



**CALVARY
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ACADEMY**

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



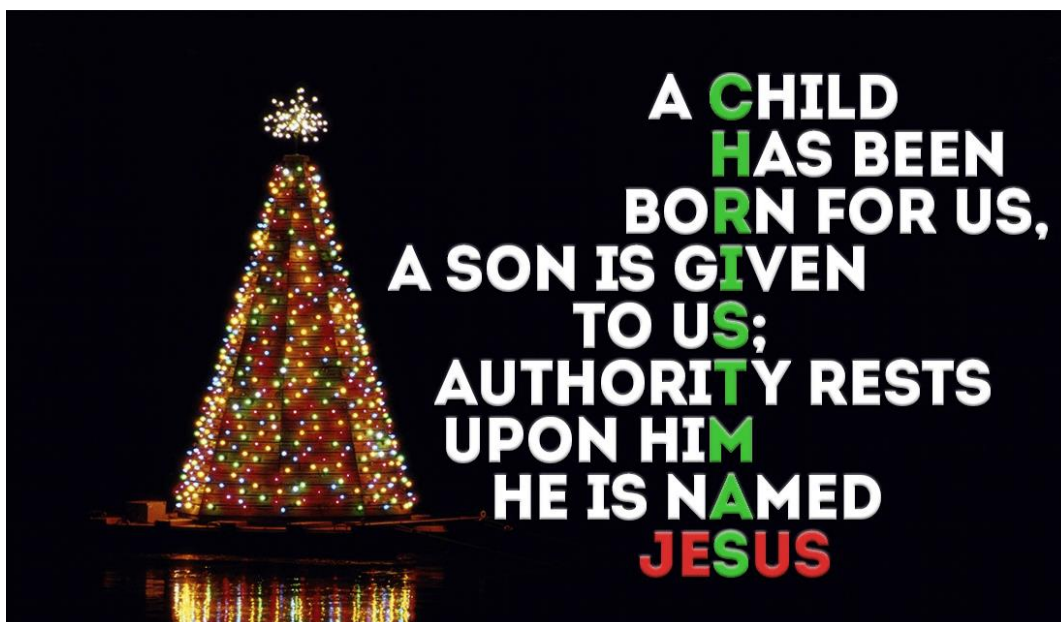
A GLANCE AHEAD!

DECEMBER 2019

Each Christmas season I've had the privilege to both give and receive gifts. As a child my thoughts and concerns were more on receiving gifts, however, as I have grown older and started raising a family, my desire and excitement for giving gifts has far exceeded my desire to receive (with the exclusion of wrapping...that is no fun). I have great joy each year seeing people I love very much smile and be excited over a gift I have given them.

The gifts I have given have varied in financial cost and thoughtfulness. Some years we've had a few more dollars to spend and were able to buy something that we ordinarily weren't able to afford. Furthermore, some years I've done a much better job and planning and preparing and was able to put much thought into the gift (unfortunately there are many christmas' where I am one of those people out on Christmas eve day trying to find a gift). However much time and money we put into our gifts each year, none of these gifts ever come close to the gift God gave us on the first Christmas 2,000 years ago - His son Jesus!

God's gift is the most costly gift ever given. Jesus left Heaven, dwelt in a fallen world, and eventually laid down his life for each of us. This Christmas as we are blessed to receive and give gifts, lets worship God together for his gift of his son Jesus!



Assemblies

Wednesday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. - Regular Assembly.

Thursday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Christmas Charity Auction

A huge thanks to everyone who helped make this year's auction a success! We are excited to share that we ended with a grand total of gross sales and donations of almost \$38,000!

Thank you for your donations, and to all who helped with set-up, decorating, food, registration, silent table closing, data entry, check-out, and clean-up. It was a huge group effort, and very much appreciated! Thanks to the grade 8's for presenting the live auction items so well! Thanks to the CCHS Boys and Girls Volleyball team for serving our food! Great job everyone! Thank you to Sylvia Bourne, Shannon Goltz, Ann Steenburgh, Heather Wills, and Richard Yee for leading the food portion of the auction! We had many compliments on the quality and taste of the food and it adds wonderfully to the evening.



A very special thank you to Jenny Erwin and her family for their great work and leadership once again this year! Jenny has been serving the school community for 8 years now leading the auction and each year she puts incredible amount of time, sweat and care into the event to bless each one of us.

Book Fair

A huge thanks to all families who participated in our book fair, making it a great success! We exceeded our goal and earned over \$800 in books and rewards for the school!!

Thank you to those who purchased books for your student's classrooms. New books to choose from at reading time are always appreciated!

Thank you to Mrs. Connor and her fabulous team for organizing another very successful book fair.

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 welcome to join us December 9 -19th at 9am.

Christmas Holidays

CCA will be closed for Christmas holidays starting Friday, December 20th. Classes will resume on Monday January 6th, 2020.

