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## A GLANCE AHEAD!

March 2023

I am an HGTV junkie! Renovation shows are my jam. When the show starts and the building is displayed in all its broken mess I sit transfixed, hand in popcorn bowl, scarcely able to breathe anticipating what it will become. Lo and behold, 45 minutes later the renovations are revealed; what was once broken down, worn out, and in utter disrepair is transformed, new, and fresh. As a society, we seem to buy into this concept a lot - the idea of wanting things to be perfect, as good as new. We like this in our possessions and we really like it in ourselves. This can lead to some problems.

If you are anything like me, you may set unrealistic expectations for yourself. Expectations of a perfect finished product, no messing up, all accomplished through diligence and discipline. There is no precedent in my life upon which to rest those expectations but I still hold them! When I don't live up to those expectations I get discouraged. You see, I want to be that brand-new looking, refurbished, renovated building not the broken-down one. I want to be the end of the show version - not the beginning of the show.

The Bible is rich in literary devices. One of those being metaphors which are used brilliantly to help illustrate a point. I love the jars of clay metaphor in 2 Corinthians 4:7 which likens us - our emotions, mind, and body - to jars of clay. In verse 6, we are told that God has shone his light into our hearts. In other words, God Himself shines in our hearts. Here is where the metaphor really gains traction - we hold this light in jars of clay. Like...what?? Something as awesome as God's glorious light is encapsulated in a jar of clay? Why clay? With all its cracks, chips, and stress fractures? This is where my HGTV-loving imagination kicks in... let's fix that jar up! Make it new and perfect. But here's the thing that makes the metaphor so awesome. The imperfections and cracks in that clay jar, or my life, are what allow God's radiant light to shine out! While we want everything that is old to be shined up and made new, including ourselves, God is telling us that He will use those cracks and imperfections to display his radiance. He did it a lot in the Bible. We don't want to be the object that is cracked and chipped, displaying our brokenness to the world. But guess what - God knows that clay and people get cracked, chipped, and broken, and HE uses both anyway. That totally reframes our broken state. YES! We are all cracked, chipped, and broken...and spoiler alert, there are more imperfections to come...but let's be real with our broken state and embrace the way God is using those cracks to allow His light to shine out into a world that so badly needs it.



If you read further in 2 Corinthians, we are told that we can expect momentary troubles - troubles that often lead to cracks in our jars. However, we are reassured that "inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (v16). Then chapter 5:1 tells us what we have to look forward to in Heaven. I don't know about you, but to me, that sounds like the ultimate home renovation! That is a show I can not wait to watch!

~ Kathryn Chapman, CCHS Teacher

## 2023-24 Registration

Open Houses, tours, and new registrations will begin in March. CCA and CCHS families received their enrollment and Tuition Calculation form for next year on February 23, 2023. If you are enrolled, your spot is guaranteed as soon as your documents are submitted. Tuition payments for 2023-24 will begin in July and continue to June 2024, as usual. Forms are due by Friday, March 10, after which the office will fill open spots with new applicants. Apple Seeds Preschool is full for the 2023-2024 year. If you know anyone still interested in registration, please get in touch with Ms. Martel to be placed on our waiting list.

Thank you for helping to promote our school through word of mouth and social media. Please continue to spread the good word about CCA!

*\*Currently, we have wait-listed some grades / classes. Application to the Academy does not guarantee entrance. New applications are reviewed in the order they are received.*

If you are considering CCHS for your grade 8 student, course selection is this month with Mrs. Chapman. Please reach out to [kchapman@calvaryca.com](mailto:kchapman@calvaryca.com).

## Assemblies – Parents are always welcome!

Thursday, March 9 at 2:00 pm Music Assembly - musical presentations by class and band.

Wednesday, March 29 at 2:00 pm Regular assembly.

## Camps

Kids Camp is a summer camp program in July for children aged 4-6. Parents can register their children for one or four weeks of camp. Registration opens on March 1 for children enrolled at CCA and to the public on March 15. An email with more details was sent on March 1. Stay tuned for more information about summer camps for Grades 1-8.

## Calvary Christian High School

If you want to attend Calvary Christian High School, please get in touch with Mrs. Chapman or the office for information. Current Virtual Learning Center (VLC) student's course selection is on March 6. New student registration for VLC opens on March 22 at 10:00 am. For prospective students, VLC is holding an information session on March 1. Please register by February 28 on VLC's website <https://virtuallearning.ca/> VLC fills quickly. Any families considering enrolling in VLC must do so on March 22 or soon after that.

