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## A GLANCE AHEAD!

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**T**here are so many amazing promises and truths from God's word. Since last March 2020, the verse from Philippians 4:8 has been a daily reminder for me:

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Phil. 4:8*

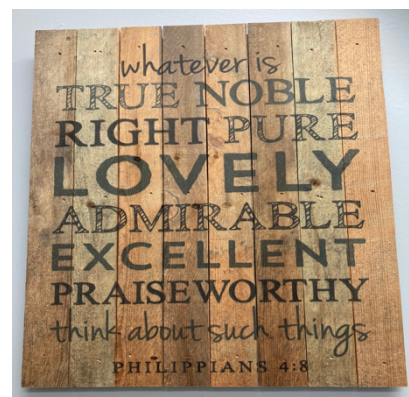
I have this verse by my desk at school, on my living room wall and by my office at home. It has taken an intentional effort on my part not to dwell on what is going on around the world. That does not mean I live in denial with what is happening around me but I purposefully choose how much emotional bandwidth I devote to listening, watching and engaging in the details of these tumultuous times.

What I love about God's word is that the promises and truths found in there are true. Even if I don't feel them, the great God of the universe loves me. We cannot choose or control what happens around us BUT we can choose how we process it all through our hearts and minds. In Proverbs 4:23 it says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." This takes an intentional effort on my part to guard my heart. It doesn't naturally happen some days. I often have to "switch the dial" and redirect where my thoughts try to take to me. It is quite easy to be filled with worry, unrest or even despair with everything going on around us. Another great promise from God's word is "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 46:3. I have claimed this verse many times and have proven it to be true time and time again.

There is an old song that says, "I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds my tomorrows." (Gaither vocal band). At the end of the day, we know how our story ends if we put our complete trust in the Lord no matter how bumpy life gets along the way. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33. It doesn't have to be Phil. 4:8 but I would encourage you all to purposefully carve out some time and search God's word for a special verse for yourself and find one of his promises to hide in your heart. The more you pour into your heart and mind His word, the more you will have to draw from when days become challenging or difficult. "For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of." Matthew 12:34b.

In closing, know you are loved, you are wanted and you have been chosen by the Lord our God. This YouTube video was shared with me years ago and it still causes me to tear up every time I watch it. It is full of so many of God's promises and reminders of His love for us. <https://youtu.be/qpSE3eZTCNo>

Blessings, Christine Martel, Vice Principal



### **Annual General Meeting - November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:00 pm**

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 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 annual Christmas Auction is scheduled to be online from Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 family and friends who can get in on the fun and help get those bids in!



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 a business. (If you do not solicit, you must give \$200)

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!

**All donations must be submitted by November 30th at the very latest. (Earlier is definitely better.)**

We are looking forward to another successful auction with you December 8-10<sup>th</sup>!

Contact our Auction Team if you have any questions: [auction@calvaryca.com](mailto: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**

Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:00 pm - Regular Assembly

Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 am - Remembrance Day Presentation

Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm - Regular 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.



## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021. Remember to put your clocks back an hour.

## Field Trip - Circle Square Ranch November 5<sup>th</sup> 2021

Students in grade JK-2 will travel by bus to Circle Square Ranch in Arden and enjoy outdoor fun in a barn with bunnies and ponies, playing games and in tree forts. Students who have turned in their waiver form will have a pony ride! The day will end with a campfire and hotdogs. Blanket Permission forms and waivers for a pony ride must be submitted to attend the trip- if you have not sent yours in, please do so.

*\*COVID response efforts are in place at the Ranch.*

## Field Trips Update

We are working hard to provide fun and engaging activities at school while many places remain closed to groups and while the bus company is experiencing severe driver shortages. School spirit is cultivated with events each month.



## Fundraisers

CCHS will continue selling ice cream and popsicles on Fridays for \$1.

## Fire Prevention Week

Thank you to the Beckwith Fire Department for visiting CCA on October 8<sup>th</sup> to talk about the importance of Fire Prevention and give us a talk with water demonstration and tour of the fire trucks.

## 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 England won Gold, congratulations!

The Senior teams played strong throughout the intramural season, Netherlands 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 second annual Turkey Bowl on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The beautiful outdoor field and perfect weather provided them the opportunity to compete in team sport and determine the second annual CCHS Turkey Bowl champs - Congratulations to Team 4 (still working on a name) for winning! It was a fun and beautiful day for sure! Thanks to Mrs.Chapman and Mr.Salisbury 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](http://www.calvaryca.com) at bottom of the "Our School" tab).

### **Mid- Term Report Cards**

Mid-term reports will be sent home on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 we've initiated a "Shoe box Packing Club" for any students who are interested in packing shoe boxes at lunch hour - students can sign up with their teacher. Each student has been provided a starter shoebox - we ask that you pack your shoe box with quality items. You can get some ideas or read more about this global initiative at <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/>

### **PA Day / No School Days**

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> - CCA Professional Activity Day - Curriculum Review (NO SCHOOL)

### **Parent Teacher Interviews - In person**

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - after school (4 - 8 p.m.)

Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - (9 a.m. - 1:00 pm) **NO CLASSES on this date.**

*Please note that parents are required to attend Parent Teacher Interviews. Students are NOT permitted due to restrictions. Interviews are 15 minutes in length.*

### **Remembrance Day Classroom Presentation - Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am**

CCA will enjoy a Remembrance Day assembly hosted by one of our very own veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup> followed by a moment of silence at 11 am.



### **Resource**

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;



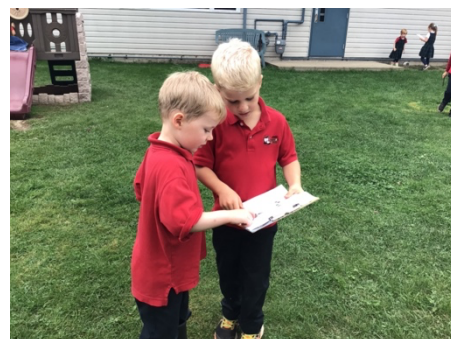
- 1 - Based on a recommendation from an outside source such as a professional assessment and in communication with Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Connor.
- 2 - Preference or need identified by staff or parents and communicated through Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Connor.

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.

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.

### **Scavenger Hunt**

In October students in grade K-8. enjoyed a fun outdoor scavenger hunt and hot apple cider with their classes. Prizes were awarded to students who found the special "gourd" - thank you to Mrs. Reid for organizing fun monthly events for our students.



### **Scholastic Book Fair**

THE JUNGLE BOOK - BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO CCA's GYM....

November 10 - 12<sup>th</sup> students and parents will have the opportunity to shop at the Book Fair during class time or on Friday at Parent Teacher Interviews. Each classroom will have a "Wishlist" for parents to donate chosen books to their child's classroom! 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. And 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. Stay tuned for more info about our Book Fair.

### **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/>

### **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/>

**Spirit Days - These days are for dressing up and showing school spirit!**

Tuesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Crazy Hair / Crazy Hat Day - not a dress down day
Wednesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lanark County Day -country, plaid, jeans, hillbilly
Tuesday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Comfy Clothes Day -joggers, pj's, slippers- is it comfy?
Wednesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jungle Day Dress Up - Book Fair Theme
Tuesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fandamonium Day - Mr.Bourne will be sporting his LEAFS jersey!
Wednesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tropical Day -no swim suits allowed ☺

### 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 team 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 the team directly at [auction@calvaryca.com](mailto: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.

#### Gardens

If you are interested in getting the gardens ready for winter please reach out to the office.

Have a great month!

Tom Bourne- Principal





