



A GLANCE AHEAD!

April 2026

Over the past few weeks, you may have noticed your children coming home reciting or referencing parts of 1 Peter 1 as part of our school wide memory verse challenge. As a school, we have been intentionally helping students hide God's Word in their hearts and minds. This is not simply an academic exercise. It is preparation.

Peter gives a clear command in 1 Peter 1:13 to "*prepare your minds for action.*" The imagery is vivid. In the ancient world, a person would gather up their long robes and tuck them in before running or working. It was a picture of readiness. Focus. Intentionality. This connects deeply with one of the most important callings we have as parents. We are raising children on a battlefield between good and evil. Scripture is clear that we live in a world where good and evil are at work. When children are young, we are able to protect them closely. We guide their environment, their influences, and their routines. But as they grow, they begin to step further away from the home base. They make their own choices. They encounter competing worldviews. They face real spiritual challenges. They are enticed and tempted. Our role is not simply to protect them forever by manipulating and guiding every single move and decision. We can try, but we know we can't. In fact, God doesn't treat us that way either. Our role is to prepare them.

At CCA, we see ourselves as partners with you in that preparation. And the most important way we can prepare children is not merely through academics, athletics, or opportunities, as valuable as those are. It is by helping lead them into a growing relationship with the King of Kings through Jesus Christ, and by grounding them deeply in Scripture.

A prepared mind does not happen by accident. It is formed over time as truth is consistently poured in. As Scripture is read, memorized, and lived. As children see faith modelled, not just taught.

This is where the home is so powerful. When your child hears God's Word at school and sees it lived out at home, it takes root more deeply. When they watch a parent pray in the middle of a hard situation, they learn where strength comes from. When they see repentance and forgiveness in real time, they understand the Gospel. When Scripture is opened around the kitchen table or before bed, their minds are being shaped and prepared.

There are many things competing for our attention today. Endless scrolling, constant noise, and full schedules can easily crowd out what matters most. Many of us feel that tension. But even small, intentional choices to prioritize *God's Word* can have a lasting impact.

As parents, you are doing holy work. You are helping prepare your children not just for tests or careers, but for life in a world that requires discernment, courage, and faith. You are helping anchor them in something unshakable.

So let me encourage you:

- Stay connected to Christian community.
- Make space for *God's Word* in your home.
- Model a life that is dependent on Christ.
- Pray with your children and for your children.

These are the habits that, over time, prepare their minds and shape their hearts. And take heart in this: you are not doing this alone. *God* is at work in your children's lives, and we are grateful to partner with you in this calling.

Together, we are helping raise young men and women who are ready, grounded, and hopeful in Christ.

Mr. Bourne

Speak Up: Our School-Wide Approach to Conflict Resolution

For many years, *CCA* has used a consistent approach to help students navigate conflict in a respectful and constructive way. This approach, called *Speak Up*, is actively taught and modelled by staff from JK through Grade 12.

The *Speak Up* process involves four key steps:

- **Speak Up** - Students are encouraged to say "Stop" or "I don't like that" when they experience or witness hurtful behaviour. This helps set clear boundaries and signals that the behaviour is unwanted.
- **Speak To** - Students are taught to express their feelings clearly and respectfully by saying things like, "This is how that made me feel." This step encourages self-awareness and healthy communication.
- **Speak Out** - Students are guided to bring the issue to a trusted adult, such as a teacher or staff member. The emphasis here is that "*telling*" is to get someone out of trouble, not into trouble. For example: "Someone is being mean to so-and-so, and he's crying," or "She is hurting my feelings by..." Speaking out helps stop hurtful behaviours and keeps others safe.
- **Speak With** - This step focuses on reconciliation. Students are supported in restoring relationships and making things right, often with the guidance of a caring adult.

We encourage parents to review the *Speak Up* process at home and practice using it in different situations—whether at school, in the community, or in everyday family life. Together, we can empower our students to be peacemakers and problem-solvers.

