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Have you ever felt love and hate at the same time? Two emotions competing in your mind about the same thing? Recently, I felt the two emotions simultaneously during an accounting course I am in. Now, anyone who knows me well knows that I hate math, but I love people and love learning, so taking an accounting class produced this love/hate feeling in my heart. The mixed emotions were probably evident to my peers and professor - at the start of the class it was obvious that I was so excited to be there. I would enter the room and say hello, wave at people, make small talk and I even tried the odd joke to my new friends (often with very little response from my classmates who clearly appreciate numbers more than jokes, no offence to my accountant friends). But I was a different person and it did not take long for the "hate" feeling to sink in once the professor opened up Excel - no more jokes from me.

Despite my initial feelings about the accounting, after a few weeks I found I was enjoying some of the content I was learning. Don't get me wrong, I wasn't texting my friends to talk about ratios or anything crazy, but I was starting to apply some of what I was learning in my life and job - which I found cool. And I started to notice something about accounting - there is a formula for everything, hundreds of them - everything has a formula or equation to work it out. Without formulas, accounting would be virtually impossible (thank you Excel). I am not sure who the geniuses were that wrote accounting formulas such as: $ROE = ROA \times EM = NI/A \times A/E = PM \times TATO \times EM = NI/S \times S/A \times A/E$ or who programmed Excel to compute these formulas, but I do know that I have a new found appreciation for those math-minded geniuses! I find it amazing that accountants can make sense of thousands of formulas, ratios, equations, and computations and know how to interpret them to tell the financial story and make sense to business owners to plan and strategize for the future. Most of the time even when I found the answer, I didn't even know what the number meant and could certainly never advise someone. Another thing I noticed and appreciated about accounting is the consistency. When I collaborated with my peers, we would compare answers and found that if we all put the right numbers in the formula, we all got the same, right answer -the formula worked! I learned that I could **count** on and **trust** the consistency of the computation to give me exactly what I wanted.

While making a 'cheat sheet' of all the formulas for the final exam it struck me that the Bible is sort of like an accounting cheat sheet. The Bible has all sorts of "formulas" and "equations" in it that are also consistent and that I can **count on** and **trust**. When we put the right content in, and use the right formula, we too will get a consistent answer - God's formulas work! It's really not surprising since God is the author of life, and He, like Excel, can interpret what we put in, and make sense of it all to produce an "answer" that is **consistently** what we want - after all, we have the freedom to choose the formula for a desired outcome. If you've never read the book of Proverbs, check it out, it is full of "formulas" for life! For example, see Proverbs 3:5,6:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.

Or, in accounting terms: Trust Lord (TL)+Heart (H)+ Lean on own understanding (LOU) x (O) + Acknowledge God (AG) = Direction for life (DP) = Peace (P)

Or, if you want to work break it down, work backwards, deconstruct, or flip the equation (not sure why accounts do this, but they do)

Confusion (Cf)+uncertainty of life (UC) = Anxiety(Ax) =Trust self (TS)+ lean on own understanding (LOU)+ Ignore God (IG)

This way of looking at scripture as a formula is just a "fun" way of interpreting a verse in a straightforward manner. But most of us know that life is never straightforward, and there are a multitude of **variables** in life equations. I want to assure you that you can trust God, who made you, to write and re-write "formulas" or "equations" for your life that give you the outcome you want. God can give you a purposeful and fulfilling life with meaning and peace. I challenge you to look at the Bible with *your* accounting glasses on and make a 'cheat sheet' of life equations you want to apply. And, at the risk of sounding like a geek - please share, I would love to study them too!

Blessings,
Sylvia Bourne

After School Program

CCA offers an after school program Monday - Friday. This program offers parents the opportunity of a later pick-up time for their child, while providing a fun environment, and 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 use the program. If you have not already received a registration form, you can request one from the office. Children who are not picked up by 3:45 pm will be put in the After School Program and billed at the end of the month.



Assemblies

Wednesday, October 12th, at 2:00 pm - Regular Assembly - parents welcome.

Friday, October 14th, at 9:30 am - Fire Prevention Assembly - parents welcome. This year's campaign is "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape!"

Wednesday, October 26th, 2:00 p.m. - Regular Assembly, parents welcome.

