



**CALVARY
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building character

nurturing faith



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Some may know the line "more than words" from a popular love song that came out years ago. In the song, the songwriter tells the listener that love is an action and must be shown with "more than words." The song continues to say that the words, I love you, would not be necessary when love is an action because "I'd already know."

In February, we often think of the theme of love. It's not uncommon to see hearts displayed in the windows of stores with candies, chocolates, and valentines. I appreciate a holiday dedicated to the theme of love, but I wonder how many people pause to think about where love comes from. While appreciated, the dollar store chocolates and cardboard valentines don't capture a deep heartfelt love, in my opinion.

So, where does love come from? Though love is often represented by a heart, we know that the brain regulates the feeling of love. Our beautiful brains are built in unexplainable ways to feel, detect, sense, experience, and express love in what philosophers from the ancient Greeks have traditionally distinguished three notions that can properly be called "love": *eros*, *agape*, and *philia*. These three expressions of love distinguish between friendly, romantic, and unconditional love. In Genesis 1:26, we read that God made humans in HIS image, after HIS likeness. Meaning when God made us, He hard-wired the love into us. When we experience or express love, we display that we are made in His image. He is the author of love. He is love.

- God's love is personal (John 3:16)
- God loves you (1 John 4:9-10)
- God's love transforms (1 John 4:7)
- God's love inspires you to love others (1 John 3:11)
- God's love compelled Him to die for you (1 John 3:16)
- There is no fear in God's love. His perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18)
- We love God because He first loved us (1 John 4:19)

I don't know if the author of the "More than Words" song knew the Bible verse 1 John 3:18, but he captured the concept found in scripture that teaches not to love only in word or talk but in deed and in truth! More. Than. Words. God's love is more than words. His actions showed unconditional love when he came to earth and willingly died for us because of His love.

If you have never had the chance to read God's love letter, the Bible, maybe by His actions, you, like the artist, will be able to say, "I already knew that your love for me was real."

~Sylvia Bourne

Assemblies

Families are invited to every assembly. If you enjoy jokes, stories, songs, short skits, among other talents students like to share with the school community, come to an assembly.

Regular Assembly - Wednesday, February 8 at 2 pm

Bus

There is no bus service on Wednesday, February 22, due to Ski Day. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Pakenham Ski Hill.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards made by students and families were distributed to Carolina Retirement Assisted Living Homes in Perth and Carleton Place Terrace in December and were so appreciated by the residents there. Thank you for helping with that effort.

Coloring Contest

Attached to this email are two coloring pages. This month we will be accepting entries for a coloring contest from Kinder to Grade 8. One student from each grade JK-8 will be awarded a monetary prize for their winning entry. Submissions must be given to the office by Friday February 28 (the last day of school in February).

Community - Canada Dental Benefit

The interim Canada Dental Benefit is intended to help lower dental costs for eligible families earning less than \$90,000 per year. Parents and guardians can apply if the child receiving dental care is under 12 years old and does not have access to a private dental insurance plan. Depending on your adjusted family net income, a tax-free payment of \$260, \$390, or \$650 is available for each eligible child.

Applications are now open. Applicants must have filed the previous year's tax return and be in receipt of the Canada Child Benefit for each eligible child in their care.

This program is a federal program administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and not administered by the LGL Health Unit. For more information please visit Canada.ca/dental or call 1-800-715-8836.



Dental/Vision Screening for JK/SK/Grade 2

Public Health has offered CCA the opportunity to participate in a Dental and Vision screening program for JK/SK and Grade 2 students. Our school opted to participate in the program screening on February 15, 2023.

All JK/SK and Grade 2 students will participate unless they opt-out.

To opt out, parents must notify the Health Unit at 1-800-660-5853 AND we ask that you also let the CCA office know if you are opting out.

There will be three non-invasive tests which will take roughly 15 minutes per child. All children screened will receive a letter with the screening results to bring home.



Facebook

Highschool families can "like" Calvary Christian High School on Facebook to keep up with CCHS. Elementary families can join the private page "CCA Parent to Parent Connection" for pictures of the school day.

Field Trips

Last month we really enjoyed learning about the amazingness of birds from a presentation by the Ottawa Valley Wild Bird Care Center. Ms. Patty sent the following comment about the students behaviour:

"Your students are amazing in their level of maturity, listening skills, respect for a presenter, quality of questions, and their willingness to help me set up/take down. I was blown away and has such a great time at CCA!"