2026-27 Enrolment

By now several families should have confirmed their spot for next year through the family portal. The portal will be used for confirming your enrolment and keep track of any other forms required for the upcoming school year.

The portal is designed to allow for digital tracking to see your school account all in one place. Please submit your re-enrollment forms by Friday March 27th. After which time we will open enrollment to families in the wait pool.

Many of the tours and Open House guests have commented on hearing about the school from friends and family - thank you for sharing the good news about the Academy with families and friends in your communities.

Apple Seeds Preschool

Preschool is filled for 2026-2027, with an active waitlist. Please contact Ms. Martel, cmartel@calvaryca.com for more information or to be added to the waitlist.

Assemblies - Parents Welcome

Parents are always welcome at monthly assemblies, you may be surprised to see your loved one performing with confidence in front of the whole school - come out and be encouraged.

Thursday, April 2 @ 2:00 pm

Easter Assembly (Families welcome)

Wednesday, April 28 @ 2:15 pm

Regular Assembly (Families welcome)

CCA Community Event - April 15 at 6:30 pm

Join us for the Sens vs Leafs game and cheer on your favourite team! Wear your jersey to show your team spirit. Moms, Dads, kids and friends - Join us in the gym, bring a snack to share.



CCHS

CCHS has lots on the go in April. We are looking forward to our next Praise Night on April 8th, where the CCHS Praise band will lead their peers in worship along with testimonies and a short message.

Grade 10 students are writing the Literacy Test on April 9th and 10th at Redeemer High School in Ottawa.

CCHS students who are considering completing a summer co-op should come and speak to Mrs. Chapman for an information package to take to workplace providers. Mr. Bourne will need to receive an email from students acknowledging their intention to complete a co-op and where they plan to work by April 30th.

The senior students (grade 11 and 12) are looking forward to their trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 6-8th, to see Sight and Sound's production of Joshua.

CCHS Athletics

CCHS has kicked off its badminton season, with students from grades 9 through 12 gearing up to participate in the provincial championships.

CCHS Worship Night

CCHS is hosting a Praise night on Wednesday, April 8nd from 6:00-8:00pm. CCHS students are all invited - and grade 8 students are welcome to attend!

CCA Drama Production - May 1

Mark your calendar for CCA's exciting Spring Production. Our students are rehearsing diligently to bring you a Broadway worthy performance. CCA/CCHS students will enjoy the play in the afternoon. Everyone else is welcome to join us for an evening performance. Thank you to Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Hamelin, Mrs. Cousins for taking a lead role in coordinating this fun activity for our students.



Field Trips

In April, students will spend time swimming either in lessons or an Open Swim for grades 5-8.

Swim Day- Grade 5 to 8

While the grades one to four enjoy learning to swim this month, the grades five to eight will enjoy a fun afternoon of swimming with their friends. Students will be bussed to the Carleton Place pool for swimming. All participants will be fitted with a bracelet which will remain on the participant until after they pass the swim test at which time the bracelet will be removed only by the lifeguard. Have fun!

Grade 5-8 - Carleton Place Pool Swim - April 1st (1:15-2:30)

Swim Lessons - Grades 1 to 4

In cooperation with the Carleton Place Pool, CCA is happy to offer Grade 1-4 children an opportunity to take swim lessons. There are six 45-minute lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning April 7 and going until the 23. Students are transported by bus to and from the pool during school hours. 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 who choose not to participate in swimming will travel to the pool with their class and be supervised by CCA staff.

