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## A GLANCE AHEAD!

February 2016

**L**ove Does. Our students have heard those two words many, many times this year as we reinforce the truth of God's love to each of us and our necessity as Christ-followers to show love to both God and each other. Love is an action!

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

*1 John 4:7-8*

In one of his chapters in his book *Love Does*, Bob Goff shares with the reader a tradition he has in his family. When his children turn 10, they are allowed to go anywhere they want with their father; there is no limitation. It is interesting to read what his three children each picked to do and where to go on their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. My family does something similar for our children's 10th birthdays, just on a microscopic scale, so I appreciated reading the stories.

Bob then goes on to share the following that warmed my heart. I trust it will do the same for each of you. Each of us that have children love our children dearly. We want the absolute best for our children and we pray that they will follow God's guidance and that we as parents would make decisions for them that will help them be blessed.

*We sat bleary eyed at a small, beautifully apportioned, perfectly British table. A stoic server brought us goodies, and I only made it through one finger sandwich before I looked across the table and saw a ten-year-old girl who would be thirty-five someday taking her own kids on the same kind of adventures. And I thought about what God must see when He looks at us. Like I saw my ten-year-old turning thirty-five, I imagine He sees who we'll all become, too, if we start RSVPing yes to His invitations and go after those things He's made us to love. It's not all planned out for us either, and that's where most people get too nervous to take the next step. But know this: when Jesus invites us on an adventure, He shapes who we become with what happens along the way.*

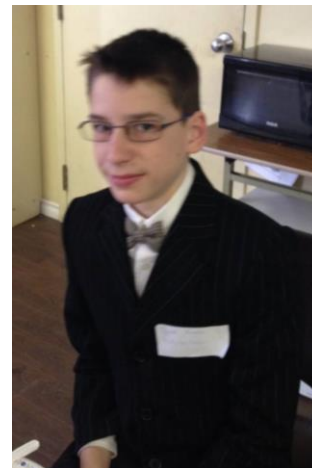
As a father and educator, I spend much of my day around children. As much as I love them, God loves them infinitely more and has great plans in place for them all if they would RSVP yes and seek him and go after those things He has made them to love. May we each as primary influences in our children's lives model to them a life of seeking God and His kingdom above all else. May each of us have the joy of seeing our children, and all the children at CCA, live an adventurous life with Jesus, being shaped by Him along the way!

## Open House

We will be holding our Open Houses the last two Tuesdays in February, the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Open Houses are from 9:30-11:00am and 6:30-8:00pm on those dates. 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.

Appleseeds Seeds Preschool: ages 30 months and older  
CCA: JK to Grade 8  
CCHS: Grade 9 and 10 (Fall 2016)

Last year we introduced the **Ambassador Program**. To help encourage "word of mouth" promotion, families that are directly involved in recruiting a new family to CCA will receive a \$500 discount on their next year's tuition. If multiple families are instrumental in recruiting a family, the \$500 will be divided among those families.



## Assemblies

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

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 pm

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 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 500 "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 19<sup>th</sup> - Skating Party

Our annual skate party is scheduled for Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Beckwith arena on 9<sup>th</sup> line. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Please make sure your child brings their skates and helmet. Students will be bused to and from the arena.

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 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> - Galilee Retreat

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.

### Monday February 29 - Ski Day!

CCA's annual Ski Day will once again be at Mount Pakenham. There are no classes at CCA (with the exception of Kindergarten and Preschool) on the Ski Day as all the grade 1 - 8 teachers will be on the hill. Bus parents of kindergarten (and preschool) kids, please note that there is no bus either way on this date.

If we have to cancel the ski day due to bad weather and UCDSB cancels their buses ([www.steo.ca](http://www.steo.ca)), CCA will be closed as per a regular snow day. We will put a message on the school phone and send an email detailing the decision.

### Holidays

No school on Family Day, Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Father/Daughter Valentines 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. All proceeds will support the students going on the mission trip.

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

RSVP to reserve your spot [suereid@xplornet.com](mailto:suereid@xplornet.com)



**No Bus Afternoon**

There will be no bus home on Friday, February 19th after the CCA skate party. Families are invited to join us for the skate party at the Beckwith arena on 9<sup>th</sup> Line. (There is a bus in the morning that day, but no bus home.)

**No Uniform Days**

Every Friday in February, thanks to the generous bidders at our annual Christmas Auction!

**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. On Wednesday February 17 students can share their speeches with the school body.

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. - Primary (K-3)

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. - students in grades 1-8

Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. - Junior, Intermediate (4-8)

**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	Friday, March 4, 2016	St. John CHS
Senior Girls' Basketball	Wednesday, March 2, 2016	Notre Dame CHS
Junior Boys' Basketball	Tuesday, March 8, 2016	Notre Dame CHS
Junior Girls' Basketball	Tuesday, March 8, 2016	St. John's CHS

**Where's Franktown**

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Where's Franktown?* run is scheduled for Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. 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 2015, 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. We are hoping to train on our new running track this year!

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 2016 race, we are offering a complimentary "T-Shirt" for all participants who register before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. 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

<https://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=12799>

**Virtual Run:** To encourage active living and participation, we also offer 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. Please consider:

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

### **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 needing volunteers. Please consider how you can help out. Track your hours towards fulfilling your required 25 hours of volunteering.

### **Winter Carnival**

Students are participating in an exciting winter carnival during the afternoon of February 26<sup>th</sup>. Fun winter activities and winter treats and snacks will make this day a blast. Be sure to dress for outdoor activities. Bad weather date will be March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Tom Bourne - Principal



