



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



A GLANCE AHEAD! February 2021

Who doesn't love a story? Humans love stories and storytelling! I've noticed that when someone begins telling a story I'm all ears! Maybe you've caught yourself listening in when you hear "hey, did you hear about..." I LOVE stories, about places, about things and especially about people. I believe that many of the successful tv shows, ads, and famous works are so well known because of the storyline, or the story behind the individual or work. Learning and listening to stories is a great way to relate to one another, to relay information and lessons and a great way to pass on traditions and spend time.

Did you know that the Bible is full of stories? True stories, funny stories, sad stories, scary stories, made up stories called parables that Jesus used to teach lessons and even LOVE stories. God knew that stories were a way of writing truth in our memories and hearts. You may not remember someone's name but you'll likely remember something about their life - where they went to school, a unique detail about their life, something to do with their STORY!

God is so wise, when he inspired the writers of the Bible to write His book, he filled it with relatable, meaningful and engaging stories - are you an athlete? You can read about training, competition and awards! Are you an outdoors person? You can read about the beauty of the earth and heavens and the care and detail God put into their meaning and purpose. Are you an animal lover? You can read about how God used animals in the Bible - even TALKING animals!!! Are you a soldier? Military? You can read about battles, leaders and powerful rulers! Maybe you're a people person and you'd like the stories about people and parties and celebrations! There are stories for every kind of person in the Bible - so much wisdom found in the pages in the 66 books contained in the Bible.



During the month of February, the world celebrates stories of love, February 14 is a day dedicated to celebrate love. Did you know the Bible has the greatest love story ever known? A true story and you're in it! Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for a friend.

The story of John 3:16 goes... **For God so LOVED the world that he sent his only son** - Jesus was sent to earth as a baby, how unexpected and unlikely!! Though this was prophesied, only a few people really knew about this arrival, his parents, his Aunt and her unborn child, some shepherds and a guy named Simeon and a lady named Anna (Read Luke 2) For such an important birth - not many people knew!

That whoever believes in him - believing in Jesus was about as polarizing as politics (or worse) did you know that the idea of Jesus being God, and loving ALL people the same was a new and very controversial idea - even today some have trouble believing that God loves everyone - YOU, ME and them! Religious leaders tried to stop this news spreading. Drama! Lies! Backstabbing! False witnesses! Murder! Read all about it in the gospels

Should not perish but have eternal life - Life not all you thought it may be? Read more about the redeeming love and abundant and meaningful life we can experience here on earth! Exciting! Relevant! A full life with God inspired moments each day! A life that promises power, free from the penalty and eventually the presence of sin by accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour!

The Christian life is a narrative full of plot twists and purpose, with hope and joy and a common thread of touching lives, changing stories and surprising endings - where are you in the story?

-- Sylvia Bourne

Open House

During this strange time of closures and lockdowns we are not hosting any Open Houses but are able to book tours for interested families after school hours. There are spots available in some classes and a wait list for other classes but please continue to spread the good word about CCA in your community. Word of mouth is the best advertising, please take the time to promote our school amongst your friends and contacts.

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 (Virtual)

Families are invited to send in pictures or videos of jokes, stories, short skit, pets or anything that the students would like to share with the school community. Children watch the assembly in their classroom and enjoy seeing each other. Start your video with an introduction "Hi, I'm Emily in grade 2"

Wednesday, February 3 at 2 pm - Virtual Assembly

Wednesday, February 17 at 2 pm - Virtual Assembly

At Home Coloring Contest

Attached to this email is a copy of a coloring page. This month we will be accepting the coloring page from all grades for a coloring contest. One student from each grade JK-12 will be awarded a monetary prize for the winning entry. Submissions must be in to the office by Friday February 26 (the last day of school in February).

Candy Grams Feb 10-12

Grade 8's will be selling candy-grams for \$1ea on Valentine's Day week, February 8-12. Students can buy a small treat (candy and card) and send it to a friend(s). They will be delivered throughout the week. This is a way to make someone feel loved and appreciated with an anonymous treat. Grade 8 students will go around selling them all week. If parents would like to buy some you can too, consider purchasing a class order for \$20. Send your order in with your student or for a class order you can email and e-transfer cmonaghan@calvaryca.com. All proceeds go to the Grade 8 class fundraising efforts.

Every student will receive at least ONE candy-gram

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. When appropriate, we add photos and information about CCA. You can also like CCHS and CCA Parent to Parent Connection.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calvary-Christian-Academy/119282690295>



On-Site Field Trip

Friday February 12th- Skate Day

Grade 1-8 will enjoy a time of skating, campfire and hot chocolate in shifts throughout the day. Please make sure your child brings their skates and helmet and have turned in the waiver for on-ice activities. Helmets are obligatory.

Kindergarten Families will receive an email from Ms. Martel and Mrs. Mayhew about a special winter day for them.

