December 4th

Food Drive and Dress-Down Day. Bring in some food for local area Christmas hampers and enjoy a CCA dress-down day (i.e. no uniform). We have been requested to collect soups, crackers and juice.

Monday December 7th

Krista Wicks, local author and storyteller, will do a Christmas reading (with musical accompaniment) for JK - grade 3 from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Thursday, December 10

The Leadership team 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.

The week leading up to the sale, Monday December 7th and Tuesday December 8th, students can enjoy a dress down day if they are contributing an item to the sale. Any unwanted stuffed animals, toys, etc, make for great sale items.



Friday December 11

Arise School of Dance will give dance workshops to all grades through the day and then conclude the day with a performance at 2:30 pm.

Important Clothing Instructions for Dance Workshops:

Students should wear loose, comfortable clothes that they can move in.

-Pants or shorts with stretch in them. (Sweatpants or basketball shorts are best.) Absolutely no jeans, khakis, dress pants, or skirts allowed.

-T-shirts should be long enough that they don't show midriff when hands are raised about head. (Tip: You can wear an under-shirt or camisole under your tee and tuck it into your bottoms, so that it doesn't show anything when arms are lifted.)

-Please bring a pair of clean socks for feet.

-Any long hair should be tied back off of face in a ponytail or braid. If hair is too short, keep back with a hair band.

***JK to Grade 3 can be excused from wearing a uniform and come to school dressed for the Dance Workshop. Grades 4-8 will be required to change into gym clothing for the workshops.

Dress Rehearsal - Wednesday December 16th

Students will be bused to Calvary Pentecostal Church for a dress rehearsal.

Grade 8 vs staff Volleyball game

Staff are taking on the grade 8's in a friendly, but competitive, game of volleyball on Thursday December 17th beginning at 9:00am

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 7:00 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

No Bus Afternoon

Thursday, December 17th Please join us for our Christmas assembly before the holidays.

Non-Uniform Days

CCA students will once again benefit from the very generous bidders at the Charity Auction and will have the option of not wearing their uniforms during the 11 school day Fridays starting December 11th and ending with Friday April 1st.

We will be having other non-uniform days: Friday December 4th (food drive for Christmas hampers) and Monday December 7th to Thursday December 10th (donate to the Christmas shopping day on Thursday December 10th.)

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank-you to Steve and Glenda O'Brien, Diana Billings, Pastor Ivan Davis, Charity Hagenars, Roslyn Tegano and every volunteer that made our 2015 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 (Senegal, Guinea, Guinea Bissou) Iraq and the Ukraine.



The total number of shoeboxes packed and collected at CCA was 938. The total number of shoeboxes collected in the Carleton Place and surrounding areas was 2098!!!

Congratulations to the following classes/students:

Most shoeboxes collected by a class:

Mrs. Reid's Grade 6 class for bringing in 315 shoeboxes and winning the Pizza and Bowling Party. Honorable mention go out to the Grade 1/2s for donating 205 shoeboxes. Awesome!

Most shoeboxes collected by a student:

Haley's Shoebox Club - Haley O'Brien, Dana Hogan, Sydney Brown, Ella Hall & Lyndsey Ridenour, for collecting 187 shoeboxes.

Most creative way of collecting shoeboxes:

Jacob Wissink for collecting shoeboxes for his birthday in lieu of gifts. [Way to go Jacob!](#)

And THANK YOU for packing a shoebox and changing a life of a child in 2015!

Sports

Volleyball tournament days:

Monday, December 7 - Junior Girls at Notre Dame Catholic High School

Monday, December 7 - Junior Boys at St. John's Catholic High School

Wednesday, December 9 - Senior Boys at St. John's Catholic High School

Friday, December 11 - Senior Girls at Notre Dame Catholic High School



Swimming Lessons for grades 1 - 5

Please note that swimming lessons start after we return from Christmas holidays, on Tuesday January 12. Lessons will run Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until January 28. Please return all required forms with your cheque or cash payment by Friday December 4th.

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 attend 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

We have so much to be thankful for including the great progress of The Storeroom. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this ministry. It's because of all of you that we continue to have positive months each month.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our **Scholastic book club** volunteer, Laura Johnstone, is "retiring" from her volunteer position and we need to replace her starting in January. Laura has done an amazing job handling the book club the past few years and we appreciate all the work she has put into this, month after month. This position can provide all your required volunteer hours and more. It can even be split into two positions. If you have any interest in this please contact the office and we can give you more information. It's a great volunteer job to do at home.

Do you have a **green thumb**? We need someone to take responsibility for our CCA flower beds in the front of the school. Let us know if this is of interest.

Merry Christmas!

Tom Bourne, Principal

