



**CALVARY
CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**

developing minds

building character

nurturing faith



A GLANCE AHEAD!

May 2023

At this time of year, the spring grass is starting to sprout through the dead yellow grass left behind from the fall. Lawns are beginning to look green instead of brown, and the earth is doing what it does in spring "Tender grass springs out of the earth" (Samuel 23:4). It only takes a week or two before the lawn is ready for its first cut. Seeing the fresh green grass reminds me that sometimes when I look at other people's lives, I think the grass looks greener over there. This idiom refers to the thoughts we have when looking at someone's situation, and it seems better than our own, or things we don't have, seem better than what we do have. It's easy enough to fall into that way of thinking if we forget all of our blessings in Christ. Today I want to share a perspective for each of us to think about when we find ourselves longing for what others appear to have. As a Christian (Christ-Follower), the Scriptures tell us we have many spiritual blessings. In just one chapter of the Bible (Ephesians Chapter 1), we are told that:

We are chosen

We are Holy and blameless (because Jesus paid our sin debt)

We are loved

We are adopted into God's family

We are accepted

We are redeemed (Christ our redeemer)

We are forgiven if we acknowledge our wrongs (sins)

We are beneficiaries of God's grace (thank you, God)

We are known

We have eternal life

We have the truth from His Spirit in us

We have a guarantee (deposit) that Christ will come back for us

We have hope (need this daily)

We are rich (different currency than this old world - a different economy!)

We have power (the same power as the men and women in the Bible had)

We have Purpose

No matter what order you place those blessings in when it comes to needs or wants in life - this list covers them all. When we remember these truths, we can be content with what we have. When our values are rooted in Biblical truths and we "fertilize" our life with a close relationship with Jesus, our grass flourishes and brings glory to God! I pray this summer, each of us deepens our roots in these truths and remembers *"But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He care for you?" (Luke 12:27).*

God bless you, Mrs. Bourne

Registration

Please continue to spread the word to friends, family and church members that registration is now open for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. If you know families interested in CCA, please direct them to our office - thank you! New Families will be accepted in order of application, according to availability in the classroom.

Apple Seeds Preschool

Apple Seeds Preschool is already full with wait lists for the 2023-2024 school year. Our license with the Ministry of Education is for children from 2.5 to 5 years of age. Apple Seeds operates five days a week. Thank you for spreading the good news about our Apple Seeds program. If you have any further questions, please contact Christine Martel at cmartel@calvaryca.com



Assemblies - Parents always invited

Wednesday, May 10 @2:00 pm

Regular Assembly

Wednesday, May 31@2:00 pm

Regular Assembly

Save the Date

Wednesday, June 21 @ 7:00 pm

Grade 8 Graduation

Thursday, June 22nd @ 1:00 pm

June Celebration & Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, June 28th Time TBD

Grade 12 Graduation

CCA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Tuesday, May 30 @ 7:00 pm

Where: CCA Gym

What is it?: A chance for CCA students to perform a musical selection for their friends and family.

Play an instrument or sing a song! Sign up with Mrs. Cousins by Thursday, May 25! (bcousins@calvaryca.com)

Dress Down

On Friday, May 19 staff and students can donate \$2 to dress down in support of the Lanark Interval House .

Events Calendar

As events are scheduled, they are added to our events calendar on the website. You can keep up-to-date on the events and detail by subscribing to, or checking the events calendar at

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

Field Trips

Brockville Aquatarium - Wednesday, May 3

Grades JK, SK and 1 will be bussed to the Brockville Aquatarium. Please pack a bagged lunch, snacks and water for this trip.

Upper Canada Village - May 9-10th

Grade 5 will be participating in the Upper Canada Village live-in program overnight. Information was sent home already. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the Village. Have a really great time!



Science and Technology Museum - Friday, May 12th

Grades 2, 3 and 4 will be bused to the Science and Technology Museum in Ottawa. Please pack a bagged lunch, snacks and water for this trip.

Brockville Aquatarium - Tuesday, May 16th

Grades 4/5, 5 and 6 will be bused to the Brockville Aquatarium. Please pack a bagged lunch, snacks and water for this trip.

Brockville Aquatarium - Tuesday, May 23

Grades 7 and 8 will be bussed to the Brockville Aquatarium. Please pack a bagged lunch, snacks and water for this trip.

Kindergarten Field Trip - Saunders Farm - Wednesday, May 24

Jk, Sk and Grade 1 will be bussed to Saunders Farm for a fun day outdoors. Please pack a bagged lunch, snacks and water for this trip. Uniforms are NOT required for this trip.

