



October 2021

New Beginnings - is the theme at CCA this year. Don't you think "New Beginnings" sounds fresh and exciting, like something is about to happen soon, and you don't want to miss it? The best part of any essay, book or speech is usually the beginning, it grabs our attention, and we instantly decide if we are going to continue reading or listening (like this devotion - ha ha). As I ponder CCA's theme "New Beginnings" I can't help but realize that every new beginning signifies the end of something before it. Let me try to explain. A new day brings the end of the night, a new season brings the end of the last one, sound ends the silence, the Bible says even a seed must die (end) to bring on new life - so I've realized that every new beginning must first begin with an ending - so what does this matter?

To me, "ending" means the completion or the fulfillment of whatever time was allotted to any particular circumstance or season or period. Some of us are in a "season" of having little ones at home and sleepless nights - and it seems like this season can not end soon enough. Others see their kids marrying and moving away and it feels like this season came too soon. Several of us are somewhere in the mix of these seasons. The End - such familiar words to us, can be hard to hear, they can be difficult or even sad. Endings can be drawn out or brief. Endings can be unexpected or planned. Endings can be disappointing or exciting. One thing is sure, we must accept endings because every ending ushers in the beginning of something - and there is no telling where a beginning may go.

Therefore, beginnings are always exciting! Instinctively we recognize that something new has begun and it's a fresh start, a dawn, an idea, a shift, a "Genesis" or an origin and while often we wish we could tell the future, part of the fun is the wonder of what is to come. We always find out, as the unstoppable seconds of time consistently tick away at the same pace every day until what began at the beginning is evident. The Bible tells us that "He who BEGAN a good work in you, will continue it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phillipians 1:6). The best part about our lives is that we can have as many new beginnings as we want - the Bible is full of people who started over, needed another chance, or completely ended one thing to start something new. We can start new traditions, new friendships, new jobs, a new school, we can start new and healthier habits, or start a spiritual journey - there are countless beginnings and an endless amount of endings as different and as individual as you and me, but one thing is sure - each beginning begins with something ending.

As we focus on "New Beginnings" in 2021-22 I challenge myself to examine what is happening in my day today, and in my life right now that is making a place for something new to start? Some of you know that a broken knee has ended my mobility (hopefully temporarily) but has begun a path to recovery and discovering what the family of God means to me in a time of difficulty. What will end for you to make way for something exciting and promising? I can't help but remember that "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is HIS faithfulness! (Lamentations 3:22-23)

I pray that wherever you are at, if you are at a start or at an end, that you will be blessed with renewed excitement and energy for what lies ahead and be blessed to know that God's love for us never ceases and are NEW every morning.



God Bless, Sylvia Bourne

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.

Assemblies

Wednesday, October 6th, at 2:00 pm - Operation Christmas Child - Indoor Assembly

Friday, October 8th, at 9:30 am - Fire Prevention Week Presentation*

Wednesday, October 20th, 2:00 p.m. - Outdoor Assembly

**This year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™," puts the focus on educating children and adults about smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, their necessity, and how the sounds they make help save lives. Members of the Beckwith Township Fire Department will come to CCA and teach the students about the sounds of fire safety. This year as the Fire & Life Safety Officer have fun filled curriculum for this most important week, we will have three firefighters attend the presentation.*



Auction

CCA's Annual Christmas Auction planning is just underway. While we work with our Auctioneer to develop the details for the auction we move ahead in preparations. You can begin thinking of businesses that you can solicit, ideally a local businesses that you frequent or know well for donations valued over \$100. We will have a 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 regular 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.

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 2021-2022 School Calendar can be downloaded from our website.

Dress Down Day

October 1 - Terry Fox dress down

October 22 - "Onesie Day"

Last year staff celebrated the end of a great year by putting together a "onesie" video. If you missed it, or want to watch the staff embarase themselves again, take a look <https://youtu.be/GnEi2UuTf-8>



Many of the staff are eager to wear their onsie again to work....so, on Friday October 22 students can be excused from wearing a uniform if they wear a "onesie" to school.

Water Fun Day

Staff and students enjoyed a fun afternoon of outdoor water fun and welcoming the new students by soaking them! Thank you to Mrs. Reid for organizing this fun event!

Field Trips

We are not alone in navigating new territory and most places we would normally visit have reduced capacities or are limiting groups until further notice. We are looking at scheduling some outdoor field trips that that would be safe for our students. More information will come when these trips are confirmed.

Fundraisers

Grade 8 Pumpkin Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who bought a Pumpkin already, you can still order yours by emailing jenns@calvaryca.com or with a Grade 8 students. This is in support of the Grade 8 class trip.

CCHS (Calvary Christian High School)

Students will be selling and delivering Ice Cream bars every Friday beginning Friday October 1. Orders will be taken and payment in the classroom at lunchtime. Bars are nut-free and will cost \$1. Please send the exact change.

Holidays

No school on Thanksgiving Monday, October 11th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Lunch Program

Our daily lunch program has begun and the students seem to be enjoying the program as much as the parents. 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.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Year after year CCA families have worked together to pack as many shoebox gifts as we can!

