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A GLANCE AHEAD!

NOVEMBER 2020

Last month we were reminded that the Lord will provide - praise God! He continues to provide for the Academy, and each of us, in ways that only He can - often with leftovers 😊 He meets, and provides for, all of our needs including both physical and spiritual. We were encouraged to pray that God would give us eyes to see with clarity all His provisions.

This past month I have been reminded on numerous occasions that God is good. We have all had moments throughout a day, week, or month where we thought "God, you are good". There is a specific experience where it was undeniably observable that there was no other way to explain it except that we just experienced God's goodness.

Those specific experiences are often intermittent, and sometimes bookends to long periods of challenges, heartache and pain. So what about the times in our life where we don't see or feel like we are experiencing God's goodness. Is God still good? He most definitely is! Our often near-sighted eyes or wandering hearts can miss it, but God's goodness is there. When we allow the Spirit of God to focus our hearts on God's goodness, it gives us perspective during the most difficult of days.

For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations. Ps. 100:5

This period of time we find ourselves in, has created a whole multitude of challenges that we are learning to work through. For some, the challenges have been minor hurdles and you have been able to keep pressing forward. For others, the challenges have led to some real setbacks, possibly including loneliness, stress and depression. What I've been encouraged to do during these times is to ask God to allow me to see afresh His goodness and I've been amazed at how much goodness I daily experience that would often go unnoticed.

The words of a simple prayer that we may say before a meal comes to mind. I love how often the simple things of life speak to us so deeply.

"God is great. God is good. Let us thank him for our food. Amen."

I pray that God will give us eyes to see with His goodness during both the bright shining times in our lives and the darker periods we can find ourselves.

Annual General Meeting - November 24, 2020

Our Annual General Meeting is a chance for new and returning families to hear more about what happens behind the scenes at the Academy. Any updates about the Board of Directors or new members would be voted in at this meeting. The meeting is hosted by Mr. Bourne and is about an hour and a half in length. More details will be sent out in the future about how we can host this event safely with Covid restrictions in place.

Auction Update

CCA's Christmas Auction "Gather Together" is scheduled to be online from Tuesday, November 24th through Saturday, November 28th. Instructions and the link will be emailed out shortly before the auction starts. Everyone is welcome and you are encouraged to share the link with others who can get in on the fun!



Every year, the price of auction tickets (\$120) is included in each family's tuition payments. Because we had hoped to be able to meet in person again by November, the tickets were not removed from tuition calculations this year. However, since everything is online and there is no need for "tickets", families will automatically get an extra \$120 added into your tax receipt calculations as this is now considered a donation to CCA.

Please remember each family's requirement this year to :

- **Solicit a minimum of \$200 value from business.**(If you do not solicit, you must give \$200 yourself.)

Huge thanks to the families who have already brought in their donations! The link to the online catalog will be emailed to families very soon! Here is a sneak peak at what you will find in it: Baskets of local goodies, Fireworks, TV, "Meet & Greet" a sloth, and much more! Stay tuned!

All donations must be submitted by November 18th at the very latest. (Earlier is definitely better.)

We are looking forward to virtually "gathering together" with you November 24-28!

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

After School Program

Our After School program continues to help families who need a later pick up time for their children on a regular basis or a one time situation. We've got some great young ladies leading our program. The cost is \$8 per child per day or \$15 per day per family. Please be sure to let the office in advance if you want to register for this program, or if you are going to be late and need care that day.

Thank you to the students who run the program!

Assemblies

**Assemblies are done virtually in the classroom*

Wednesday November 11 @ 10:45: am - Remembrance Day Presentation - Digital Presentation

Wednesday November 25 @ 2:00 pm - Digital Assembly



Bus

If you would like to learn more about our bus route you may inquire at the office. There is still space for more riders. Families can opt to use the bus full time or part time. A new stop in Ashton has been approved this year at the outdoor rink, if this stop interests you please contact the office.

If your child wishes to ride the bus home with a friend, please use a One-Time Bus Use Form to communicate this in advance, available from the office.

Covid Response Update

Cold weather and snow is just around the corner! We anticipate that outdoor assemblies and chapel will become less practical and staff had the opportunity to discuss this at our PD last Friday. We have decided to try to find the best model for group activities by trying two different models for the next couple of months.

For Chapel, students will be divided into their recess groups and enjoy chapel in the gymnasium on alternating weeks. Dividing into two groups will allow for appropriate spacing between cohorts while in the gymnasium.