Auction

CCA's hosts an Annual Christmas Auction each year as one of two main fundraisers. The Auction plays a key part in the budgeting and financial forecasting for the Academy and directly impacts the cost of tuition for families. Plans for this year's auction are just starting, and we are looking for one key leader who is familiar with the auction to step up to help lead this important event. While we work with our Auctioneer to develop the details for the auction, families can begin preparing for your contribution by thinking of businesses to solicit. Ideally, each family will solicit a few local businesses that you frequent or know well, for donations valued at a minimum of \$100. Please use the Donation Request Send us your list of solicited business and we will compile a list of "already solicited businesses" that parents to reference, 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

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. It was so nice to see so many at the annual "Back to School Fair". Thank you to everyone for coming out. Thanks to everyone that brought cakes and to Tim Hortons, Carleton Place for donating coffee and hot chocolate. It was such a nice night, we feel blessed to have such a great community.



Calendars and Events

It is easy to stay organized by subscribing to CCA's online calendar at calvaryca.com ("events tab"). Please continue to check our online events calendar for important dates. The 2022-2023 School Calendar can be downloaded from our website too.

Congratulations!

A big congratulations to our Grade 4/5 teacher Mr. Helder on his marriage to his beautiful bride Emily on September 24th. Mr. Helder enjoyed a few days away with his new bride and Mrs. Becker was welcomed in as a familiar face to the class as a supply teacher for a few days. God bless you Rob and Emily!

Capital Campaign

Did you know that last year was Calvary Christian Academy's 25th Anniversary? We are so grateful for 25 years of blessing in Lanark County. We hope that you value the vision and mission of CCA as much as we do and will help CCA continue to be here for many generations by contributing to the Capital Campaign. We would like to see some new donors come in at the \$25 level donation to celebrate the 25th Anniversary. Businesses, individuals, and families can contribute monthly by pre-authorized withdrawal, or by giving online through the "Donate" link at the bottom of our website. Donations made through the website, are emailed a tax-receipt immediately, donors who give monthly through pre-authorized withdrawal will receive a receipt at tax-time. Pre-Authorized donation forms are available by request through the office.



Dress Down Day

October 14 - "Onesie Day"

In 2021 staff celebrated the end of a great year by putting together a "onesie" video. If you missed it, or want to watch the staff embarrass themselves again, take a look <https://youtu.be/GnEi2UuTf-8>

Many of the staff are eager to wear their onesie to work againso, on Friday, October 14 students are welcome to wear a "onesie" to school. Students who do not wear a onesie, are expected to be in uniform.

Lost and Found

There is already a growing pile of Lost and Found items, just inside the front doors. Please feel free to pop in and check for your lost items. Items that are labelled, will be returned to students hooks. Items that are left for more than a month, are donated.

Parking Lot Safety

For the safety of everyone, please remember these parking lot "rules".

- At 3:30 do not line up in the loop until the bus has departed.
- Do not pass in the pick-up line.
- Never reverse in the parking lot, always park in a way that will allow you to drive forward.
- Do not line up onto the road, if necessary, take a parking spot and wait for a chance to get in the loop line.
- At 3:30 parents are not permitted to pick up until the bus has departed. If you need to pick up early, you must pick up between 3:00 - 3:15 pm.
- Students are not allowed to walk through the parking lot, unless accompanied by a parent.

Field Trips

We are not alone in navigating new territory and most places we would normally visit have reduced capacities or are still limiting groups due to staff shortages. We are doing our best to schedule field trips that are complementary to the curriculum and enhance the learning journey. More information will come when these trips are confirmed and will be posted on the online calendar.

This month we will be visiting Foley Mountain's Outdoor Education and hiking at Foley Mountain. Parent volunteers will be needed, please reach out to your homeroom teacher if you can attend. Parents must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check on file with the office.

October 3 - Foley Mountain Trip for Grades 3,4,5

October 4 - Foley Mountain Trip for Grades 6,7,8

October 7 - Foley Mountain Trip for Grades JK-2

Fundraisers

Grade 8 Pumpkin Fundraiser

The Grade 8 class is going to be selling pumpkins again this year. Order will be placed by by emailing jsalisbury@calvaryca.com or through a Grade 8 student. Funds from this will support of the Grade 8 Toronto trip.