Outdoor Education Days at CCA - Thursday and Friday, June 1st and 2nd

All grades will spend time outside on CCA's own 50-acre nature property with our Outdoor Ed specialist, Mrs. Allison Weldon. Students can dress down for their outdoor education day. Please send rubber boots and set of spare clothes, children will get soaked. If you have a small net and bucket please send it along. Parent volunteers are welcome.

Thursday, June 1st

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7.

Hike/ Nature Walk and Pond Exploration - need parent volunteers

Dress down Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7.

Friday June 2nd

Grade 8 with kinder and Grades 4/5, 5, 6

Hike/ Nature Walk and Pond Exploration - need parent volunteers

Dress down for kinder and Grades 4/5, 5, 6

Grandfriends' Day - Wednesday, May 17th

Dress Uniforms for students

We will be celebrating our Grandfriends on Wednesday, May 17th from 12 to 3 pm. Please invite that special grandfriends to enjoy the afternoon with us. Visitors will enjoy light refreshments and presentations from our students. Please note that this has become a very popular event and due to space restrictions, we need to restrict this to grandparents/seniors.

We need several families to help with sending refreshments from home, please contact the office if you can help with sandwiches or desserts.

Holidays

Victoria Day Monday, May 22nd

PD Day Friday, May 26th (no classes)

Spelling Bee - Monday, May 1 @ 2:00 pm

The 2022-23 Spelling Bee will take place in the gymnasium on May 1, with two students from each qualifying for the competition. Parents are welcome to attend.



Heritage Fair

The 2022-23 Heritage Fair saw wonderful contributions from every grade. Staff and judges were amazed by the quality of projects, presentation abilities and excellent behaviour displayed by CCA students - well done to everyone! Thank you to our volunteer judges, and Mrs. Weldon for organizing the fair. We are pleased to announce the following winners:

Grade 4

1. Zoe Lefor - Lanark Fire
2. Aria Monaghan - Wolves and Ecosystems
3. Bennett Stanistreet - 1st Female Deputy Police Chief of Ottawa (Grandmother)

Grade 4/5

1. Alianna Glendenning -Indigenous
2. Wyatt Larock -Snowmobiling in Canadian Culture
3. Alexis Macdonald - Winnie the Pooh

Grade 5

1. Daniel Boogerman - 25 Facts, Chloe Lee - Tim Hortons
2. Luke Malloy - Hockey in Eastern Canada
3. Naomi Yates - Steamboats in Canada

Grade 6

1. Matthew Moore - Rideau Canal
2. Isabella and Gabriella Garcia - Collector Coins
3. William Dziuba - Avro Arrow

Grade 7

1. Rachel Martin - Family History
2. Joy Schilke - The Halifax Explosion

3. Abigail Hynes and Audrey Musker - The Canadian Flag

Grade 8

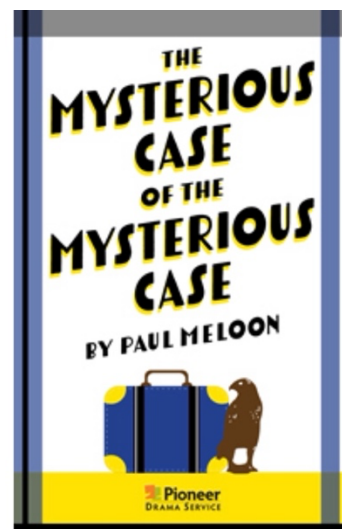
1. Brayden Uhler - Juno Beach, Leah Malloy - Insulin
2. Addison Wissink- Oak Island
3. Oliver Weldon and Owen Cousins - Avro Arrow, Tim Crossman - WW2 Halifax Planes

Combined Projects

1. Peyton and Elijah Smith - Chapel Ridge
2. Mariyka and Naomi Lee - Deer Hunting in Canada
3. Livia and Haavah Kruszelnicki - Opa Heinrich Koop

Spring Play - May 5 @ 7:00 pm - The Mysterious Case of the Mysterious Case

There are "Dadd jokes" galore in this fast-talking film-noir spoof featuring Detective Hugo Dadd, whose idea of justice is served with a punny dish of corn. When a mysterious case goes missing from the bus station — a suitcase, that is — Dadd is on the case of the missing case, using his arsenal of wordplay and one-liners to ensure his investigation is over the top. It starts when his capricious new client, Dinah Mite, explodes onto the scene in search of the mysterious MacGuffin suitcase, claiming to know nothing of it, other than it was hers to retrieve. Dadd soon comes across a pair of common crooks in Robin Banks and Rex Carrs, who lead the droll detective to believe there's more to the story than Miss Mite might be telling. And when a couple of coppers — brothers Ben Ding and Stan Ding — start sniffing around, Detective Dadd realizes there's more to this mysterious case than meets the eye. Who's telling the truth? Find out in this mile-a-minute comedic homage to *The Maltese Falcon*.



