



CALVARY
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ACADEMY

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



A GLANCE AHEAD!

February 2020

Happy New Year, new decade! It is hard to believe that we are already half done the school year. Life is always busy with school commitments or even extracurricular commitments outside of school. Even though we may not be able to control these responsibilities, we can control how they affect us. Even in Kindergarten, I explain to the children that we always have a choice when we wake up in the morning. Are we going to whine or shine that day? On those particularly really busy days, Jesus shares many promises in His word to give us peace.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

Peace does not necessarily come instantly. It needs to be intentionally pursued and guarded. It is possible and it is promised.

" You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. " Isaiah 26:3

Children truly know how to keep life simple and have faith and trust. Even Jesus said, " **Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.**" Matthew 18:4

The God of the universe is also the pursuer of our hearts. He loves us and wants a daily relationship with us. Giving our hearts and minds peace is only one of the many promises He keeps for his children.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

- Thank you to Ms. Martel for this encouraging thought.



Open House

We will be holding our Open Houses on two Wednesdays February 5th and 26th. Open Houses are from 9:30-11:00am and 6:30-8:00pm on those two Wednesdays in February. Please take the time to promote our school amongst your friends and contacts. We have shared 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 other Christian programs. The poster is also available on our Facebook page that we ask each of you to share it. Listen for our ad on 99.1 CHRI family radio!

Apple Seeds Preschool: ages 30 months and older
CCA: JK to Grade 8
CCHS: Grades 9 to 12

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 12 at 2 pm - Regular Assembly

Wednesday, February 19 at 1:30 pm - Speech presentation Assembly

Candy Grams Feb 10-12

Student Leadership Team will be selling Candy-grams for \$0.50ea on Valentines Day week, February 10-12. Students can buy a small bag of candy and send it to a friend(s) they will be delivered throughout the week. This is a way to make someone feel loved and appreciate with an anonymous treat. Students can buy them at school and parents can order too. More information will come out closer to the date. All proceeds go to Compassion Canada.

Facebook

Our Facebook page has become a fabulous way to promote CCA and keep our community up to date, gaining great momentum. We are encouraging families to "like" us on Facebook to help promote CCA through social media. We regularly add photos and information about CCA. You can also like CCHS and The Storeroom Family Thrift Shop. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calvary-Christian-Academy/119282690295>



Field Trips

Friday February 14th- Skate Day at CP Rink 12-2pm

Grade k-12 will be bused to Carleton Place Arena at 75 Neelin Street to enjoy a free skate time and hot chocolate. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Please make sure your child brings their skates and helmet. Helmets are obligatory. Grade 8's will take on the staff in a game of Broomball so come cheer us on! Parent helpers needed. Please contact the office if you are able to come and help tie skates and supervise on the ice.

12:00pm - 1:00pm skating Kindergarten to grade 8

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

2:00pm - 3:00 p m skating grades 9-12

Monday February 24 - Annual Ski Day at Mount Pakenham

This is a no-classes day for all students in grades 1 - 8. We welcome you to spend the day at Mount Pakenham skiing, snowboarding or in the WOW program (tubing, snowshoeing and exploring nature). On this day CCA offers classes for only JK, SK and preschool at the school. Teachers will be at the hill helping students participate. **Grade 1 children must have a parent accompany them if skiing, otherwise they are asked to sign up for the WOW program.** Forms have been sent home. Parents need to drive their children to the hill and there is **no school and no bus to CCA** on this day.

Holidays

No school on Family Day, Monday, February 17th

No Bus Day:

All Day - Monday Feb. 24 (ski day at Mount Pakenham, families welcome)

No Uniform Days

In support of Compassion Canada for \$1 you can dress down on February 14 (also skate party)

Public Speaking - CCA Gymnasium 6:30pm

The annual tradition of the Public Speaking Contest lives on! Each student is invited to show-off their stellar speaking skills at CCA's Speech Night on Tuesday, February 25th in the Gymnasium. Please note, all students will be presenting on the same night beginning at 6:30 pm.

Speeches highlighted by our kind Judges will receive an invitation to compete in the Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, February 29th.

