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A GLANCE AHEAD!

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After ordering my coffee at Tim Hortons today, I was blessed by a stranger. When I got to the window to pay, I was told that the person before me had already paid for my coffee. It was so unexpected and surprising. I honked and waved, hoping the stranger would know I was saying thank you! I got back on the road feeling blessed and thankful. I wondered who it was and how I could repay them. It felt strange not to properly thank them. I was inspired by that thoughtful gesture and decided I would pay it forward.

Did you know that Jesus paid for something for us? Just like the guy in the drive-through paid in full for my coffee, Jesus paid in full for a debt that we owe. Assuming you believe in the spiritual world, that is, heaven, hell, God and eternity, you won't find it hard to believe that there is an eternal balance owed by humanity for the wrongs in this world. That truth is "coded" into us, and we are "programmed" to be aware of it. This God-given truth is the reason kids are prompted to tell on each other. It is why we feel passionate about the injustices we see happening worldwide. It is the reason we feel guilt when we've done something wrong. And, it is the reason for instincts that resonate with and champion truth. Ecclesiastes 3:11 explains that God has "set eternity in the human heart." Every human soul has a God-given awareness that there is "something more" than this transient world. The "something more" calls us to explore and seek out spiritual things, God.

God, the author of humanity to whom a massive debt is owed, paid the debt! How unexpected and surprising! Spiritually speaking, as humans, we rack up a bill of wrongs individually and collectively, and He pays for it. How? It wasn't free, just like my coffee wasn't free. Jesus gave his life away to satisfy the spiritual debt. If we want, we can say "thanks" and be free from our part of the debt. Just like I felt the urge to pay it forward, something happens when we say thanks to God. A new program in that God-given code unlocks a whole new algorithm, including the inspiration to pay it forward. I don't mind paying the \$2.00 for a morning coffee, but I will be eternally grateful for living debt-free, spiritually speaking. Thank you, Jesus!

~Sylvia Bourne

Annual General Meeting - December 5th, 2023 7:00 -9:00 pm

Our Annual General Meeting is a chance for new and returning families to hear more about what happens behind the scenes at the Academy. You will hear a presentation from the Board of Directors, and new board members would be voted on at this meeting. The meeting is about two hours in length. Please come out to enjoy refreshments, a time of fellowship and worship led by the Grade 8's, as we celebrate what God is doing at CCA together.

After School Program

Our After School program continues to help families who need a later pick up time for their children on a regular basis or a one time situation. The cost is \$8 per child per day or \$15 per day per family. Please be sure to let the office in advance if you want to use the program, or if you are going to be late and need care that day.



Assemblies - Parents are always welcome at Assemblies and Chapel

Wednesday November 1st @ 2:00 pm - Regular Assembly

Friday November 10th @ 10:15 am - Remembrance Day Presentation

Wednesday November 29th @ 2:00 pm - Regular Assembly

Athletics

CCA Athletics are generally communicated through handouts to the athletes. This year athletes are expected to fill out a commitment contract for each sport. The contract will be signed off on by the student, parent and teacher before they can participate.

Soccer - CCA's athletes played hard at the Jr and Sr soccer tournaments and represented the school well.

Flag Football - Great job to the 7 and 8's for preparing and playing hard at the Coed Flag Football tournament in October.

Cross Country - Cross Country results are mentioned below.

Coming Up - The next sport will be volleyball. Tournament dates and times are yet to be determined, watch the online calendar for updates.

Bus

If you would like to learn more about our bus route you may inquire at the office. There is still space for more riders. Families can opt to use the bus full time or part time. The bus is a great alternative to driving in the winter months.

If your child wishes to ride the bus home with a friend, please use a One-Time Bus Use Form to communicate this in advance, available from the office.



CCA Christmas Concert - Important Update

Last year we packed the venue so full that this year we have decided to have two performances. On December 20th, students will be expected to be dropped off and picked up at Calvary Pentecostal Church in Carleton Place during regular school hours. Bus students will be brought to the church by the bus. December 20th will be dedicated to dress rehearsal and TWO performances, 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Please note that the evening performance is limited to parents only. Extended family and friends that wish to see the performance are encouraged to attend the matinee at 1:30 pm.

Play Summary

Maybe you've been involved in your church's Christmas pageant in years gone by, or perhaps you're the one in charge of planning one right now! Whatever role you may have played in manifesting a pageant production, I'm sure you will be able to relate to this play's director dilemma! This year's CCA Christmas presentation will not only help you find out how YOU can survive your church's Christmas pageant, but will hopefully also prepare your hearts and minds to celebrate our Saviour, Jesus Christ, this Christmas season. Along with some well-versed scripts, and hard-working actors, we've got a beautiful line up of carols and group choral ensembles in the works. You don't want to miss it!



