

Last month over the March Break, some people had the opportunity to travel, explore, rest and have a break from school. Our family embarked on a 4000-mile round trip to the Florida Keys with seven people packed into a 31-foot RV. Embarrassingly, even in a 31-foot vehicle, we were still packed full. Lawn chairs, towels, tennis racquets, snorkels, clothes for any weather and even computers for homework. It was a fantastic trip with too many experiences to share in this devotion. As we journeyed through the states and all the different terrain and climates, I found myself saying, "look out this window" or "look over there" at the various landscapes or something worth seeing. Sometimes it was a building or a cool car, and other times the ocean, an animal, or even a funny billboard. Much of our driving time was spent pointing out things we saw that we thought were exciting and wanted to share.

Some of my friends have asked what the best part of the trip was, and after reflecting on the journey, I think I know. Sure, I loved the Florida Keys and their beautiful rocky beaches. I loved snorkelling around a lighthouse and seeing a wild nurse shark. I loved fishing, biking, and watching the sunset from the 7 -mile bridge in Marathon. I loved the free time and laughing about the funny memories, like when I parked the RV in a spot that required Tom's undergrad in math to get out of. I laugh that when Tom saw the shark in the ocean, he called to come OVER rather than telling me to swim away (huh?). I laugh about the authentic Mexican restaurant we went to when the boys were so hungry, they ate a burrito stuffed with who knows what, but they were gone before we could ask.

Upon reflection, I have to say that the best part is recognizing that all the most beautiful moments were God moments. God moments are appreciating the scenery that HE is the artist of, like the amazing colour of the ocean and sky. It is learning fascinating facts about alligators or animals God designed for their habitat and revealing his creativity and ingeniousness. God moments are seeing the stunning colours of fish that He made with such brilliance and enjoying relationships that God authored by establishing the family unit and children. I love God moments.

When my heart is overwhelmed with appreciation and thankfulness in these "God moments," I call it worship. Worship is when your heart is flooded with gratitude for what God has done or given you that makes life exciting and beautiful. Consider the breath in your lungs and your body's natural rhythms that keep you alive. Maybe it is your little ones that you find exhausting but mean the world to you. Perhaps it's a gift or talent that God has given you. Maybe someone or something in your life is a blessing, and you are so thankful for them. I pray that you will look for God moments in your life.

I encourage you to look for God moments in your day and thank the author of our amazing life - God. Finding these moments in your life and sharing them with your spouse or kids will help them to develop a posture of gratitude too. I say amen to Psalm 145:3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

If you recognize these God moments in your life but are not part of a church family yet, I encourage you to find a God-centered church and surround yourself with others that worship God together.

## ~Mrs. Bourne

## 2023-24 Enrolment

Thank you to everyone for submitting the 2023-24 enrolment forms. Unless you hear otherwise, you can assume we have everything we need from you. Except for a few families, were are so pleased that almost everyone will return to CCA or CCHS next year. Thank you for trusting us with your children. Tours and interviews have begun for the remaining spots in classes. Thank you for sharing the good news about the Academy with families and friends in your communities.

## Apple Seeds Preschool

Preschool is filled for 2023-2024, but we have an active waitlist. Please contact Ms. Martel for more information or to be added to the waitlist.

Assemblies - Parents Welcome

Thursday, April 6 @ 2:00 pm
Wednesday, April 19 @ 2:00 pm

Easter Assembly
Regular Assembly


## Camps

Kids Camp is for kindergarten children aged 4-6 and will run for July. There are a few remaining spots in some weeks. Reach out to Ms. Martel for more information about Kids Camp.

## CCA Camp

In July, CCA will host a Summer Camp program for CCA students in Grades 1 to 8. Camps will run Monday to Thursday from 8:30 am to 4 pm . The cost is $\$ 100$ for four days. Camp activities will include ageappropriate sports, games and activities geared for campers. Camps are only open for students registered at CCA. Forms will be sent home this month.

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## Colouring Contest

Congratulations to all the colouring contest participants, and a special shout-out to the winners from each class.
Overall - Anita Garvin
JK- Hannah Racine SK - Aliyah Ivay and Gavin Ulker
Grade 1 - Emmett Bauder
Grade 2 - William Ivay
Grade 3 - Ruth James
Grade 4 -Jasmine Dubic
Grade 4/5-Clarissa Dubic
Grade 5 - Olivia Lancaster
Grade 6 - Isabella Garcia
Grade 7 - Emily Anne Trytsman
Grade 8 - Kaelyn Gallant


Spring Clean Up - Friday, April 21, 2-3 pm - Parents Welcome.
CCA staff and students will be putting on gloves to clean up our yard and pick up garbage down the road and nearby properties on Friday, April 21, beginning at 2:00 pm. Clean up day is intended to bring awareness and appreciation for being good stewards of what we have. All students will participate to demonstrate our care for the earth and property. Please send work gloves and a grocery bag with your children. Supplies will be available from the township as well. Parents are welcome to join us and help clean by the highway or oversee groups of kids.

## Fundraisers

More information about these fundraisers will come out closer to the event.

Grade 8 Bake Sale - Wednesday, April 12, during lunch (cash).
Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast - Friday, April 21, 8-9 am - Parents welcome.
CCHS - Ice Cream Sales - Fridays at lunch (cash).

Field Trip
Grade 6-8 - Carleton Place Pool Swim - April 26 (1:15-2:45)
Grades 6 and 7,8 will be bussed to the Carleton Place pool for a swim later this month. All participants will be fitted with a bracelet which will remain on the participant until after screening and will be removed only by the lifeguard if the swimmer has completed the required swimming distance. Have fun!

