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A GLANCE AHEAD!

February 2022

I don't know what you call the end of a pickle but at my house the kids call the ends "pickle butts". If I serve pickles, I normally cut the "butts" off and if I forget to cut them off you can be sure that the butts will be left on the plate when the meal is done.

One time I forgot to cut the butts off and I have not forgotten the lesson I learned that day because of pickle butts.

It started when Tom asked the boys why they had the pickle ends on their plate (He does not call them pickle butts) to which the boys replied "because they are gross!"

One son, however, said "they're not gross, I just don't want to eat them". Of course, this brought on the teasing and doubts that this son was just trying to suck up to Dad and naturally ended with a challenge "If they're not gross - eat them!" To which this son said, "I will" and promptly gathered everybody's pickle butts and ate them all at once.

After this unfolded I reflected on what really happened there and what I learned is that in that moment the motivation to prove his point was enough to gather the courage to eat a handful of something that moments earlier sat on his plate. I realized that with the right motivation we can accomplish things beyond what we previously would've expected of ourselves.

Did you know that you have abilities and talents that exceed your current level of expectation? Did you know that there are untapped gifts within you? Did you know that there is a passion and desire inside of you for something that you may not know yet? I'm not suggesting that you have an appetite for a pickle butts, but what I am suggesting is that you can do something that you may never thought you could, if you find the right motivation.

So, the key is finding out what motivates you? In January, many people make resolutions and goals for the new year. I want to challenge each of you as I have challenged myself to make a list of what motivates you to reach those goals and accomplish those tasks. Maybe it's a relationship you want to flourish, or a circumstance you need to change, or maybe it's a person who inspires you by their example or maybe you want to inspire someone by your efforts! From your personal list you will find that goals and resolutions are easier to stay focused on when you know what your purpose is and what motivated you to make that goal.

It's been several years since the pickle butt "challenge" but I have observed over years that with the right motivation kids, and I suggest adults, can be motivated to do the gross, grimy, hard, long or overwhelming things that we need to, with the right motivation.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13

God Bless you, Sylvia Bourne

Open House

During this strange time of COVID we are not able to host 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 16 at 2 pm - Virtual Assembly. Videos must be submitted to the office by February 11th.

Auction Summary

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise \$27,162, just shy of our \$30,000 goal! A big shout out to the Auction Team and Rob Walker from Auctria for their behind the scenes hard work and help from the beginning to the end.

Baby News

Congratulations to Mr. Enns and his wife on the healthy delivery of their baby boy Timothy! Thank you to Mrs. Gardiner for coming out of retirement to cover the Grade 8 class while he takes some time at home.

Coloring Contest

Attached to this email are 2 Valentines coloring pages. This month we will be accepting the coloring page from all grades for a coloring contest. One student from each grade JK-8 will be awarded a prize for their entry. Submissions must be into the office by Friday February 11th and winners will be announced at the Virtual Assembly on the 16th. Students can chose to color either picture.



Candy Grams Feb 7-11

Grade 8's will be selling candy-grams for \$1ea on Valentine's Day week, February 7-11. 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, you can send a class order with your student (\$20cash). 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 11th- 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 mandatory.

The annual staff versus student broomball game will take place today.

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 21th

Hot Lunch

There is no hot lunch on Wednesday, February 23, because of Ski Day.

Health and Wellness

CCA and CCHS continue to experience overall health thanks to each family's careful attention to screening in combination with the several measures taken at school.

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 this year - although it will look a little different this year! Students from each grade are required to present a speech in class. Teachers will then pick 2-3 students from each grade to compete in the school speech contest. Submissions will be submitted by video and the office will compile a video with each competing speech for the judges and families to enjoy. Winners will be determined in each of the age categories.



Speeches due to the office on February 10th.

Report Cards

Term 1 report cards were sent home on Friday, January 28th.

Right Now Media

Each of you have received an email inviting you to sign up for a FREE Rightnow Media account. CCA pays the monthly subscription for members to access. Right Now Media is a library of Christian virtual resources for any subject. If you would like your invite re-send please let the office know.

Sports

Basketball

Our next team sport is basketball. We 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.

Ski Day - Wednesday, February 23

We are so happy to be able to participate in a Ski Day this year for grades 3-8. Forms were emailed home and are due by February 7th with full payment. Grade K-2's will remain at CCA for a Winter Fun day. If your K-2 would prefer to ski, you must attend the ski day with them.



Used Uniforms

The Used Uniform Team does 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 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 situation resolves. We will do our best to provide safe volunteer opportunities when able to.

Alumni Spotlight - Madison Reid

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

After graduating CCA (grade 8) in 2013, I went to Carleton Place High School and went on to pursue a degree in Communication and Media Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Where are you at on that path?

I'm currently finishing up my 5th year at Carleton University. I stretched out my degree to 5 years because I play varsity basketball for Carleton.

Do you still have connections to the Academy?

Yes! My mom is Mrs. Reid. I love to go back and visit the school, so many amazing memories and visiting just takes me right back. Also, quite a few teachers who are still currently working at CCA had taught me back when I was a student. (Madame McFarlane, Ms. Martel, Mrs. Vala, Mrs. Hamelin, Mrs. Chapman, and Mr. Bourne was also the principal back when I graduated.)

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

CCA is a very special place. Having experienced my own time there, I recognize how much all the staff members care about every student. Almost every teacher I had went out of their way to make me feel loved and appreciated. Especially watching my mom teach and come home and rave about her class each day, and how much she cares about each and every child. I feel like that teacher/student connection is something that is so unique to CCA.

How can we pray for you?

I'm about to graduate in the spring and with that comes so much uncertainty and change. It would be amazing if people could pray for guidance and clarity as I enter into this new chapter of my life.

Any funny or special memories from your time at CCA?

Honestly, the first special memory that comes to mind is "lunch monitors". I'm not too sure if this is still a thing. But back when I was a student the grade 7s & 8s were lunch room monitors for the younger grades. I have so many funny memories with my fellow students during these times and just having some fun conversations with the younger grades.

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Tom Bourne - Principal