Cross Country Results - CCA Students

A big shout out to each and every participant in the Lanark County Track meet at Conlon Farms on October 19th. It was a perfect day for a run, and we are so proud of each of you for your efforts. Below are some of our athletes who placed in the top 10 of their divisions. Congratulations to each of you!

Troy Turco: 2nd
Haavah Kruszelnicki: 1st
Caleb kruszelnicki: 2nd
Eden Wills: 2nd
Chandler Powell: 5th
Jaxon West: 8th

Gavin Sanford: 5th
Sierra Fowler: 11th
Jazz Kennedy: 6th
Emmanuel Adegbile: 4th
Joshua Mahmoud: 6th
Hannah Sanford: 2nd



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday November 5th 2023. Remember to put your clocks back an hour.

Christmas Ballet - Monday December 4th

Students in grade JK-12 will be blessed again this year by Arise School of Dance, Christmas ballet. Arise will be performing twice so that there is plenty of space in the gym for parents to attend. Below is the times and grades for both performances, please come and enjoy the moving performance.

9:30-10:30 Grades K-3 - Parents are welcome to stay after drop off to enjoy the performance.
11:30-12:30 Grades 4-8 - Parents are welcome.

Christmas Kids Shopping Day

One of our favorite activities each year is the Kids Christmas Sale where the gym is transformed into a shopping center for kids. Every child will have the opportunity to shop and wrap gifts at school. For this event to be a success, we need gently used items to sell! The grade 8's are collecting items this month and next. This is your chance to purge items that would make great gifts. We will also need gift bags, tape and gift wrap. You can bag or box any items and drop them off at the office. Thank you!

Dress Down for \$2 - Friday, November 17th

This month's dress down donation will be given to the Poppy Foundation.

Fundraisers

CCHS will continue selling ice cream and popsicles on Fridays for \$1.50.



The great grade 8's will be holding a bake sale on November 8th at lunch time. Send \$1-\$2 if you want a baked treat.

Christmas Wreaths - The grade 8's will be selling live balsam wreaths for the month of November for \$25. You can order through a grade 8 student or by emailing jsalisbury@calvaryca.com

Fire Prevention Week

Thank you to the Beckwith Fire Department for visiting CCA on October 11th to talk about the importance of Fire Prevention and give us a talk with water demonstration and tour of the fire trucks.

Grandparents

We know that Grandparents are prayer warriors and care very much about their Grandchildren. For those two reasons, we have a Grandparent email list that we periodically send prayer requests and updates. If you have a Grandparent / Grand friend that you think would like to receive newsletters, and informational emails from us, please send us their email address to be added to our distribution list.

Gratitude Gala - Save the date

The second annual Gratitude Gala planning is underway! The date is set for Friday, January 19th. We look forward to a fun and social evening with dinner, comedic entertainer, and silent auction.

The Gratitude Gala is the main school wide fundraiser and is critical to the sustainability of the Academy. The Gala pulls the whole community together to raise funds to keep CCA afloat financially. Participation from all families is essential for the success of this fundraiser. As we step out in faith, we do our part by preparing and let God do His in reaping the harvest. This is His school.

How can help make this fundraiser a success?

- 1 - Plan to come
- 2 - Consider sponsoring the event - businesses, families, or individuals receive a tax-receipt for donations
- 3 - Solicit a donation for the silent auction table
- 4 - Volunteer to help with set up, clean up, kitchen, or the silent auction
- 5 - Every student is expected to contribute a \$10 item to their classroom's silent auction themed basket, items will be collected in November.

Homework Expectations

By now, students have settled into their classes and are becoming aware of grade-level expectations. As students progress through grades at CCA, excellence in all areas is expected. We ask for your support in enforcing homework and academic excellence. As the Parent Handbook explains, as a general rule, students should expect 10 minutes of homework per grade level. In grade two, that is 20 minutes. In grade six, sixty minutes, and so on. This has been the expectation for many years. Our philosophy is that this expectation sets CCA apart from other schools by asking families to be involved and partner with us in their children's education. Studies show that parental involvement with homework and engagement in their child's education is related to higher academic performance, better social skills and behavior, and increased self-confidence.

From our own experience, observations, and alumni testimony, this expectation benefits students and gradually prepares students for academic pursuits outside of elementary school. An email was circulated in October sharing the perspective the Academy has on homework.

Pastors Lunch – November 15th

We want to bless the pastors in the CCA community and all those represented by over 40 churches at CCA. The office has sent out a Pastors Lunch invitation for you to give to your Pastor/church leader to bless them with a free lunch and a time of encouragement. RSVP to adminvolunteer@calvaryca.com

Volunteer Opportunity - The office is asking help with the food and serving at this event, families wishing to contribute may sign up through the Google sheet sent out.