In addition, students will be presenting their speeches in their respective classrooms and two students per class will be chosen to present at our Assembly on Wednesday, February 19th at 1:30pm. Although students will be chosen for the Assembly, the CCA Speech Night is open to any willing participant hoping to move on to the Legion Contest. It is sure to be a fantastic night, celebrating the mastering of the coveted skill of public speaking. We hope to see you there!

- Wednesday, February 19th at 1:30 p.m. - students in Grades 1-8 at Assembly
- Tuesday, February 25th - Primary, Junior & Intermediate (all Grades for those wishing to compete)
 - Primary (Grades 1-3) starting at 6:30pm
 - Junior & Intermediate (Grades 4-8) starting at 7:30pm



Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on Thursday, January 30th.

Principal Picks - Right Now Media

Each of you should have received an email on December 9th, 2019, inviting you to join Rightnow Media. If you didn't receive this email, please let us know.

At CCA it is our mission to partner with churches and families in providing a Bible-centered, 21st Century quality educational program to equip, train and disciple students to follow Christ and have an impact in our communities. So, in a continued effort and desire to partner with you, CCA has purchased a subscription with Rightnow Media giving us access to an extensive, video library called RightNow Media! If you haven't availed yourself to this resource, I STRONGLY encourage you each to do so. I have been richly blessed over the last 6 weeks learning and growing.



I have created a few channels where I am adding studies and content that I have watched and used to further grow myself. Under "libraries" you will see Calvary Christian Academy link to a page where there are channels that we have created. I have created three different channels each titled Principal Picks with a different focus. Each month I am going to highlight a couple studies that I have used either here at the Academy or personally. I pray that it is an encouragement to each of you.

Principal Picks - CCA Professional Development

✓ Messy Grace by Caleb Kaltenbach - Reviewed by staff on November 29th 2019

These video resources combine Caleb's Biblical teaching with powerful testimonies from Christians who've been personally affected by LGBT issues and identity. This four-episode series will inspire and empower Christ followers to truly love all their LGBT "neighbors" while maintaining fidelity to the Scriptures.

My take aways:

- As Christians we walk in a tension of grace and truth - redemptive grace and God's truth
- As Christians we need clarity and conviction. Caleb suggested that "people who believe nothing are willing to negotiate everything." My prayer is that the Lord would give me clarity to know His truth and compassion to love those outside of it
- We must live out the Gospel always with dignity and respect

✓ Grace Based Discipline by Karis Kimmel Murray - Reviewed by staff on January 31 2020

In this study, Karis author of the book "Grace Based Discipline" teaches how parents (or in our case educators) can respond to our kids (students) with love, firm boundaries and grace-based discipline, even when their behavior lights our fuse.

My take aways:

- Learn to respond rather than react to your kids' misbehavior.
- Make rules that focus on developing godly character.
- Uncover the deeper issues behind your child's behavior.

Sports

Basketball

Our next team sport is basketball. Practices have started for all four teams. The tournament dates and locations have not been set. Information will be sent home as early as possible.

Student Exchange

CCA will not be hosting any new International Students this year but hope to resume in 2021. The Gu Family from China has enrolled for second term at the Academy and is settling into life in Canada and CCA. If you are interested in becoming a host for future programs you may send an email to homestay@calvaryca.com.

Used Uniform Sale ("Virtual")

Cindy Adegbile & Jayne Buckley do an excellent job at providing used uniforms for our families - thank you! You will all receive an email soon about a 'Virtual' used uniform sale (ie. Email sale) happening early February. Watch out for the email giving more details about the sale and start thinking about any used uniform items needed. If you have used uniforms please bag them and label the bag with your family name and they can be priced and added to the sale. Money earned from the sale is handed out to families about twice a year.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for one volunteer with a medical background to take care of the first aid kit(s) and supplies at the Academy. Ensuring that school kits are up to date and complete once a year. If you are interested in this role, please contact the office.

Winter Carnival

It's the heart of winter and CCA needs a little fun to overcome the winter blahs. We are planning our Carnival for February 7th from 1pm to 3pm. Feel free to come join the fun and watch some interesting sports; but be sure to send the students with appropriate gear for the outdoors, (especially snowpants). We will provide a treat as well, enjoy some hot chocolate and Timbits, with the students! If you wish to volunteer please contact the school (Mr. C). Hope to see you there!



March 16 - 20 - March Break

March 27 - Science Fair

Have a great month!
Sincerely,
Tom Bourne - Principal