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A GLANCE AHEAD!

March 2022

In like a lion, out like a lamb" has always been an interesting, ancient proverb that makes the start of March a bit of fun. Perhaps you've had your young child bring home the traditional curled-construction paper lion head or the cotton ball sheep, (depending on the weather that day), and it stays on your fridge until the Easter colouring pages fill the space. Maybe you've consoled yourself on that blustery, frigid first day of March, telling yourself that at least you have the 'lamb' to look forward to! If you're anything like me, I secretly whine a bit if the 1st of March comes in too gently...it only means that March is going to make a statement as it leaves!

Either way, March is here, I find myself reflecting on what the month of March has been like these last few years. No matter the weather, they've felt very much like a lion, as we've braced ourselves from the roars of disease and the responses to it. We've sheltered ourselves from the threat of danger and we've hunted for answers and peace. We've felt unsettled and hesitant, things are unpredictable and turbulent, and we're exhausted. And the winds continue to blow.

But just as the ancient proverb helps us look to the lamb for brighter days, we, too, can look to The Lamb and know that our Lord is both the Lion and the Lamb. He is both powerful and gentle. He fights for us and He comforts us, He drives out evil and shields us with His love. He is both the storm and the calm; and He is faithful. And He calls us to draw near to Him.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!" Psalm 91:1,2

Perhaps you're experiencing a time in your life when the storm seems particularly relentless, or the grey clouds seem to linger longer than the sun. Maybe the season you're in has been darker than most, and you're tired. Scripture points to these types of storms again and again, to remind us of God's presence through the uncertainty and to give us courage and strength on our way. It's during these times that God reaches out His hand and says walk with me. He speaks to us and says fear not. He sends His light to those darkest corners and the unknown becomes the known. He says be still and know that I am God.

As we turn the calendar to March, may we be encouraged by the promise of God's faithfulness. Let us draw near to the One who holds the wind and the rain and the calm and the storm in His hands. Through it all, we can give thanks for God's never-ending love, no matter our circumstances.

Now to dig out my construction paper and cotton balls...

Sheila May - Grade 4



2022-23 Registration

Soon CCA and CCHS families will receive the registration/tuition calculation form for next year. If you are currently enrolled, you are guaranteed your spot as soon as your forms are submitted. Tuition payment for 2022-23 will begin in July and continue to June 2023, as normal. The Tuition Calculation form will be sent home this month and are due by the end of March. Open spots for new registrations will be determined after March.

Thank you for helping to promote our school through word of mouth and social media. Please continue to spread the good word about CCA! We still offer our Ambassador Program incentive for families that are directly involved in recruiting a new family to enrol to CCA/ CCHS, a \$500 discount will be applied to your 2022-23 tuition.

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

Calvary Christian Highschool Parent Information Night - CCA Gym - March 1, 6:30 PM

If you are considering CCHS for your grade 7/8 student, consider coming out to a Parent Information Night, hosted by Mrs. Chapman. Please RSVP to kchapman@calvaryca.com if you would like to reserve a spot.

Assemblies

Our regular monthly assemblies will continue by way of virtual delivery on Wednesday, March 30th. Please send in pictures and videos to tom.bourne@calvaryca.com.

Coloring Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in the coloring contest and Congratulations to the winners!!

JK - Drayton Smith
SK - Brenna Hutt
Grade 1 - Nathan Kruszelnicki
Grade 2 - Tobin Lancaster
Grade 3 - Maxwell Hoar
Grade 4 - Isaac Mainville
Grade 5 - Owen Thorne
Grade 6 - Emily Ann Trytsman
Grade 7 - Anita Garvin

Fundraisers

CCHS will continue to sell ice cream bars every Friday.



Field Trips and Events

We are much looking forward to Ski Day this Wednesday, March 2 at Mount Pakenham. JK - 2's will enjoy a Winter Fun Day at CCA! We are working on having a fun field trip planned for the spring, more information to come.

Health Unit Update

We continue to send updates with the latest recommendations from Public Health that apply to CCA. If you have questions, please contact the office or Public Health's school health line. If you are travelling over the March Break, please be sure to keep up to date with the travel restrictions (link below).



NEW- Previously Positive Guidance for COVID-19: If you have previously tested positive for COVID-19 (on a RAT or PCR test) in the last 90 days and do not have symptoms, you do not need to isolate if you were exposed to someone with COVID-19. For more information, refer to the [You've been exposed. Now what? Flowchart](#) or visit the Health Unit's [Case and Contact webpage](#).