For assemblies, we are going to try to have digital assemblies with students remaining in their classroom. Students will pre-record and submit their video to the office, and will watch the assembly as a class.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday November 1st 2020. Remember to put your clocks back an hour.

Grade 7/8 - Optional Immunization Clinic

For 2020/2021, the Health Unit will be conducting the school immunization program at host schools throughout Leeds, Grenville and Lanark. Information has been sent to eligible families.

These vaccines are optional, families can research which vaccines are best for their child.

*CCA has been scheduled for Sunday, December 6th at Smiths Falls District High School

Consent forms can be submitted online and parents will be required to schedule an appointment for their child through Eventbrite or can call 1-800-660-5853 and ask to speak with a member of the Immunization team.

Field Trip - Circle Square Ranch -November 4,5,6

Students will be split into 3 groups and travel by bus on 3 different days to Circle Square Ranch in Arden, and enjoy outdoor fun in a barn with bunnies and ponies, playing games and in tree forts. The day will end with a campfire and hotdogs. Permission forms must be submitted to attend the trip. COVID response efforts are in place at the Ranch.

Hot Lunches

The hot lunch program is still on hold until we have our new freezer installed. It's been ordered but we are waiting for it. As soon as we are able we will begin our food program.



Intramural Sports

Soccer

Intramural Soccer has been an exciting season for students in Grades 1-8. Senior and Junior teams played well and the finals were exciting! Congratulations to all players!

The Junior's played well as a team, showed determination, and enjoyed competing - Team Brazil won in an intense shoot-out in the end.

The Senior teams played strong throughout the intramural season, England came away winning first place in front of the whole school. Congratulations to all!

Great job players and coaches for being good sports. Thanks to our staff for leading and coaching and for Mrs. Reid organizing.

Turkey Bowl Football

CCHS students participated in the first annual Turkey Bowl on October 23.

The beautiful outdoor field and perfect weather provided them the opportunity to compete in team sport and determine the first annual CCHS Turkey Bowl champs - Congratulations to Team Pink for winning! It was a fun and beautiful day for sure! Thanks to Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Champman for organizing, coaching and cheering!



Lice Season

Parents are asked to routinely check their children's hair for lice. The school is to be notified whenever lice are found. In addition, head lice checks could occur periodically through the school year, particularly after summer & Christmas breaks, by trained volunteers. A student may re-enter school when the first of the 2 required treatments has been administered according to Health Unit guidelines. More detail concerning the Head Lice policy can be found in Appendix I in the CCA Parent Handbook (found at www.calvaryca.com at bottom of the "Our School" tab).

Mid- Term Report Cards

Mid-term reports will be send home on Wednesday November 11.

Operation Christmas Child

Each year CCA packs several shoe boxes with the organization Samaritans Purse, these shoebox gifts will be sent around the world and bless children who may not otherwise receive a gift like this. This year due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be hosting our annual CCA Operation Christmas Child packing party. Instead, we will be providing all students that wish to pack a shoebox, a starter shoebox. You can read more about this global initiative at <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/>

PA Day - Friday, November 27

CCA Professional Activity Day - Curriculum Review (NO SCHOOL)

Parent Teacher Interviews - Virtual

Thursday, November 12 - after school (5 - 8 p.m.)

Friday, November 13 - (9 a.m. - 1:00 pm) **NO CLASSES on this date.**

Please note that parents are required to attend Parent Teacher Interviews virtually. A link will be sent home to book your online interviews. Interviews are 15 minutes in length.

Remembrance Day Classroom Presentation - Wednesday November 11, 10:45:am

CCA will enjoy a virtual assembly hosted by The Memory Project, who will honour veterans this year on November 11th featuring short addresses, music, and poems from veteran speakers, and a moment of silence at 11 am. An invitation to join us virtually to commemorate the courage and sacrifice of current and past members of the Canadian Armed Forces has been sent to you by email.



Resource

We are happy to announce that our resource program is growing and expanding to include a separate resource teacher and Educational Assistants. Mrs. Connor is taking on the lead role as our new Resource Teacher. Mrs. Connor has been working with children at CCA for a few years now with great success. Her love for students and administrative skills are a huge blessing to the Academy. We would also like to welcome Mr. Andrew Francom and Mrs. Hyeen Foster to the resource team serving as Educational Assistants. Both Mrs. Foster and Mr. Francom come with education and experience in Special Education and are going to be a great addition to the team. We want to say a big thank you to Mr. Chamberlain for leading this program for many years while being a homeroom teacher - thanks, Mr. C!