Events

Friday December 6th **Donation and Dress-Down Day**

Bring in new mittens, hats, socks, shampoo, conditioner and local gift cards for Lanark Interval House's Christmas hampers you can also enjoy a CCA dress-down day (i.e. no uniform) for \$1 for each student.

Monday, December 9th **Christmas Shopping Day**

It is our desire this year to once again set 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 - \$5 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. Please send your child with a list of names to shop for on this day.

We invite you to send in items to be put in the Christmas sale the week before the sale. Stuffed animals, toys, games and items for men and women make for great sale items, as well as kitchen items, books, household items, etc. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Proceeds from the Shopping Day event go towards the CCA Leadership Team Mission Trip to Grenada.

Monday December 16th **Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal**

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

Wednesday December 18th **Christmas Play "Star of Wonder"**

Students will be presenting a Christmas Play at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place beginning at 7:00pm.

This year's Christmas celebration is entitled "Star of Wonder." Imagine if the stars could speak - what would they say on that holy night when their Creator was born in Bethlehem? Join us for a presentation of wonder, humour and joy as our students creatively retell the Christmas story

Thursday December 19th **Grade 8 vs Staff Volleyball Game**

Staff are taking on the graduating grade 8 class of 2020 in a friendly game of volleyball on Thursday December 19th beginning at 9:00am

CCA Parent Facebook group

If you are interested in joining the CCA Facebook parent page it is called CCA Parent 2 Parent Connection and is a good place to track down lost uniforms, arrange sports event rides and so on.



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!

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank-you to Glenda O'Brien and every volunteer that made our 2019 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 less fortunate children around the world. **The total number of shoeboxes packed and collected at CCA was 248!**



Congratulations to the following classes/students:

Most shoeboxes collected by a class: Mr. Salisbury's Grade 8 class for bringing in the most shoeboxes! Amazing!

Most shoeboxes collected by a student/team:

Congratulations to the girls in grade 8 for joining together to collect the most boxes as a group.

Most creative way of collecting shoeboxes: Congratulations to Sage Lyons for selling her old clothes to buy items for shoeboxes. THANK YOU for packing a shoebox and changing the life of a child in 2019!

Grade 8 Fundraising

Equator Coffee

To all coffee drinkers far and wide; you can now drink more coffee at home while helping the grade 8 class. Talk about a WIN-WIN!

Deadline December 4th. Delivery December 11th.

Forms available in the office or by email.

Bake Sale

Grade 8's are having a bake sale on Wednesday December 11.

Inclement Weather Info

School closures or class cancellations will be circulated by email generally by 6:30 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 19th Please join us at 2:00 for our Christmas assembly before the holidays.

Non-Uniform Days

Dress down day on Dec 6 for \$1.00. Proceeds are going to the Interval House.

Christmas clothes/sweater dress down day on Dec 13 for \$1.00. Proceeds are going to the Interval House.

In addition, Mrs. Kitt always loved non-uniform days and at our auction this year she purchased a non-uniform day for the CCA community to enjoy. We will have a dress down day on January 10th

Sports

Flag Football

It was snowy day as CCA played hard at the Lanark Invitational Tournament in Perth. Both teams gave their best efforts and showed great grit and sportsmanship on and off the field. Great job players and coaches for representing CCA well at the tournament. Thanks to our coach Mrs. Vala and Mr. Salisbury.

Volleyball

Practices are well under way for all of our volleyball teams. We have been working hard at the fundamentals of the game and look forward to our tournaments.

Sr Boys at SJCHS on Wednesday December 4th. Snow date Monday December 9th

Jr Boys at St. Francis on Wednesday December 11th. Snow date Thursday December 12th

Sr Girls at NDCHS on Wednesday December 4th. Snow date Monday December 9th

Jr Girls at Holy Name on Wednesday December 11th. Snow date Thursday December 12th

Swimming Lessons for grades 1 - 5

Please note that swimming lessons for grade 1-5 start immediately after we return from Christmas holidays with the first lesson on Tuesday January 7th. Lessons will run consecutive days from January 7-10, and the following week January 14-16 and the last lesson on Jan 21st. Please return the required forms with your cheque or cash payment by Friday December 6th.

CCA offers swimming lessons for students in grades 1 - 5. These lessons are optional. The cost is \$75 per student, including transportation and eight 40-minute lessons. The lessons are at the Perth pool. Students are placed in appropriate classes for their swimming abilities.

The Storeroom

The Storeroom continues to be a blessing to CCA donating over \$100,000 to date!! The Storeroom is a blessing to the surrounding community as well. Thank you to Yvonne Hobbs for Managing and to everyone that has contributed to this ministry.

We are always in need of more volunteers. 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 Yvonne Hobbs at yhaskinhobbs@yahoo.ca

Community - Snow Pass Program

For \$29.95, kids can ski at any local hills up to 3 times each year of grades 4 and 5.

<https://www.skicanada.org/grade-4-5-snowpass/>

A warm Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!

Tom Bourne, Principal