Family Skate Day 10:30-11:30 am Friday February 17th

Grade 1-8 will enjoy a time of skating and watch the annual Broom ball game between Grade 8 and staff at the Carleton Place Arena. Students will be bussed to and from CCA. Parents are welcome to come and skate, help out with tying skates. Please make sure your child brings their skates and helmet. Helmets are obligatory.

Ski Day - Grade 3-8 Wednesday February 22nd

Grades 3 - 8 will participate again this year in the annual Ski Day at Mount Pakenham. And email was sent with how students and parents can sign up to ski or snowboard. Ski Day is always a highlight, and we look forward to having a great time together on the slopes on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. *Siblings/parents are welcome to join - sign up through the portal.

Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from Pakenham Ski Hill.

JK, SK, Grade 1/2 - Will not attend Ski Day. CCA is open and they will have their own Winter Fun Day on the 22nd. Grade 2's that have signed up for ski day must ski with a parent.

There is no hot lunch program or bus on February 22nd.

Fundraising

Teddy Bear Auction - Friday February 10, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Grade 8 Students will be hosting the annual Teddy Bear Auction this month. This is a fun event where students will have the opportunity to bid and buy used stuffies. If you have gently used stuffies that are in need of a loving family, please send them in for the auction.

Candy Grams* Feb 8-10, delivery Feb 14

Grade 8's will be selling candy-grams for \$1 ea on Valentine's Day week, February 8-10. Students can buy a small treat (candy and card) and send it to a friend(s). They will be delivered on February 14th. This is a way to make someone feel loved and appreciated with an anonymous treat. Grade 8 students will go to classrooms to sell them. If parents would like to buy some you can too, consider purchasing a class order for \$20. Send your order in with your student or for a class order you can email and etransfer jsalisbury@calvaryca.com . All proceeds go to the Grade 8 class fundraising efforts.

Every student will receive at least ONE candy-gram

Grandparents

Just recently a Grandparent asked if we would consider a group email for Grandparents. Her idea was that an email for Grandparents is one way they can stay connected, pray for and encourage the Academy. If you have a grandparent that you think would like to be on a Grandparent distribution list, with short, encouraging updates, pictures and invitations please send their names and email addresses to grandparents2023@calvaryca.com.

Holidays

No school on Family Day, Monday, February 20th

Hot Lunch

There is no hot lunch on Wednesday February 22, due to Ski Day.

No Uniform Days

February 10 and 24 are Dress Down days for all students that bring a food bank donation.



Gratitude Gala

We are so grateful for everyone that came out to the first annual Night of Gratitude Gala. We had such a wonderful night, celebrating together. Everyone looked fabulous! Those that were unable to make it, were missed. Thank you to everyone that played a part in planning and executing the event from setting up to soliciting donations, clean up, food preparation, silent auction and serving. We hope to make the Gala an annual event and are already looking ahead to planning the 2024 Gala.

If you recall, the goals we set for the evening were:

- Build and foster community with a shared goal
- Celebrate and promote what God is doing at the Academy
- Invite friends and family to learn about CCA
- Refresh individuals and couples with a fun night and;
- Allow those that can give financially an opportunity to do so; this year's goal was to raise \$50,000!!



We are so pleased that from the feedback received, all of these goals were met and funds raised are just over \$55,000 and we are still following up with some donation commitments and silent auction winners. Thank you to the many donors and corporate sponsors that contributed to making that goal possible through your generosity.

Bronze Sponsors - Bai Family (Subway), Christink Family (Dairy Queen), Cilliers Family (Proud North Communication), MacPhee Family (Maple Dental), Wissink Family (IG Wealth Management), Gemmell Family (Gemmells Garden Center), Hall Family (Equator Coffee), Hynes Family (Lor-Lynn realty RE/MAX Affiliates Realty., Brokerage), Schilke Family (Northgate Ministries), James Family.

Silver Sponsors - Musker Family (Nextgen Signs), Preece Family (Kingdom HVAC), Crosbie Family, Froggatt Family, Cousins Family.

Gold Sponsors - Wall Family (KE Electric), Evoy Family (Team Evoy RE/MAX Affiliates Realty., Brokerage), 2 anonymous donations.