Photo Retake Day – December 8th

If your student was absent on picture day, they will have their photo taken on December 8th. If you wish to have a retake done, please let the office know. Unfortunately we are not able to accommodate sibling photos this year.

Turkey Bowl Football

CCHS students participated in the fourth annual Turkey Bowl on October 7th. Expanding from the traditional 4 teams to an exhilarating 6 teams the day was nothing short of spectacular. Starting with rain but then the clearing right up in time for a tightly contested final that kept everyone on their toes. Congratulations to the winning team! Thanks to Mrs.Chapman and Mr.Bourne for organizing, coaching and cheering!



Lice Season

Parents are asked to routinely check their children's hair for lice. The school is to be notified whenever lice are found. In addition, head lice checks could occur periodically through the school year, particularly after summer & Christmas breaks, by trained volunteers. A student may re-enter school when the first of the required treatment has been administered according to Health Unit guidelines. More detail concerning the Head Lice policy can be found in Appendix I in the CCA Parent Handbook (found at www.calvaryca.com at bottom of the "Our School" tab).

Lunch Program

The lunch program continues everyday and provides help to families. The program is not meant to raise funds for the academy but rather, a service to families. One way to help offset costs associated with the program is by removing the costs associated with tracking and offering credits for missed days due to school activities or absences.

Mid- Term Report Cards

Mid-term reports will be sent home on Wednesday November 15th.

Operation Christmas Child

Each year CCA packs several shoe boxes with the organization Samaritans Purse, these shoebox gifts will be sent around the world and bless children who may not otherwise receive a gift like this. Each student has the opportunity to bring home a a starter shoebox - we ask that you pack your shoe box with quality items. You can get some ideas or read more about this global initiative at <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/>

Photo Contest

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Fall Photo Contest! We were very impressed with the beautiful pictures you captured of the changing of the seasons! You can see all the entries on the CCA Parent-to-Parent Facebook page. The results are in and we are pleased to announce the following winner of the Fall Basket!

Winner - "The Moon Takes a Bite" submitted by Tim Hagerty

Congratulations and thank you to everyone that participated!

Parent Teacher Interviews- November 23, 24

Parent teacher interviews are mandatory and will be held on the evening of November 23th from 4-8pm and on Friday, November 24th from 9-1 pm. Interviews are 15 minutes in length. Please arrive on time and wait outside the classroom for your interview. Families will receive an email to book a time slot by registering using a program called Pick-a-Time. Instructions for booking will be in the email. Families can only book one time slot per teacher, if you have siblings in the same class, contact the office to book a second time slot. ***Children are not permitted at the interview.***

PA Day / No School Days

Friday, November 24th - Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, December 1st - CCA Professional Activity Day - Curriculum Review (NO SCHOOL)

Parent Teacher Interviews - Mandatory - In person

Thursday, November 23th - after school (4 - 8 p.m.)

Friday, November 24th - (9 a.m. - 1:00 pm) **NO CLASSES on this date.**

Please note that parents are required to attend Parent Teacher Interviews. Students are NOT permitted at the interviews. Interviews are 15 minutes in length.

Remembrance Day Classroom Presentation - Friday, November 10th, 10:15am

CCA will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly on November 10th followed by a moment of silence at 11 am. Every student will be given a sticker poppy before the assembly. Money collected on this month's dress down day (November 17th) will be donated to the Poppy Foundation at our local legion.



Resource

The Resource Program provides students with the opportunity for occasional help that is course-specific or general help with assignments. The resource program provides an opportunity for students to get more one on one help than possible in a classroom setting. When you sign up for a "block" of resource it will be either one on one, once a week, or twice a week in a small group ranging from 2-4 students.

There are 2 ways to have your child enrolled in the Resource Program;

- 1 - Based on a recommendation from an external source such as a professional assessment and in communication with Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Connor.
- 2 - Preference or need identified by staff or parents and communicated through Mr. Bourne and Mrs. Connor.

Families can sign up and pay for the program with their tuition payments or make one time payments as needs arise and students are added to the program.

The resource staff will also be assisting in special circumstances as deemed necessary by the teacher, such as a student who may need help or more attention with a particular assignment, supervision for a missed test or a student who has completed all their work and has moved on to something more challenging. We hope to create and foster a resource environment that is welcoming, friendly and accessible by children of all capacities. If you are interested in the remaining spots in our program please contact the office and we can begin the process.