Our Resource Program provides students with the opportunity for occasional help that is course-specific or general help with assignments. The resource program provides an opportunity for students to get more one on one help than possible in a classroom setting. When you sign up for a "block" of resource it will be either one on one, once a week, or twice a week in a small group ranging from 2-4 students.

There are 2 ways to have your child enrolled in the Resource Program;

- 1 - Based on a recommendation from an outside source such as a professional assessment and in communication with Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Connor.
- 2 - Preference or need identified by staff or parents and communicated through Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Connor.

Families can sign up and pay for the program with their tuition payments or make one time payments as needs arise and students are added to the program. Pricing information is found on our Tuition Policy <https://calvaryca.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Tuition-Policy.pdf>

The resource staff will also be assisting in special circumstances as deemed necessary by the teacher, such as a student who may need help or more attention with a particular assignment, supervision for a missed test or a student who has completed all their work and has moved on to something more challenging. We hope to create and foster a resource environment that is welcoming, friendly and accessible by children of all capacities. If you are interested in the remaining spots in our program please contact the office and we can begin the process.

Scholastic Book Fair

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO YOUR HOME!

It's a crazy *time*! To adjust to the many changes around us, we have opted for a Virtual Book Fair this season. November 9 - 14th you will have the freedom to shop from the comfort of your home. Purchases over \$35 will qualify for FREE SHIPPING, and all orders are guaranteed to be delivered to your door in 72 hours or less! Remember, Christmas is only a few short weeks away!

All purchases help our school gain resources and promote literacy in our classrooms and your home. And when you shop, please consider purchasing a book for your child's classroom library as well. Their teacher and classmates will be very grateful for new literature to choose from. How special for your child to personally deliver their class a gifted book. Stay tuned for more info about our TIME themed Book Fair.

Spirit Week - Two weeks to dress up and show some spirit!

Monday Nov 2	Tuesday Nov 3	Monday November 9
Crazy Hair/Hat Day	Fandomonium - what are you a fan of?	Frumpy Monday - COMFY clothes
Tuesday Nov 10	Wednesday Nov 11	Thursday Nov 12
PJ Day - no need to get dressed on this morning!	Lanark County Day (celebrate Lanark day by wearing your camo, plaid, hunting hats, etc	Time Machine - Past or future

Staff Update

We wish to welcome Mrs. Foster to our Resource staff and look forward to having her work alongside our students. We also are excited to announce that our staff family will be growing in the new year with some baby additions! Congratulations to Mr. Monaghan and Mrs. Monaghan who are expecting TWINS in the new year and to Mrs. Macdonald who is also expecting a little blessing in May. Prayer for healthy pregnancy and healthy babies are appreciated.

Tick Talk

As we enjoy the beauty of the day and the outdoors in the remaining weeks of fall please be sure to check your children for ticks. It's our practice to educate the kids and to have them self-check but some ticks can be very small so it's best to check again.

<https://healthunit.org/media/2020-archive/ticks-and-lyme-disease-what-you-need-to-know/>

The Storeroom

Thank you to everyone who supports The Storeroom. A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers that have contributed hours of service to The Storeroom over the 7 years it's been open. A big thank you to the Hobbs Family for their time and hard work over the past couple of years.

It's with a heart full of thanks that we announce that we are exploring the possibility of closing the Storeroom down. The Board of Directors and Storeroom Committee are working together to determine next steps for the store. The thrift store has raised over \$130,000 for CCA over the last 6 years, we are grateful for that season and look forward to seeing how God will continue to provide in the years to come.

Volunteer Opportunities

Family involvement and volunteerism is critical to the health of our school. As needs arise we will email out volunteer opportunities.

This month's volunteer opportunities are as follows.

Auction

Our auction coordinator will need volunteers to deliver some of the goods purchased after the auction. If you would be interested in helping deliver items to buyers please email her directly at auction@calvaryca.com

Cleaning

If you are interested in joining the "Deep Clean Team" and use your volunteer hours to deep clean the school evenings, weekends, or when it suits your schedule please let the office know. This cleaning will include areas that are not on our regular cleaning schedule.

Website

We encourage each of you to keep up to date by directing you to our website. We keep our website as up to date as possible, including an events calendar, parent handbook, school forms and other important information.

We also want to bring to your attention that we maintain an active online calendar to which you can subscribe for regular updates to your smart phone or tablet. When subscribed, changes to our online calendar will automatically be updated in your calendar. Our online calendar is found here <http://calvaryca.com/open-event-calendar/>

Have a great month!
Tom Bourne- Principal

