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## A GLANCE AHEAD!

March 2021

This month marks one year since the original lockdown from the COVID 19 pandemic. It is hard to fathom how much has changed in just one year. Some things that were once regular events or occasions to our culture and lives, have been postponed, modified, or cancelled altogether. For some, you have learned to adjust quickly and have welcomed some of the changes - who knew online shopping was so easy and would allow for avoiding the busy crowds at the mall? Yet for many of us, we long for the day when we can relive some of the "old days". Things we once did without second thought were practices or behaviors that we could not predict would vanish, they're now memories we want to relive (one example for me is being jammed together with a large group of people at a concert or church building collectively worshipping our God and singing with no restraint).

God keeps reminding me to not lose faith in the end of the story. Last month Mrs. Bourne talked about stories and how the Bible is full of meaningful and engaging stories. She ended her devotion by asking

- 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?

We are all at different parts of the story of our lives but share the same plot to our story with COVID. Covid has created many challenges, losses, disappointments, etc. History, not just our story, is full of periods of time with difficulties and challenges. We live in a fallen world and generations before us endured great challenges. The apostle Paul himself said;

- *2 Cor 4:8-10 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*

I am praying that each of us find strength in our Heavenly father and faith to endure the challenges we experience each day. May we not lose faith in the end of the story. We have a hope that extends beyond the temporal, beyond life here on earth, a hope of one day being with and like our Saviour for all eternity. Life is full of ups and downs, but as Christians we know the final call will be up! Let's not lose faith in the end of His-story.

- *Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.*

## 2021-22 Registration

Thank you for helping to promote our school through word of mouth and social media. Please continue to help us promote the Academy. We are offering our Ambassador Program incentive again this year. (Families that are directly involved in recruiting a new family to enrol to CCA/ CCHS will receive a \$500 discount on their tuition.)

\*At this time we have a wait pool for some grades / classes, application to the Academy does not guarantee entrance.

## Assemblies

Our regular monthly virtual assemblies will be on Wednesday, March 10th and 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please continue to send in pictures from home.

## Colouring Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in the coloring contest - winners will be announced on the morning announcements on February 26<sup>th</sup> and through email.

## Field Trips and Events

At this time we do not have any field trips planned for March but are hopefully expecting an email from Pakenham Ski Hill with details for a Ski Day. As soon as we have that information we will communicate to families.

## Health Unit Update

We continue to send regular weekly updates with the latest recommendations from Public Health. Please be sure to refer to the most recent Health and Wellness Update for the most recent information. If you have questions at any time, please contact the office.

Continue to pray for provision and protection for the Academy.

## Holidays

### Postponed March Break

CCA will be open March 15-18 and has followed the recommendations for re-scheduling the March Break to the week of April 12-16.

### Friday March 19 - No School Day

This one-day holiday has been added to the School Calendar to provide a long-weekend to families and staff. We pray you will be refreshed by this one day break. The Academy will be closed on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Memory Verse

Students this month will be memorizing passages from Psalm 119. Due date is April 9<sup>th</sup>.



## No-Uniform Days

Friday's continue to be non-uniform days for K-12 during the month of March because of generous donors at the auction who purchased non-uniform dress down days - thank you!

## Speech Competition - March 5th

This week and next, CCA students will be presenting their speeches. We plan to then set up a competition, featuring fun video recordings of two speeches from each class and some wacky but insightful judging :) There will be two official winners from each division: primary (grades 1-3), junior (grades 4-6) and intermediate (grade 7 &8). Stay tuned!



## Sports

Students continue to enjoy the outdoor activities such as broom ball, skating, forest games and even camp fires. We are so blessed to have such a beautiful property to explore and enjoy while the gymnasium use is limited.

## The Storeroom

The Storeroom officially changed hands on February 15<sup>th</sup>. We look back over the 7 years of business in the Carleton Place downtown core and thank God for the opportunities to bless individuals, families and the community with quality used goods a friendly face and warm welcome. We are thankful too for the \$150,000 that was raised through the efforts of all of the volunteers in those 7 years.

The new owner is a young lady who has graduated from the Teen Challenge Program, and been working at the Thrift Shop on their campus. Teen Challenge is a faith-based rehabilitation program for those struggling with addiction and mental health. Jeanelle is passionate about helping her community by providing physical needs and also help with addiction and mental health by partnering with Teen Challenge.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Deep Cleaners - we are still looking for some deep cleaners who may like to come to the school after hours, or on weekends to do some deep cleaning.



## **March Alumni Highlight - Breanna Reid**

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

After CCA I graduated with my Highschool diploma from Carleton Place Highschool. From there I graduated from Ottawa University with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Where are you at on that path?**

I am currently working as a Registered Nurse at the Napanee Hospital in the Operating Room!

**Do you still have connections to the Academy?**

Yes I do, my mom is currently a Teacher at CCA, she even taught me in Grade 6!

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

Take in every moment while attending CCA. It is a wonderful school with amazing people, some of my fondest memories are from these days. Also be patient with God, you may not always get the career path you want right away!

**How can we pray for you ?**

That my husband and I, Liam, continue to put God first in our marriage.

**Any funny or special memories from your time at CCA?**

I can recall multiple funny memories from CCA, but I will never forget the time when one of the former teachers, Mr. Moore, came to school one day dressed up like a girl with long hair. I can't remember why he came like that, but it was quite historical! Also moments like Christmas tree hunting in the back bush during Christmas, and water balloon fights at the end of the year celebration!

Thanks for reaching out to me, I will always love CCA!

**Looking Ahead**

**April - Virtual Easter Assembly**

**April - "March Break"**

**April - Historical Fair, Spelling Bee**

**April - Grandparent Day (virtual presentation)**

Have a great month!

Tom Bourne

Principal