Platinum Sponsors - Wills Family (Wills Transfer), Houle Family (Parkit 360), Moore Family (Tim Hortons), Martin Family (Talent Lab), Wagorn Family (Luxart Homes), Grimes Family (RE/MAX Affiliates Realty., Brokerage)

Open House

During the month of February, we begin to think about enrolment for 2023-24 school year. We will host an Open House in March for interested families during school hours. Existing Academy families will have the opportunity to confirm their enrollment for next year before spots are made available to families on the wait list. Please continue to spread the good word about CCA in your community. Word of mouth is the best advertising, and we appreciate you taking 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.

Prayer and Praise - NEW

CCA was founded on prayer in the 70's and continues to be sustained by the prayers of many. Thank you, praying friends.

Prayer

This month join us as we pray for the needs of families both at CCA and in the community. Join us as we lift up two families in the CCA community that are bearing a heavy loss. Our sympathies are with both families as they continue on without loved ones.

To help community families, this month we will be collecting food and donations for the Food Bank and Lanark Interval House.

Alumni prayer request (see below).

Praise

This month we are praising God for the funds raised at the Night of Gratitude Gala and God's faithfulness and provision for CCA for over 25 years.

Public Speaking - February 15 @ 9:15 am in the gym

The annual tradition of the Public Speaking Contest lives on! Two willing students from each class will be chosen to show-off their stellar speaking skills at CCA's Speech Contest. The annual competition at the Legion is back on and will take place on February 25th for students that place at CCA's in school competition. CCA's in-school competition with judges will take place in the gym during the school day on February 15th.



Report Cards

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on Friday, February 3.

Right Now Media

At CCA it is our mission to partner with churches and families in providing a Bible-centered, 21st Century quality educational program to equip, train and disciple students to follow Christ and have an impact in our communities. In a continued effort and desire to partner with you, CCA pays for a monthly subscription to Rightnow Media giving us access to an extensive, video library! If you have not yet availed yourself of this resource, I strongly encourage you each to do so. Many adults, teens and children have been richly blessed over the years by this valuable resource.

Scholastic

Each month Scholastic Flyers go home to families. Scholastic is not a Christian organization and we encourage families to use discernment when ordering material from Scholastic.

Student of the Week (SOTW)

Monday mornings at Chapel have been celebrating a Student of the Week from each class. These students are students who demonstrate our values each and every day. An email recognizing the recipients of the award will be sent home each week.

Used Uniform Sales

Our 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 the inventory and provide you with a used discounted item in good condition or have some new inventory that can be purchased at full price.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities will be made known in newsletters, by email or by teachers. Parents that intend to volunteer amongst children must submit a Vulnerable Sector Check to the office, before volunteering. You can request a volunteerism letter for this purpose from the office. There is not cost for a volunteer VSC.

This months Volunteer Opportunities

- Skate Day - come help tie laces and supervise skating at the Carleton Place Rink on February 17.
- Deep Cleaning - evenings, weekends, before or after school.
- Food Bank donations will need to be brought to the food bank at the end of this month.
- Coloring Contest Judges (February 28th at 3:30 - 4:00)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - GRACE BOURNE

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

After CCHS, I pursued a Honours Bachelors of Science (major in Health Science with a minor in Chemistry) at Redeemer University.

Where are you at on that path?

I am currently applying to Masters programs while I finish up my final year at Redeemer U.

Do you still have connections to the Academy?

Yes! Both my parents work there and I often visit the staff and students when I come home for Christmas break, etc. I also live with a few girls I went to high school with!

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

I loved my years at CCA and four years at CCHS. Specifically, I grew so much academically, spiritually, physically, socially, etc. during my years there, and I wouldn't trade my high school experience for the world. When I moved away from home and started University, I remember being more prepared for school and life than many students around me. Not only was I ahead academically but I had also developed deep spiritual roots like it says in Colossians 2:7, "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." I am thankful for CCA (and my parents) :)

How can we pray for you?

I would love prayer for my upcoming wedding to Gavyn Pols (and all the planning that comes with that) and also my Masters applications!

Any funny or special memories from your time at CCA?

I have so many funny memories from CCHS...One that I was just remembering the other day (with Emily and Laura) was when we went to Gailee Bible Camp for a Purity retreat and Emily forgot to bring a pillow/blankets so she laid out her clothes and slept on top of them for the weekend - we called her "sheetless" for a while after that.