Right Now Media

Do you find your kids want more screen time but you worry that too much isn't good for them and you find it hard to find quality content? CCA has a gift for you - we have paid for a subscription to Right Now Media, an online library of quality Christian content for all ages. Right Now Media has resources for everyone, and covers almost any subject you might be looking to learn more about. We feel so confident in the program that we pay for your subscription each month. Please use the private link below to subscribe to your FREE Right Now Media account. Please remember that we pay by the number of users, so please only open one account per CCA and CCHS immediate families.

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/calvaryca>

Scholastic Book Fair

The annual CCA Book Fair is happening in the gym November 22 - 24th. Students will have the opportunity to shop at the Book Fair during class time. Parents can shop during Parent Teacher Interviews. Each classroom will have a "Wishlist" for parents to donate chosen books to their child's classroom! Teachers and classmates are always grateful for new literature to read. How special for your child to personally deliver their class a gifted book. And remember- Christmas is only a few short weeks away!

All purchases help our school gain resources and promote literacy in our classrooms and your home. Stay tuned for more info about our Book Fair.

Student Life

In October students in grade K-8 enjoyed a fun outdoor activities and hot apple cider, thank you Mrs. Reid for organizing this fun student life event.

In November, students have the opportunity to play in a game of Deer Hunter starting November 6-November 17. More details will be given to the students.



Spirit Days - These days are for dressing up and showing school spirit!

Tuesday November 7	Crazy Hair / Crazy Hat Day - not a dress down day
Wednesday, November 8	Lanark County Day -country, plaid, jeans, hillbilly
Tuesday, November 21	Comfy Clothes Day -joggers, pj's, slippers- is it comfy?
Wednesday, November 22	Fandamonium Day - Mr.Bourne will be sporting his LEAFS jersey!
Thursday, November 23	Arctic Adventure -Explorer or Arctic Animal (Polar Bear/Penguin)

School Sweaters

You asked and we delivered! CCA merch for families is here. Now you can purchase a CCA "Mom", "Dad", or "Grandparent" sweater for yourself or as a Christmas gift! Purchase by emailing the office. Sweaters are \$50.



Tick Talk

As we enjoy the beauty of the day and the outdoors in the remaining weeks of fall please be sure to check your children for ticks. It's our practice to educate the kids and to have them self-check but some ticks can be very small so it's best to check again.

<https://healthunit.org/media/2020-archive/ticks-and-lyme-disease-what-you-need-to-know/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Family involvement and volunteerism is critical to the health of our school and we are so very thankful for each volunteer. As needs arise, we will email out volunteer opportunities and provide opportunities in each month's newsletter. If you plan to volunteer, you will need to sign off on the Volunteer Policies in the office and provide us with a vulnerable sector check before volunteering. Vulnerable sector checks can be completed online, with a letter of request from the office. Please let the office know if you would like a letter of request for this volunteering purposes.



Thank you! We want to give a BIG shout out to the Used Uniform and Admission Team. These two teams work tirelessly to help new and existing families feel welcomed, and prepared for CCA. We are very thankful for the individuals that are part of those teams - bless you!

Website

We encourage each of you to keep up to date by directing you to our website. We keep our website as up to date as possible, including an events calendar, parent handbook, school forms and other important information. We also want to bring to your attention that we maintain an active online calendar to which you can subscribe for regular updates to your smart phone or tablet. When subscribed, changes to our online calendar will automatically be updated in your calendar. Our online calendar is found here;

<http://calvaryca.com/open-event-calendar/>

Yearbook Volunteer Opportunity

If you like to be creative and are detail oriented, the yearbook could be a great project to volunteer with. This is something you can work on from the comfort of your own home and on your own time. Mrs. Cousins will do a short in-person training to get volunteers started in the program we use, then volunteers can put a few hours in each month between now and June. If you are interested in helping with the yearbook, please reach out to Mrs. Cousins at bcousins@calvaryca.com. Thank you!

Volunteer opportunities this month

Deep Cleaning	If you are interested in joining the "Deep Clean Team" and use your volunteer hours to deep clean the school evenings, weekends, or when it suits your schedule, please let the office know. This cleaning will include areas that are not on our regular cleaning schedule.
Yearbook	Help from home. Contact Mrs. Cousins to join the team.
Gala	Join the set up, clean-up, kitchen, or silent auction team by emailing the office.
Where's Franktown Run	We are going ahead with the WF run and need another volunteer to help lead.
Pastors Lunch	Food donations, and servers are needed for the Pastors lunch.

Look Ahead to December

November 24 No School - Parent Teacher Interviews
December 1 - PD Day - No School
December 4 - Annual General Meeting
December 4 - Arise Ballet Performance - Parents welcome
December 8 - Retake Day
December 13th Kids Christmas Sale
December 20th Christmas Concert at Calvary Pentecostal Church - NEW SCHEDULE
December 21 Last day of Class, school resumes January 8th.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Bourne
Director of Operations