Group 1 - Grade 1 and 2

9:15 am - Depart CCA by bus

9:45 - 10:30am - Swim Lessons

10:45 am - Depart Pool by bus

Group 2 - Grade 3 and 4

10:00 am - Depart CCA by bus

10:30-11:15 am - Swim Lessons

11:30 am - Depart Pool by bus

Fundraisers

Grade 8 Year End Trip Fundraising

- The grade 8 class would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and for helping them raise \$6,915 in funds for their trip to Toronto! Thank you!
- Tulips and Daffodils will be sold for \$1 each at the beginning and end of the day as they come in.
- Purchase your flowers and trees by purchasing gift cards for Gemmell's Garden Center. A portion of all sales will go to the grade 8 class. Contact Mr. Salisbury to purchase your card today - jsalisbury@calvaryca.com.
- Grade 8 Maple Syrup \$25 for 1L contact jsalisbury@calvaryca.com

CCHS Fundraising

- CCHS students will be hosting a popcorn fundraiser on April 1st at lunch. Pricing and details to follow.
- Ice Cream Sales - Fridays at lunch (\$1.50 cash).

Father Daughter Dinner

Join us for a special Father-Daughter Night on April 9! This evening will be filled with food, games, fun, and worship as we celebrate this meaningful time together. Formal dress is encouraged for the occasion. Arrival begins at 5:30 PM, with dinner served at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by April 6 by sending an e-transfer to kchapman@calvaryca.com using the password "dinner". We look forward to a memorable evening for fathers and daughters to connect and enjoy time together!

Science Fair - Parents Welcome

Our annual Science Fair took place on Friday March 27th. Well done to everyone! Thank you to the volunteer judges for helping. Results from the fair will be shared by email and in the next newsletter.

Holidays

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday (no school)

Monday, April 6 - Easter Monday (no school)

Memorizing Scripture

Students were encouraged to participate in the March Memory Challenge, with the last day to recite the verses being Friday, April 2nd. Award Presentations will take place at chapel on Monday, April 13th

Mid Semester Report Cards

Mid-Semester Report Cards will go home with students on Wednesday, April 15th, as scheduled.

Running Club

Running club is a tradition at CCA that is valuable to building students' character. It was started many years ago to help encourage healthy living and exercise after the winter and encourage kids as they see their endurance increase by completing more laps of the track as they train. It is really amazing to see kids encourage one another in this effort. Running Club is also a great way to train for the upcoming track and field or cross country season. Once the track is dry enough, Running Club will start up as we all continue to strive for healthy bodies and participate as a school community.

Primary Camp



CCA's Primary Camp offers an exciting summer experience tailored for children aged 6 to 9 before December 31, 2026. This camp seamlessly integrates literacy and numeracy skills into a vibrant and enriching summer camp experience. The schedule includes engaging activities such as arts and crafts, drama, music, movement, and sports in the gymnasium. Our expansive school property will be utilized to enhance your child's camp experience. Each week will feature a unique theme, providing a dynamic and diverse program. This camp is specifically for our CCA families or those with a close connection to our community. Please note that a pastoral letter will be required for non-CCA families. Unfortunately, there is no before or aftercare available for this camp. It will run for 5 weeks starting June 29 (closed July 1). Children sign up for a week at a time. It will run from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

There are a few remaining spots in primary camp. Please reach out to Ms. Martel at cmartel@calvaryca.com for more information about Kids Camp.

Spring Weather

Outdoor Clothing Guidelines - Spring & Fall

During transitional months like spring and fall, weather conditions can shift quickly throughout the day. We kindly ask that you send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing to suit a variety of conditions—wet, dry, cold, or warm.

As a general rule, it's better to pack more rather than less, so that layers can be added or removed as needed. Including extra socks or pants in your child's backpack is also helpful, especially as wet weather becomes more frequent.

Outdoor Wear Guidelines:

- +10°C or colder: Students must wear a coat.
- +5°C or colder: Students must have full winter wear, including a hat, mitts, snow pants or slush pants, and boots.

Please note that common sense and discernment are applied by staff along with these guidelines. For example, +5°C with sunshine and no wind feels very different than +5°C on a dark, windy day.

Thank you for helping us ensure that all students are dressed appropriately and can enjoy outdoor play comfortably and safely.

Student Life

Spelling Bee - Wednesday, April 22, 2:00 pm

CCA Annual Spelling Bee will occur on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 2:00 pm in the CCA gym. Students that choose to participate will compete in front of the whole school. Practice sheets will be sent home by homeroom teachers. Parents are welcome to come watch.