Dress rehearsal for the school May 5th in the afternoon

Evening performance for parents and guests May 5th at 7:00 pm.

Spring Clean Up

Thank you to students, teachers, and volunteers for helping out on spring clean-up day. What a great way to show a shared responsibility for the property that we have here. Thank you for your work and time getting the grounds, streets, and village cleaned up.

Sports

Track and Field - May 15th @ Terry Fox Facility, Ottawa

With the nice weather finally coming we are now able to start training for Track and Field. Students in

Grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to participate in the Christian schools meet in Ottawa. Students must have a participation form submitted and qualify to participate. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the meet.

Track and Field @ CCA - June 5 (Rain Date June 6)

CCA will host our CCA Track Meet on June 5. If you would like to help with the track meet by being a timekeeper or helping to run one of the events, please contact Sue Reid (sreid@calvaryca.com). The CCA track meet will run from 9:15-2:45.

- All students from grades 1 to 8 will be participating in the Track and Field day on CCA grounds.

Running Club

Running club will begin in May. Students will run/walk two laps on their lunchtime activity break on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This is a great opportunity to continue to promote Healthy Living.

Staff Update

We feel blessed to have Quin Atkinson with us for a few weeks as she is completing a teaching placement in grade 3 with Mrs. Hamelin. Quin once wore red as a student at CCA years ago, now we welcome her back in a teacher role. Welcome Miss. Atkinson, so happy to have you!

My name is Quin Atkinson and I am a Concurrent Education student at Queen's University. I have a passion for the arts, travel, and education. Last year, I was blessed with the opportunity to learn at Queen's UK campus in England, and this spring I completed my second year in Kingston. I am so beyond excited to learn from one of my previous teachers, in an environment I know supports learners not only in academic success, but also in faith and character.



We also want to share that Mme. Castro's last day with us is May 23. We have so enjoyed her enthusiasm and joyful contribution to the program and wish her well in her new career endeavour and upcoming marriage.

Summer Camp

Grades 1 to 8 are invited to a 4-day camp this summer. New families are also invited to the camp to meet friends before September.

Ms. Martel will oversee staffing and the camps that run Monday to Thursday from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Camp activities will include age-appropriate sports, games, and activities for kids. The cost is \$100 for four days. Registration forms were emailed home.

Camps are only open for students registered at CCA and based on the grade they are in now. Payments can be transferred to the office using the password "CCA2023" and the memo "summer camp". More information is on the registration form.

Volunteerism

Volunteer Hours of Service Forms are due in the office by June 16th. This form is available on our website (calvaryca.com) under "Our School" - "School Forms". Any hours served can be recorded on the form. Below are some volunteering opportunities during the last two months of the school year. If you have not yet fulfilled your 25 hours, feel free to reach out with an idea or offer to complete your family hours.

- Grandfriends Day - food preparation - May 17 office@calvaryca.com
- CCA Track & Field Day Monday, June 5th- sreid@calvaryca.com
- Outdoor Education June 1, 2 - office@calvaryca.com
- Deep Cleaning - office@calvaryca.com
- Grounds Work - raking, sweeping, cleaning

Looking Ahead...



Upcoming dates to put on your calendar

May 1	Spelling Bee @ 2:00 pm
May 3	Aquarium - Jk, Sk, Grade 1
May 5	Spring Production at 7:00 pm
May 9-10	Grade 5 trip to Upper Canada Village
May 10	Grade 8 Bake sale
May 12	Science and Tech museum grades 2,3,4
May 15	Track Meet - Terry Fox Facility
May 16	Aquarium - Grades 4/5,5,6
May 17	Grandfriends Day - 12:00 - food donations needed
May 19	Dress down for \$2 (in support of Lanark Interval House)
May 22	Victoria Day - No School
May 23	Aquarium - Grade 7,8
May 24	Saunders Farm - Jk, Sk, Grade 1
May 26	PD Day - No School
May 30	Music Festival - 7:00 pm - CCA Gym
May 31	Track and Field - Grades 7,8 (Rain Date June 1)
June 1	Outdoor Education Pond Study - Grades 1, 2,3,4, and 7
June 2	Outdoor Education Pond study - Grades Kinder, 4/5, 5, 6 and 8
June 5	CCA Track and Field Day - Volunteers needed (Rain Date June 6)
June 7-8	Grade 8 Grade 8 Graduation Trip - Toronto
June 9	Report Card Writing Day - No School
June 21	Grade 8 Graduation @ 7 pm
June 22	June Celebration & SK graduation @ 1:00 pm
June 22	Last day of classes
June 28	CCHS Graduation time tbd

