



October 2020

The Lord will provide....the Lord will provide.....the Lord will provide. I've found myself saying those words over and over again since the pandemic has started. Emotions of confusion, anxiety, concern, etc, have been in my mind and heart as I have sought clarity during this time of uncertainty. While experiencing these emotions, the Word of God would remind me of a well known truth "the Lord will provide". These reminders came at just the right time and provided the clarity I sought, but not clarity necessarily about COVID or the upcoming year or how to lead a school during a pandemic, but clarity of mind and faith of the one we serve and who daily provides for us. God would remind me that He is a loving heavenly Father, that I could put my trust in Him, that he owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Ps. 50) and is very gracious, that He knows the end from the beginning (Is. 46), that He is the supreme ruler of all (Ps. 82) and that He holds the worlds in the palm of His hand (Prov 30:4).

I was also reminded that for more than 23 years now God has met, and exceeded, the needs of the Academy from the beginning of CCA with 6 students, to the beginning of our Apple Seeds Preschool program with a handful of students, to the beginning of Calvary Christian High School with 4 students. God has always provided. Time and time again, we read in Scripture of the Lord's provisions. One of the accounts that I love reading about is found in John 6. Jesus during his life attracted large crowds (although sadly in his death he died alone) and on this day in history we read was no different. Crowds were following Jesus because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick (John 6:2). We read the crowd was so big, the men alone numbered more than 5000. Jesus wanted to feed each of them but Phillip told him it would be very costly, more than a month's wages, more than they had.

Jesus then went on to demonstrate his power and provision by finding a boy with 5 loaves and 2 fish. He sat the crowds down, took the bread and fish and from it fed all of the men, women and children, and they all ate as MUCH AS THEY WANTED! If that isn't miraculous enough, we read the following verses.

- John 6:12-13 When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

Incredible isn't it? Not only did he feed thousands of people without limit, there were leftovers! In my home we have hosted many events, including feeding growing, hungry teenagers, and it is rare to have leftovers. Needless to say, we have never had more leftovers than we started with.

With God it is different! He is our great provider, meeting our every need, with leftovers. When we live in light of that truth, the circumstances sure do look different. I pray that God would give me eyes to see with clarity all the provisions of God - and be grateful for leftovers.

After School Program

CCA offers an after school program each Monday - Friday. This program offers parents the opportunity of a later pick-up time for their child, while providing a fun environment, and monitored social atmosphere that children look forward to. The program runs until 5 pm at a cost of \$8 per child per day or \$15 for a family. Children must be registered in advance to reserve their spot in the limited program. Forms available online or by request at the office. Children who are not picked up by 3:45 pm will be put in the After School Program and billed for this service.



AGM and Parent Meeting: Monday October 20th, 7:00 pm

Please join us to hear about school events, current topics relevant to the school and information from the Board of Directors. More details will be shared in future communication.

Calendars and Events

Please continue to check our online events calendar on our website (accessible from the "events" tab). You can subscribe to our calendar using your smartphone. In addition, our 2020-2021 School Calendar can be downloaded from our website.

Assemblies

Wednesday October 14th, at 2:00 pm - Outdoor Assembly

Friday October 28th, 2:00 p.m. - Outdoor Assembly

Auction

CCA's Christmas Auction planning is underway. While we work with our Auctioneer to develop the details for the auction we move ahead in preparations. Thank you for soliciting local businesses and for your donations. Please be sure to check our list of "already solicited businesses" so we don't ask the same place twice. <https://calvaryca.com/businesses-solicited/>

Questions about the auction can be sent to auction@calvaryca.com

Back to School Fun

September was a month of firsts for sure! It's been so fun so to see so many new faces and watch as returning students help them feel welcome in the CCA community. Though we missed having our annual "Fall Fair" we look forward to a day where we can welcome parents, friends and siblings to an event. With the lovely weather we have had, most students have had the opportunity to hike the back trails, play outdoor games and learn outdoors. We are grateful for our 50 acres of beautiful property.



October Field Trips

We are not alone in navigating new territory and most places we would normally visit are not accepting any groups until further notice. We are looking at some outdoor activities that would be safe for our students. More information will come if these are confirmed.

Lunch Program

Our daily lunch program will likely begin November 2. The program will be a simplified program including a portion of the main dish, simple side and milk. The cost to each student is \$5.00 per lunch per day with a family max of \$13. Lunches must be pre-ordered for planning / preparation purposes. More detailed information and order forms will be sent out later this month.

Holidays

No school on Thanksgiving Monday, October 12th HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Nut Free Facility

Please be reminded not to send in any foods that may contain even a trace of nuts, or foods manufactured in such a facility. Parents are required to read all labels. Our teachers are encouraged to remove any foods that are suspicious. On this note, please remember to wash off any peanut butter residue from hands or faces before coming to school. "Life Threatening Allergies" policy is in the CCA Policy and Procedures manual.



PD Days

No school on Friday October 16. Academy staff are participating in Professional Development.

Photo Retakes: Friday October 30th

Students are to wear dress uniforms if they are having a photo taken. Students who were not at the original picture day will have their photo taken this day. After receiving your proof, please notify the office if you would like your child's photo to be re-taken.

School Sports Events

While school sport tournaments are postponed indefinitely we have begun Junior and Senior intramurals. It's been fun to get the kids back on the court and field and watch them compete.

Terry Fox

The Grade 8 Class has been busy organizing Terry Fox Run for Friday October 2nd and rain date Wednesday October 7th. Money raised from your \$2 donation to dress down will go towards Cancer research with the Terry Fox Foundation.

Fundraisers

CCHS (Calvary Christian High School)

Students will be selling and delivering Ice Cream bars every Friday beginning Friday October 2. Orders and payment will be collected on Friday and bars delivered at lunchtime. Bars are nut-free and will cost \$1.

Grade 8 Pumpkin Bundle Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who bought a Pumpkin Bundle in support of the Grade 8 class trip. We are praying the Grade 8's will be able to go on an end of the year graduation trip in June 2021.



The Storeroom

CCA's thrift shop is in need of more help. If you are able to help out and volunteer, please contact the Storeroom manager. If you have any large items you would like to donate we can pick them up. Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with sales and events. <https://www.facebook.com/thestoreroomcarletonplace> or thestoreroom@calvaryca.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Normally family involvement and volunteerism is critical to the health of our school. Volunteerism helps keep tuition down and enables families to take an active role in the spiritual, educational, relational, emotional and physical development of their children. Each family has an obligation to put in 25 hours of volunteer work each year (unless you opted out by paying the extra \$500). While this year is a different year with Covid restrictions we are hoping to be able to offer more volunteer opportunities as the year progresses.

Please remember to keep track of your hours on the Volunteer Hours of Service form and to return this form in June 2020. You can find the form on our website. <http://calvaryca.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Volunteer-Hours-of-Service-Form.pdf>

This month's volunteer opportunities are as follows.

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If you would like to help out in any way with the auction, please contact Jenny Erwin directly auktion@calvaryca.com

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Special Thanks

Thanks to God for protection and help during this transitional time and to our amazing faculty, Board of Directors, parents and students for each part you play in keeping CCA healthy and safe. A special thanks to Mrs. Steenburg for her support in the office for the month of September.

Have a great month!
Blessings!

Tom Bourne
Principal