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

CCA Sports

Both Senior Basketball teams played hard and represented CCA with pride at their tournaments!

- **Senior Boys' Tier A Team:** Made it to the finals and finished 2nd overall. Congratulations to all the players and coaches for an outstanding performance!
- **Junior Boys' Team:** [Insert update here]
- **Junior Girls' Team:** Their tournament is on Tuesday, March 31st. An update will be shared in the May newsletter.

Looking ahead, the dates and locations for badminton have been set.

- Grade 7/8 Girls Doubles: April 28 @ CPHS
- Grade 7/8 Boys Doubles: April 30 @ ADHS

Spring Clean Up - April 24, 2:00 - 3:00pm - 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 beginning at 2:00 pm. Spring Cleaning is intended to demonstrate appreciation and good stewardship of what we have been given. All students will have a responsibility to care for property and surroundings. We will have some gloves and garbage bags but please feel free to send work gloves and a grocery bag with your children.



Volunteer Hours

As we approach the latter part of the year, parents are reminded that 25 hours of volunteerism is expected (unless you opted out). Keeping track of hours is easy when you use the form found on our

website. If you would like one sent to you, please contact the office. If you are having trouble finding ways to get your hours in, email the office with a suggestion or offer in your area of interest. A reminder that all volunteers need to have a vulnerable sector check and sign off on volunteer policies in the office.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Deep Cleaning Team - evenings and weekends are open

Outside Work Bee (Saturday, Parent Volunteers) - Date TBD

Gardens - spring clean up - any evening/weekends/weekdays

Track and Field - TBD

Grandparents/Pastors Day Help/Food Prep/Baking - May 13, 14

Spring Clean up - April 24

Looking Ahead

Grandfriends Day - Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Doors open at 12:30 pm)

We look forward to welcoming our Grandfriends to the school for a special program prepared just for them. Each class will present a song, skit, or another meaningful performance to share what they've been learning. Grandfriends Day is a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation, invite them into our school community, and give students the joy of sharing their classroom and introducing their grandparents to a place that is so important to them. Due to limited space, parents of students are not able to attend.

The program will include a light snack, coffee during the presentations, with time for the kids to show their Grandfriends the classroom at the end of the day. The office will email a digital invitation to share with your Grandfriends. Tell your Grandfriends to save the date!

We will need several sandwiches and baked goods donated for the luncheon and a handful of volunteers to help with this event. A sign up will be sent around by the office.

Pastor Appreciation Lunch - Thursday, May 14, 1:00 - 3:00 pm (Doors open at 12:30)

We look forward to inviting your Pastor to the school for an appreciation lunch. This is an opportunity for Pastors to network and be loved on. The office will email a digital invitation to share with your pastors, and physical invitations will be available. Please tell them to save the date!

We will need 2-3 volunteers to help with this event.

Upper Canada Village Overnight Trip - Grade 5

In June Grade 5's will be visiting Upper Canada Village (UCV) overnight. More information about this trip will come out to grade 5 parents by email. This trip is not covered by tuition and will require parent volunteers for the trip and transportation to and from UCV.

Music Festival - May 25, 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendars! The CCA Music Festival will take place in MAY! Students who take lessons for voice/instrument (or have a musical talent) can sign up in May with Mrs. Cousins to participate (Christian,

classical or children's music). Limit of one piece per student as our school has grown! For more information, email Mrs. Cousins at bcousins@calvaryca.com

Praise & Prayer

Prayer: Please continue to pray for Mrs. Agnew as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments. Pray for the Halitsky family as they mourn the loss of a beloved father and husband. Please keep our upcoming events in your prayers, including the Spring Play and Grandparents/Pastor Day.

Praise: We thank God for new families who have recently joined our community and are already feeling at home. We are grateful for a successful Open House, with several new families expressing interest in Christian education.

Have a great month!