We are thankful for a fantastic bunch of high schoolers and their joyful exuberance. Please pray for these awesome kids - especially the senior students- as they make big decisions about their futures.

CCHS celebrated a friendly love on Valentine's Day by making lunch for a friend.



## Fundraisers

CCHS will continue to sell ice cream bars every Friday at lunch for \$1.

## Field Trips and Events

If you still need to do so, please subscribe to CCA's online event calendar to answer all your questions about events, fundraisers, sports days, and field trips. Go to

<https://www.calvaryca.com/open-event-calendar/>.

Ski Day at Mount Pakenham was so much fun to see staff, students, and parents enjoying the beautiful snow and each other. The JK - 2's enjoyed a Winter Fun Day at CCA!

March 1 - Junior Girls Basketball tournament (snow date is March 2).

March 7 - Senior Boys and Girls Basketball tournament (snow date is March 8)

March 8 - Grade 8 bake sale

March 9 - Music Assembly - Musical performances from each class and band starting at 2 pm.

March 10 - Winterlude, afternoon (outdoor fun)

March 13-17 - March Break

March 21 - Junior Boys Basketball tournament (snow date March 22).

March 23 - Used Uniform Sale after school in the gym. 3:45pm - 5:30

March 29 - Skate Day (Rescheduled)

Family Skate 10:30-11:30. The staff will face off against Grade 8's in a game of Broom Ball from 11:30-12:30.

April 5 - Heritage Fair - CCA Gym - Parents welcome

## Heritage Fair - Wednesday, April 5

The Heritage Fair is a research project and oral presentation on local heritage. The Heritage Fair is mandatory for grades 4-8. Information will be sent home with students by homeroom teachers. Students will choose a topic to research and present it in the gym on April 5. Parents are welcome to visit the Heritage Fair. If you are interested in judging the presentations, please get in touch with Mrs. Weldon at [aweldon@calvaryca.com](mailto:aweldon@calvaryca.com).

## Health Unit Grade 7-12 **OPTIONAL** Immunization Clinic

On April 19, the Health Unit will be on site with an immunization clinic for grades 7 and 8 and students in grades 9-12 requiring vaccine catch-up. Parents must fill out the consent form for students to be eligible for shots. Consent forms are due by Friday, March 3. We encourage parents to research and make informed decisions for their children. Consent forms were emailed to parents on Monday, February 27. CCA does **not** require any vaccines.



### **Intramurals**

Basketball intramurals will begin Monday March 6, for grades 1-3. Half-court games will be during lunch recess. Intramurals will run for the month of March.

### **March Memory Challenge 2023**

Each year we encourage our students to memorize scripture with a challenge. Memorizing is a valuable spiritual discipline, and two staff have already completed Platinum! Congratulations, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Reid! We encourage further scripture memorization by challenging them to go beyond their typical classroom discipline and memorize a significant Scripture passage. The deadline to recite the scripture passage is Thursday, April 6. Students can decide whether they will aim for Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum.

Bronze - Colossians 1:13-18

Silver - Colossians 1:13-23

Gold - Colossians 1:13-23, 3:1-11

Platinum - Colossians 1:13-23, 3:1-16

### **March Break**

CCA will be closed March 13-17 for the March Break. We wish each of you a wonderful fun-filled, and refreshing break.

### **Non-Uniform / Dress Uniform Days**

March 29 - Skate Day will be a non-uniform day.

### **Open House - March 21 and 28**

Open houses allow interested families to tour the school, while in progress. New families can attend an open house in the morning 9:00 am - 11:00 am, afternoon 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm or evening 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm on March 21 and 28.

### **Public Speaking Competition**

On behalf of the staff and the judges of the 2023 Speech Contest, we thank each student for preparing a speech for their classmates and teachers. Hearing about your interests and experiences through your stories is always a treat! Choosing winners for the contest is often a difficult task, as was the case 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 takes courage!

The finalists did a fantastic job of speaking with conviction and with engaging dynamics. They chose topics close to their hearts and supported them with evidence and experiences that connected the listener to the speaker. We are pleased to announce the winners of this year's contest! Well done, all of you!