Travel Guidance;

The Government of Canada lightens border measures: Children under 12 years old, traveling with fully vaccinated adults, will continue to be exempt from quarantine, without any conditions limiting their activities. For example, they no longer need to wait 14 days before attending school, camp, or daycare. If you are traveling outside of Canada this March break remember to plan ahead. Refer to the Government of Canada's website for more information or call the Public Health Agency of Canada's general inquiries line at 1-833-784-4397.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2022/02/government-of-canada-lightens-border-measures-as-part-of-transition-of-the-pandemic-response.html>

March Break

CCA will be closed March 14-18 for the March Break. We wish each of you a wonderful fun-filled and refreshing break.

International Students

It has been a few years since CCA has welcomed an International group from China, but we are very happy to share that the Kim Family, from Korea, has joined CCA for a couple of months and hope to be back in September. Welcome Kim Family!

Intramurals

With the recent update for return to sport, Wally-ball intramurals will begin soon for grades 1-4.

Non-Uniform Days

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



March Memory Challenge 2022 - New Beginnings

Each year we encourage our students to memorize scripture and to make it a spiritual discipline in their life. Once speeches are done, we encourage further scripture memorization by challenging them to go beyond their typical discipline and to memorize a large passage of scripture. In keeping with the theme of "New Beginnings", naturally we are memorizing *Genesis 1*. The deadline to recite the scripture passage is Friday April 8th. Students decide whether they are going to aim to achieve a bronze award, silver award, gold award or platinum award.

Bronze - *Genesis 1:1-6*

Silver - *Genesis 1-12.*

Gold - *Genesis 1:1-23*

Platinum - *Genesis 1:1-31*

Sports

Students continue to enjoy the outdoor activities such as broom ball, forest games and snow soccer while we transition to resuming our regular sport program and intramurals. We are so blessed to have such a beautiful property to explore and enjoy while gym use was limited.

Skate Day - Friday March 4th

Science Fair - Wednesday April 6th

This year the Science Fair is a mandatory project for students in grades 4 - 8. Information will be sent home with students by homeroom teachers. Science Fair is being organized by Mr. Enns.



Public Speaking Competition

On behalf of the staff and the judges of the CCA Speaks Out 2022 Speech Contest, we wish to thank each student for preparing a speech for their classmates and their teachers. It is always a treat to hear about your interests and experiences through your stories! Choosing winners for the contest is often a difficult task, as was the case for this year! The topics were insightful, meaningful and entertaining, and the speakers were poised and prepared. Congratulations to each student who entered the contest; that in itself takes courage!

The finalists did an amazing job at speaking with conviction and with engaging dynamics. They chose topics that were close to their hearts and supported with evidence and experiences that left the listener feeling connected to the speaker. Well done!

We are pleased to announce the winners of this year's contest! Well done!

Primary Division (Gr. 1,2,3)

1st Place: Alianna Glendenning on "Frogs"

2nd Place: Aria Monaghan on "My Best Friend"

3rd Place: Julianna Ethier on "Girl Guides"

Junior Division (Gr. 4,5,6)

1st Place: Haavah Kruszelnicki on "Big Ben and Ian Millar"

2nd Place: Mika Hobbs on "Fun Facts about Canada"

3rd Place: Emily Poole on "Horseback Riding"

Intermediate Division (Gr. 7,8)

1st Place: Tim Crossman on "Standing up for what's right"

2nd Place: Livia Kruszelnicki on "Insults"

3rd Place: Annalia Duval on "Fears"

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have any experience working with a scroll saw? We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to cut wooden apples. The saw and workshop are set up and ready to use (located in Carleton Place) and all costs will be covered. A sample of the wooden apple is available for tracing purposes. These wooden apples are used for medals at our Where's Franktown Run. If this job interests you please let the office know and more details will be provided.

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



Donor appreciation and Awareness

This month we celebrate God's faithfulness to CCA for 25 years with Donor Shout-Out! CCA is 100% independently funded with tuition making up 65% of costs and the remaining 35% made up by fundraisers and generous donors - like you!

As each of you know CCA is a privately funded institution, with all income coming from two sources, tuition fees, and donations. As of this month, we have 13 monthly donors who donate to our Capital Campaign each month. These include businesses, individuals, Grandparents, alumni, or families who all have one thing in common - an appreciation for how the Academy is preparing and equipping the next generation, and they give monthly to support the work here. We also have annual donors who send a donation each year as they are able. Lastly, we have one-time donors who send a donation as God "randomly" moves them but there is no surprise that it's always "at just the right time" for the Academy.