CCHS Fundraiser (Calvary Christian High School)

Students will be selling and delivering Ice Cream bars every Friday beginning Friday October 7th. Orders and payment will be collected at lunchtime, in the classroom. Bars are nut-free and will cost \$1. Please send the exact change. (popsicles are available for dairy-free kids).

Holidays

No school on Thanksgiving Monday, October 10th - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Lunch Program

Our daily lunch program has begun, and the students seem to be enjoying the program as much as the parents. Thank you, to our at-home bakers, providing nut-free treats for the program.

Nut Free Facility

Please remember 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 explained in the Parent Handbook.



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!

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

At chapel on Tuesday, October 11th, students will learn a bit about the mission of Operation Christmas Child. Students will be invited to take home a shoebox, to fill. This is a fun opportunity to teach our children about the value of giving to those in need. We encourage everyone to pack a box, maybe over the Thanksgiving weekend. There is a shipping cost of \$10 per box, it is appreciated if you include the shipping cost in your box (cash or cheque). If you are unable to pack a box, consider donating to 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!

PD Days

No school on Thursday October 20 and Friday October 21. Academy staff are participating in a 2-day Global Leadership Summit Conference.

*Friday Oct 21 -Grade 5/6 Soccer Team will be participating in the Jr. Boys and Girls soccer tournament. Please meet your coach there at 8:30 am.

Picture Day : Friday, October 28

Students are to wear dress uniforms for Picture Day. Dress uniform consists of white top, and black bottoms (boys) or skirt/tunic (girls). If you would like a sibling photo, please let the office know in advance. Highschoolers will also participate in Picture Day. Kindergarten will be first in the order of pictures, ending with high school. If you do not want your child wearing their white shirt all day, please be sure to pack their red shirt to change into after the picture.



Student Life - October 14th

Each month Mrs. Reid, leader of Student life, organizes a fun event for the elementary school. This is an internal school activity that allows for collaboration with other grades and encourages student life and spirit. This month on October 14th, at 2:00 pm students will enjoy activities led by staff and a hot cup of apple cider. Thank you Mrs.Reid for organizing these activities.

Junior Division Ecosystem Activity

On Friday, October 7 at 1:30pm students in grades 4-6 will be participating in an ecosystem game called Survival (Predator and Prey). Students will be divided into herbivores, omnivores or carnivores and sent out to the woods to act out an ecosystem. To survive they must find food and water stations and avoid being 'eaten' (tagged) by their predators. Students will need a sturdy pair of running shoes for running through the CCA woods and non-uniform clothes so that we don't ruin our nice uniforms! Students will come to school in uniform and change at lunch activity break. Parent volunteers are welcome to come and help keep the game running smoothly.



Scholastic

By now, most have received the first Scholastic flyer sent home with students from Kindergarten through to Grade 8. We want to take a moment to be sure that families recognize that not all content in the flyers is endorsed by the Academy and is subject to discretion by families. Your scholastic order helps us by raising funds for free books - thank you for ordering using our school code (found on the flyer).

School Sports Events

It's been great to get the kids back on the field and courts and watch them compete. Tournaments are posted on the online calendar, and for more specific information about sport events, please reach out to Sue Reid, our Leader of Athletics (sreid@calvaryca.com).

For most sport events, parents are responsible to drive or arrange carpool for their children.

Grade 7/8 Christian Schools Soccer Tournament - Friday September 30th.

Grade 7/8 Soccer Tournament - October 3, 8:30 am, Beckwith Field, Beckwith.

Grade 7/8 soccer team will be competing at the Beckwith field, located at 1319, 9th Line, Carleton Place. Coaches will be at the field as of 8:30am. **The Grade 6 class will be running the canteen and helping with lines that day. All grade 6's are expected at the field.** Parents are responsible for transporting athletes to and from the event.

Grade 5/6 Soccer Tournament - (PD Day) October 21, 8:30 am, Beckwith Field, Beckwith.

Even though October 21 is a PD day, our dedicated coaches are committed to providing sport opportunities for the kids. Coaches will be at the Beckwith field, located at 1319, 9th Line, Carleton Place at 8:30 am. Parents are responsible for transporting athletes to and from the event.

Grade 3-8 Cross Country - Wednesday, October 19th, 9:30 am, Conlon Farm, Perth.