### **Primary Division (Grades 1,2,3)**

1st Place - Naomi Smith (Creativity)  
2nd Place - Ruth James (Being Yourself)  
3rd Place - Zoey Wall (Laura Ingalls Wilder)  
4th Place - Nathan Kruszelnicki (Space)

### **Junior Division (Grades 4,5,6)**

1st Place - Zoe Lefor (Marie Currie)  
2nd Place - Aria Monaghan (Serving God)  
3rd Place - Haavah Kruszelnicki (Coffee)  
3rd Place - Jasmine Dubic (Reading Books)

### **Senior Division (Grades 7,8)**

1st Place - Terry Burns (Conquering Fears)  
2nd Place - Tim Crossman (Lies)  
3rd Place - Livia Kruszelnicki (Memorable Speeches)  
Honorable Mention - Eva Wilkins



**Skate Day** - Wednesday, March 29 at Carleton Place Arena.

Family skating will be from 10:30 am to 11:30, followed by a Staff vs Grade 8 Broomball game.

### **Spring Play**

Weekly play practice for cast members of the play, Thursdays, 3:00-4:30 pm.

### **Sports**

Basketball has begun for both boys and girls. The tournament dates and locations have been set as follows:

Junior Girls: Wednesday, March 1 at St John's Catholic High School, Perth (snow date March 2).

Junior Boys: Tuesday, March 21 at Notre Dame Catholic High School, Carleton Place (snow date March 22).

Senior Girls: Tuesday, March 7 at Notre Dame Catholic High School, Carleton Place (snow date March 8).

Senior Boys: Tuesday, March 7 at St. John's Catholic High School (snow date March 8).

### **Student Life Activities**

Weather permitting, we will have our annual Winterlude on Friday, March 10, starting at 1:30. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will be playing BINGO in the gym. BINGO will begin at 2:00 for grades SK-3 and 2:30 for grades 4-8.

Thank you to all who came out to the Crochet Club to learn how to crochet and to help with making our crocheted Christmas lights. They have brought much color to Opa's Woods. It was so much fun, and I look forward to the next project. Thanks to Mrs. Croskery and Ms. Belair for volunteering their time to help with the club. See you next fall! Keep crocheting and creating!  
From: Mrs. Vala

## **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming Lessons begin in April. Students in grades 1-5 will be bussed to and from the CP pool for six 45-minute lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 11-27<sup>th</sup>. Swimming lessons are optional and are not included in tuition. A sign-up form will be sent home and returned by the month's end.

**Grades 1-3 will swim from 9:45-11:15, and Grades 4,5 will swim from 1:00 - 1:45.**

## **Volunteer Opportunities for March**

- **Heritage Fair Judges**

Reach out to [aweldon@calvaryca.com](mailto:aweldon@calvaryca.com)

- **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**

We celebrate God's faithfulness to CCA for 25 years with Donor Shout-Out this month! January's Gratitude Gala was a testament to God's goodness and brought in over **\$55,000** in donations from corporate and private sponsors. These donations are in addition to the monthly donors that faithfully give to the Academy - WOW! 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!

Because CCA is a privately funded institution, all income comes from three sources, tuition fees, donations, and fundraising. We have 13 monthly donors that donate to the Capital Campaign each month. These include businesses, individuals, Grandparents, alumni, and families who all have one thing in common - a desire to see the Academy continue to partner with families to help raise the next generation. Capital Campaign donors give monthly to support the work of CCA. We also have annual donors who donate each year as they are able. Lastly, one-time donors donate as God "randomly" moves, but it is 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 donate, whether in a season of plenty or for the "two mites" that are a sacrifice when finances are not abundant. Still, 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. We are so blessed by the supportive community that provides for the Academy and its joyful giving. CCA counts on the generosity of people like you. Donations are essential to sustain the school, keep an affordable tuition model, make necessary updates and improvements, and pay our excellent staff.

During March, we want to highlight and thank the below corporate and private sponsors. Thank you for your ongoing support to the Academy and at the Gratitude Gala in January! Take a look at some of these businesses, and if you require services, consider their business.

- RE/MAX Affiliates Realty LTD., Brokerage - Grimes family
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- KE Electric - Wall family
- Kingdom HVAC - Preece family
- Nextgen Signs - Musker family
- Evoy Remax - Evoy family
- Lori-Lynn Hynes Remax - Hynes family
- IG Wealth Management - Wissink family
- Maple Dental - MacPhee family
- North Gate Church - Schilke family
- Equator Coffee - Hall family
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- Subway Carleton Place - Bai family

Thank you to the many private donations from individuals and families.

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Have a great month! Tom Bourne - Principal