The Academy is grateful for all the donors who have contributed to the financial well-being over the 25 years of faithful giving from hundreds of donors. We thank God for providing them with the means to be able to donate, whether in a season of plenty or for the "two mites" that are sacrificed when finances are not in abundance, but the donor is moved to give despite that. Every donation makes a big difference over time. The Bible tells us that the Lord loves a cheerful giver, and we are so blessed by the supportive community that provides for the Academy, and their cheerful giving. CCA counts on the generosity of people like you, and donations are essential to sustain the school, continue to keep an affordable tuition model, make necessary updates and improvements and pay our wonderful staff.

During the month of March we want to highlight and thank our existing donors and seek out and provide an opportunity for new monthly, yearly or one-time donors! Knowing that your donation directly impacts the longevity of the Academy, the programs offered here, necessary facility upgrades and continues the mission of building minds, developing character and nurturing faith is a great motivation to give!

Your donations enable us to support families by teaching, nurturing and training future generations of well-rounded, Jesus-loving, kingdom kids from Pre-School to Grade 12. We hope you will prayerfully consider donating, we hope you see that your investment into helping the family raise children and youth in a Christ-centered school environment is an inspiring motive to consider how you can be a part of this by supporting the Academy financially.

This month we invite you into an opportunity to become a Capital Campaign supporter by donating any amount on a monthly basis, yearly or a one-time donation.

Please prayerfully consider what type of donation is suitable for your family and help us realize this God-sized goal. All donations are tax-deductible and can be made at;

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/56395>

1. Join our monthly donors in donating whatever amount you can, every amount is helpful and received with thanks. The payment will be withdrawn each month and there is no penalty for stopping payments if your situation changes. Increasing your monthly payment is easy too. (Form attached)
2. Make a one-time donation of any amount, as you are able at our Canada Helps online profile.
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/56395>

Where's Franktown Run

We are very hopeful that we will be able to host the Franktown Run on May 7th this year. For many of us the run is a much anticipated community event. For the school it is one of the two main fundraisers that sustain the school. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks. Running Club training will begin once the warm weather arrives!

March Alumni Spotlight - Tori Wood

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

After graduating from CCA in grade 8, I attended Carleton Place High School, graduating in 2018. I began attending Carleton University in the fall of 2020, enrolled in the Bachelor of Commerce program with a concentration in Supply Chain Management and a co-op designation.

Where are you at on that path?

I'm currently in the middle of completing my 2nd year. My co-op designation means I will be in a constant work-study cycle until I graduate in the Fall of 2024 :)



Do you still have connections to the Academy?

I do still have connections to the Academy! I am in touch with many of my former classmates and peers from CCA, as well as a few of my elementary school teachers

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

I'll forever be thankful for my time at the academy. I attended the school from junior kindergarten all the way up to grade 8, and throughout those years I developed friendships and formed connections with peers and teachers that are lasting to this day. I truly appreciate the staff at the school, and have yet to encounter another teacher or professor that cares as much for their student's education as the teachers at CCA did for the students in their classes.

How can we pray for you ?

Prayer for my school journey would be appreciated. My university experience has taken place entirely online thus far, and it has been challenging to deal with the isolation associated with that. Also, prayer for guidance in taking the next steps after university.

Any funny or special memories from your time at CCA?

Too many! One I was reminded of recently - more of a life lesson than anything - took place in grade 7 or 8 after recess. At the time, one of the responsibilities that fell on my class was to pass out the chocolate/white milk on pizza day. We would carry a crate around from classroom to classroom, passing out milk, and at the end of lunch we would store it back in the portables (where the grade 7/8 classrooms were located back in my day). This particular day, my fellow classmates and I were in the main school building heading back to the portables, and we decided to cut through the gym and go out the side-door. As we were filing through the gym doors, I remember passing by a crate of chocolate milk that was sitting suspiciously in the middle of the hallway. And,

though I knew at the time that the crate of chocolate milk I had just so casually stepped over belonged in our classroom, I wasn't going to waste a minute to lug that thing back with me! Well, I sure regretted that decision a few minutes later when Mr. Applyard strode into the classroom with an unhappy look on his face. He promptly informed the class that he and Mrs. Gardiner had watched as every single one of us walked by that oddly placed crate of chocolate milk in the hallway. And that they had been waiting to give a chocolate bar to the responsible person that stopped to help. Weren't we a sorry looking bunch!!

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Have a great month!
Tom Bourne - Principal