Grandparents Day - Save the Date: Wednesday, May 17, 1:00-3:00 pm (Doors open at noon) We look forward to inviting our Grandfriends to the school for a Grandparents Day program where each class will produce a song, skit or something special for them. Grandparents Day aims to love on Grandfriends, invite them to our school and let the kids show their classroom and introduce their Grandparents! Due to limited space, parents of students are not able to attend. The program will include a light snack, coffee and presentations, with time for the kids to show their Grandparents the classroom. The office will email a digital invitation to share with your Grandfriends, and physical invitations will be available. Please tell your special grandparents to save the date!

We will need baked goods and sandwiches donated for the luncheon and a handful of volunteers to help with this event. If you can help with either, contact the office.

## Holidays

Friday, April 7-Good Friday.
Monday, April 10 - Easter Monday - He has risen!

## Memorizing Scripture

Students were encouraged to participate in the March Memory Challenge, with the last day to recite the verses being Thursday, April 6-Award Presentations will take place at the Easter Assembly on Thursday, April 6. Great job for all your efforts!

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

## Mid Semester Report Cards

Mid-Semester Report Cards will go home with students on Wednesday, April 12, as scheduled.

## Remembrance Day Contest

In November, students submitted a Remembrance Day poster to the local legion for judging. We are so happy to share that, once again, CCA had several that placed in the contest. Great job!

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Grade 3
1st Place Branch - Julie Adeodato
3rd Place Regional - Julie Adeodato
Grade 6
1 'st Place Branch - Selina Geerts
2nd Place Regional - Selina Geerts
2nd Place Branch - Noelle Wills
3rd Place Branch - Amelia Wagorn
Grade 8
1 'st Place Branch - Anita Garvin
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## Running Club

Running club is a tradition at CCA that is valuable to building students' character. It is encouraging to see the kids encourage one another and increase their endurance by completing more laps of the track with training. Once the track is dry enough, Running Club will start up as we continue to strive for healthy bodies and participate in training a school community for our spring race.

## Heritage Fair - April 5 - Parents Welcome

This year's Heritage Fair will be held in the CCA gym on Wednesday, April 5. Students in grades 4-8 are expected to participate individually or in partners. Grade 1-3's will complete a class project. Judges will evaluate all projects on April 5. Parents are welcome to assist their child with delivering and setting up their project in the gym and stay to look over some of the projects. Thank you, Mrs. Weldon, for organizing the Heritage Fair.

We need a few more Heritage Fair judges. If you are interested in helping, email Mrs. Weldon at aweldon@calvaryca.com.

Spelling Bee - Friday, April $28^{\text {th }}$
CCA Annual Spelling Bee will occur on Friday, April 28, at 2:00 in the CCA gym. Students that choose to participate will compete in front of the whole school. Practice sheets will be sent home next week.

Students will compete in levels by grades -1-3, 4-6 and 7-8.

## Sports

March was exciting for CCA as students competed and had fun at the various tournaments. Each team participated well and was great ambassadors of CCA. The Junior Girls' basketball team came 2nd overall. The Senior Boys (Team A) finished in 3rd.

Badminton is the athletic focus in April. The senior grades will be having a tournament on Friday, April 28th. More information will be sent home closer to that date.

## Spring Weather

During transitional months like spring and fall, we ask that you send the children with the appropriate outdoor clothing. Weather can change drastically in a day, so preparing for wet, dry, cold or warm is very helpful. A general rule of thumb is that it is better to have more than less so layers can be removed. Packing extra socks or pants may be a good idea as the wet weather approaches.

## Student Life

Friday, March 10, was a beautiful day for our Winterlude activities, and everyone had a lot of fun participating in the activities and warming up with some hot chocolate. Thank you, Tim Horton's, for the yummy hot chocolate!

Skate Day on March 29 was a lot of fun. The annual Staff Student Broomball game was fun, with the staff keeping their winning streak alive © Thank you to all the families that joined us, helped and cheered!

## Swim Lessons

In cooperation with the Carleton Place Pool, CCA is happy to offer Grade 1-5 children an opportunity to take swim lessons. Lessons are optional and cost $\$ 75 /$ student for six 45 -minute lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning April 11 and going until the 27th. Students are transported by bus to and from the pool during school hours.

Grades 1-3 will swim from 1:00-1:45 pm, and Grades 4-5 will swim from 9:45-10:30 am.
Please ensure your child brings a bathing suit and towel in a plastic bag for each lesson. Swimming goggles are optional but a great asset, especially at the higher levels. Students that choose not to participate in swimming will travel to the pool with their class and be supervised by CCA staff.

## Where's Franktown Run - 2023

This year would have marked the $19^{\text {th }}$ year since we started our annual Where's Franktown run. This year's run will be an internal run for students and families and will be held during school hours. Students will be encouraged to train, collect pledges and compete on run day. Planning is in the early stages. We still need a few more volunteers to help lead the run on the day of. More information about the run for CCA students will be sent home in the coming weeks.

If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers, please contact the office.

## Volunteer Opportunities for April

Heritage Fair Judges - April 5, 9 am-12 pm (lunch provided)
Gardens - spring clean up - any evening/weekends/weekdays
Outdoor Cleaning Bee - Friday, April 21 at 2 pm
Franktown Run planning, Grandparents Day Food Prep/Baking - May 17
Have a great month!
Tom Bourne, Principal


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