Holidays

No school on Family Day, Monday, February 15th

Hot Lunch

There is no hot lunch on Monday February 22, we hope our Ski Day will be possible at that point.

Health and Wellness

CCA and CCHS continue to experience overall health thanks to each family's careful attention to screening and in combination with the several measures taken at school. A weekly update is sent out by email to Academy families.

No Uniform Days

Every Friday in February is a Dress Down day for all students, thank you to our generous donors at this year's auction who purchased these dress down days.

Public Speaking

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 Contest. The annual competition at the Legion is cancelled for this year but CCA will be working on speeches for the Month of February for our own competition with prizes on March 5th. Two (willing) participants will compete from each grade.

Report Cards

Term 1 report cards were sent home on Friday, January 29th.



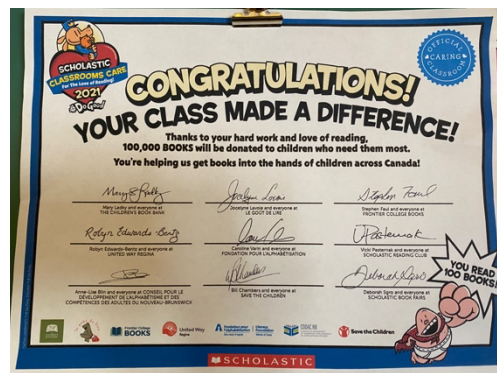
Right Now Media

Each of you should have received an email on January 5th, 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 purchased a subscription with Rightnow Media giving us access to an extensive, video library! If you have not yet availed yourself of this resource, I strongly encourage you each to do so. Many have been richly blessed over the years by this valuable resource.

Scholastic Award for Grade 4 Class

Grade 4 completed the 100 Book Challenge from Scholastic sent at the beginning of the year. The class got certificates and we were entered into a draw for June 1st. There was also a number of books that will be donated to those in need by Scholastic. Congratulations on reading 100 books Grade 4's!!



Sports

Basketball

Our next team sport is basketball. We will continue to teach fundamental individual skills while in a modified gym program. Broomball and Skating will be a winter skill taught in gym class for outdoor classes. Mr. Bourne has offered to skate each lunch hour with a class, a schedule was emailed today (Feb 1). Students need skates and a helmet to participate (and a waiver form send in).

Ski Day

We are in conversation with Pakenham Ski Hill, with hopes to book a Ski Day on February 22. Details to come at a later date. If the Ski Day is not possible, it will be a regular school day.



Student Exchange

CCA will not be hosting any new International Students this year but hope to resume in 2022.

Used Uniform Sales ("Virtual")

Cindy Adegbile & Jayne Buckley do an excellent job at providing used uniforms for our families - thank you! If you need any uniform pieces, please email useduniforms@calvaryca.com and our team will check our large inventory and provide you with a heavily discounted item - items sold by the used uniform team are in good used condition.

Volunteer Opportunities

At this time we are not permitted to have any volunteers in the school except when absolutely necessary. We understand that it is very hard to gain the 25 volunteer hours required and we hope to be able to offer more opportunities as the COVID situation resolves. We will do our best to provide safe volunteer opportunities when able to.

Alumni Spotlight - Maddie Froggatt

What path of schooling did you pursue after graduating CCA or CCHS?

After CCA, I went to SJCHS in Perth for 9-12. I graduated there in 2016 and headed to the University of Ottawa to complete my Honours Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies (with the addition of 3 co-op placements throughout).

Where are you at on that path?

I just graduated this past December and have started casually looking for a job. But I'm also planning a wedding, and that is basically a full time gig in itself!

Do you still have connections to the Academy?

Absolutely!! I am still very close with many of the staff and teachers at the school. My little brother, Simon still attends, and Gracie just graduated the high school last spring. Additionally, I met some of my best friends at CCA, and in fact, still see about 5 of them on a weekly basis. We're quite a tight knit group.

What would you like to share with the Academy students and families today?

You may not realize until after graduation just how HUGE of a blessing it is to go to such an incredible school like CCA. There really is no place like it. Enjoy it as much as you can, because time flies and before you know it, it will be almost 10 years since you graduated!! (2012)

How can we pray for you ?

Sam and I are currently planning our wedding for the end of May, and with that comes a lot of other things. We are strengthening our relationship and growing closer together in Christ as well as trying to prepare for the years ahead of us. We also are currently looking for an apartment for after the wedding. It's fun, but decisions are scary!! Not to mention Covid contributing greatly to how our special day will play out.

Any funny or special memories from your time at CCA?

If I were to write them all down you'd be reading this for hours. There was never a dull moment at CCA.

Finding a bear and 2 cubs in Opa's woods was memorable (and scary)!! Skating on the pond, playing capture the flag in the back acres, having bonfires, and so many more outdoor activities really made CCA's yard something to be grateful for.



Have a great month!
Sincerely,
Tom Bourne - Principal