Athletes in grade 3-8 who want to compete will be racing at Conlon Farm Recreation Complex, 127 Smith Drive, Perth. The first race of the day is at 10:00 so athletes are expected to be at Conlon Farm for 9:30 am. Parents are encouraged to stay and cheer on CCA athletes.

Sickness

As expected, September has brought on the back to school sniffles. If you have any questions about symptoms and sickness, or are wondering if kids need to stay home, please use the provincial screening tool, for direction. For your records the link is found here:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

As a school we know that there is going to be runny noses and some sniffles, we ask that if your child is obviously sick and uncomfortable, please keep them home. If we notice that symptoms are worsening or a child is not themselves, we will ask you to come pick them up. Students who are fevered, vomiting, or have diarrhea must go home and be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Rapid tests are not necessary to navigate symptoms - rather good sense, and some direction from the screening tool, if necessary. Covid is no longer the focus and seems to be something that we are going to learn to live with, the focus has changed to awareness of ANY sickness and preventing the spread of any cold/flu with good common sense. Any sickness (even if you had a positive rapid test) is a return to school/work after 24 hours of improved symptoms. Masks after sickness are recommended by the screening tool, but we will not be enforcing them.

Terry Fox

The Grade 8 Class was busy organizing Terry Fox Run which happened Friday, September 23rd. Each year CCA raises funds for this worthwhile cause and this year we raised \$522.55, surpassing our goal of \$450! Great job, your donation is appreciated and helps funds Cancer research.

Truth and Reconciliation Assembly

On Friday, September 30th CCA commemorated the national Truth and Reconciliation Day by holding an assembly highlighting the biblical perspective and importance of truth and reconciliation. Mrs. Weldon led the assembly because of her soft heart for indigenous peoples.

Volunteer Opportunities

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 for 25 hours of volunteer work each year (unless you opted out by paying the extra \$625). Historically, most families gain all of their volunteer hours by helping with our two main fundraisers, the Christmas charity Auction and the "Where's Franktown" run. Other volunteer opportunities will be shared in each newsletter, or from the office as needs arise. Classroom teachers may also email out volunteer opportunities. If you have a area of interest, please let us know how you can contribute to the school with your volunteer hours.



Please remember to keep track of your hours on the Volunteer Hours of Service form and to return this form in June 2023. 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, enjoy planning events and have a lot of time and energy this may be just the opportunity you are waiting for. We are looking for someone to lead organizing of the auction, please contact the office if this role interests you. 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.

Auction - Donation collection

Soliciting businesses on behalf of the school, to gather donations for the Auction is something that you can do from the comfort of your home, or while you are out-and-about. Use the donation request letter and form, found on the website when asking businesses for donations. Please let us know which businesses you solicit by emailing auction@calvaryca.com.

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.

Librarian

Our (small) library could use some organization, if you like to sort and organize and have a passion for books and reading, this would be a big help to us. This job can be done during the school day, or after hours. This could be done by an individual or a small team.

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.

Water Fun Day

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

Yearbook

2021-22 yearbooks will be arriving soon, if you did not get your order in last year, there is still time to order. Please email the office to request a yearbook. The cost of the yearbook is \$40/book.

Special Thanks

Thank you to our amazing faculty, Board of Directors, parents and students for each part you play in making CCA and CCHS such a special place. We are still receiving a lot of interest about enrollment and have wait lists for several classes, thank you for spreading the good word about the Academy.

Have a great month!

Blessings!

Tom Bourne, Principal

Save the Date

October 3 - Senior Soccer Tournament (grade 7,8) Beckwith Field. Grade 6 class will be helping with the canteen and lines.

October 3 - Foley Mountain Trip for Grades 3,4,5

October 4 - Foley Mountain Trip for Grades 6,7,8

October 7 - Foley Mountain Trip for Grades Jk-2, Grade 4-6 Scavenger Hunt at CCA

October 10 - Thanksgiving Holiday

October 14 - Fire Prevention Assembly, Onesie Day, Fall Fun/ student life in the afternoon

October 19 Cross Country, Conlon Farms, Perth.

October 21 - Junior (5/6) Soccer Tournament, Beckwith Field * PD Day*

October 20-21 - PD Days

October 28 - Picture Day, dress uniform required.