For those who may not know, Operation Christmas Child is a subsidiary of Samaritan's Purse. They collect and ship shoeboxes filled with gifts to devastated and unreached people groups around the world. Included in each box is the gospel story, and recipients are invited to take a discipleship course to learn more about God's love for them. Last year over 9 million boxes were delivered to needy children around the world. Not all choose to take the course but of those who did, over 2.5 million children made a decision to follow Christ. This new-found hope spreads into their families, their communities, and changes lives. Last year, over 1000 churches were formed as a result of the mission of OCC!



Shoebox Drive Begins!

Wednesday October 6, 2021 2-3pm - OCC Assembly

Students will enjoy an interactive assembly and learn a bit about the mission of Operation Christmas Child. By grade, each student will be invited to pack a few starter items in a box, then take it home to fill. This is a fun opportunity to teach our children about the value of giving to those in need. There is a cost of \$10 to ship each box. If your child/children participates, please put money in one of the boxes that will cover the shipping for all the boxes your family packed. Or you can donate the shipping costs at samaritanspurse.ca under "shoebox donation".

If you do not wish for them to bring home a box, please let them know, or simply return it to school for someone else to fill.

Pictured here, a little girl pulls a new pencil from her box. Something so small that we take for granted could mean the difference between going to school or not!

SHOEBOX CLUB: New this year!!

For students who are extra excited about packing gifts, they can sign up to join me in filling shoe boxes with items that have been donated. There is no cost to be a part of this club as all inventory and shipping costs are covered. Classes will have an opportunity to participate by making cards to place in each box. **THIS IS SEPARATE FROM THE SHOEBOX DRIVE.**

PD Days

No school on Friday October, 28 and 29. Academy staff are participating in a 2-day Edvance Christian Schools Teacher Conference.

Photo Retakes: Monday, November 1st

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

Junior and Senior intramurals have begun and students are enjoying the competition at lunch hour. Grade 7/8's are looking forward to the Christian School's Soccer Tournament on Friday, October 1 at Charmaine Hooper Soccer Fields in Nepean. It's been great to get the kids back on the field and courts and watch them compete. Parents are responsible to drive or arrange carpool for sport tournaments.

Terry Fox

The Grade 8 Class was busy organizing Terry Fox Run which happened on Wednesday, September 29th. Each year CCA raises funds for this worthwhile cause and this year we raised \$380. Your \$2 donation is appreciated and helps fund Cancer research. Your donations earned everyone a Dress Down day on October 1.

Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

On Thursday, September 30th CCA commemorated the national Truth and Reconciliation Day by holding an assembly here at CCA. Mrs. May led the assembly because of her soft heart for indigenous peoples.

Mrs. May's family has a strong connection with Manitoulin Island, home to the six Anishinaabe First Nations, with many friends that live there. Her friend Lianne Hovingh works as a nurse on the Wiki reserve, and her husband Marc was an OPP officer who served with grace and truth each day in a very difficult demographic. This past November, Marc was shot and killed on duty, leaving behind her friend Lianne and their four children. It will be one year on November 19.

However, Mrs. May has seen through her friend Lianne how the native people of Manitoulin Island have surrounded her family since Marc's death. The First Nations have worked hand in hand with the OPP, Lianne's church and the families of Manitoulin Island in ways that only God could orchestrate. He is moving in a powerful way by uniting the indigenous people with the white peoples on the Island, and it truly looks like God will demonstrate what Holy love and unity look like through this story.

As the Island grieved the loss of Marc, they were devastated by the findings of the unmarked graves throughout Canada, many of which were their own parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. The loss on one Island is incredible. Our hearts are sad for them, and sometimes there are no words. The loss, in general, is devastating, and God calls us to stand in His Truth and offer hope and love to those who are suffering.

How wonderful of an opportunity it is, that at CCA, we get to model what love looks like to our students, the future generation. Our prayer is that God will use us to be a healing balm right where we are, on this traditional land of the Anishinaabe and Mohawk peoples.

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 2022. 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.

Auction Lead

If you are a returning parent (familiar with the auction) and have strong organizational skills and lots of time and energy and would like to lead the organizing of the auction please contact the office. This is a key role in the school, requires many hours and a large team. You will be working closely with an auctioneer for website input and entry.

Scholastic Lead

Parents will have the opportunity to order scholastic books online and can earn points for their classroom or school. One volunteer will look after any orders for classroom teachers. Duties include accessing the scholastic account information and organizing books for distribution if necessary.

Garden Work

We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to prepare the gardens for fall. If you are familiar with gardening and would like the opportunity to help in this area please let us know.

Deep Cleaning Team

There is always deep cleaning that needs to be done, if you would like to get your volunteer hours in after hours or on weekends - this is a perfect job for you! You will be provided with direction, supplies and a list to work away at.



Special Thanks

Thanks to God for protection and help as we transition to back to school, changing restriction and new policies. Thank you 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

