



October 2026

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. — Genesis 3:21

Our school theme this year is God Our Provider, Jehovah Jireh, The Lord Will Provide. Throughout the year, we will consider the many ways God provides for His people. But perhaps the best place to begin is with the greatest provision God has ever made.

In Genesis 3, everything changes. Adam and Eve disobey God, sin enters the world, and immediately they recognize that something is wrong.

- Their first response is telling: *They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves (Genesis 3:7).*

They tried to cover themselves. In many ways, we have been doing the same thing ever since. We cover ourselves with good works, accomplishments, religion, comparison, excuses, or simply by hiding the parts of our lives we do not want others to see. We convince ourselves that if we try a little harder, behave a little better, or accomplish a little more, perhaps we can make things right.

But Scripture tells us that our problem is much deeper.

- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

Sin literally carries the idea of missing the mark. Imagine an archer aiming at a target. One arrow might land closer to the bullseye than another, but if both miss the mark, comparing the two does not change the result. In the same way, our standard cannot simply be whether we are better than someone else. God's standard is His perfect holiness, and all of us fall short.

That is why we need more than better behaviour. We need a Saviour.

One of the most beautiful moments in Genesis 3 comes after Adam and Eve's attempt to cover themselves. Genesis 3:21 tells us, "*The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*"

They made fig leaves. God provided the covering. This becomes a picture of something much greater that unfolds throughout Scripture. In the New Testament when John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching, he declares, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

There is the heart of the Gospel.

We have sinned.
We cannot cover our own sin.
We cannot save ourselves.
But God has provided what we could never provide for ourselves. He provided Jesus.

Jesus lived the perfect life we could not live. He died the death our sin deserved. He rose again, defeating sin and death. And through faith in Him, we receive forgiveness, salvation, and His righteousness.

As we begin a year focused on God Our Provider, we will talk about His provision in many areas of life including His wisdom, strength, protection, peace, daily needs, and guidance. But we begin with His greatest provision.

Our greatest problem is sin.
Our greatest need is salvation.
And God's greatest provision is Jesus Christ.

Adam and Eve could not provide the covering they truly needed. Neither can we.

But God can!

~ Tom Bourne



Board of Directors Update

Following a Special Meeting of Members on September 14, we are pleased to welcome our newly elected Board of Directors and look forward to the work they will undertake in service to CCA.

The Board's first regular meeting will take place on October 1. Initial priorities will include affirming the 2026-2027 budget and establishing committees for governance.

Over the coming months, the Board will also review CCA's bylaws, governance policies, and strategic plan, while beginning a broader assessment of the Academy's overall governance and operational health. This process will include opportunities to hear from members of our school community and will help inform CCA's future direction.

The new Board is committed to appropriate transparency and regular communication with Members and the broader CCA community. Board members will also have an increased presence at the school, providing opportunities to better understand and engage with the life of CCA, our students, staff, and families.

We are grateful for the willingness of these individuals to serve and for the diverse experience and perspectives they bring to the Board. Please join us in praying for our Board as they seek God's wisdom and faithfully serve our school community.

Governance-related questions or concerns may be directed to board@calvaryca.com.

Thank you for continuing to pray for and support Calvary Christian Academy as we move forward together.

After School Program

CCA offers an After School Program Monday to Friday from 3:45-5:00 pm. This program provides parents with a later pick-up option while giving students a safe, fun, and social environment they enjoy. The cost is \$8 per child per day, or \$20 per family (3+children). Bills are issued monthly based on usage. Students not picked up by 3:45 pm will be placed in the program.

If you plan to use this service, please notify both the office and your child's homeroom teacher.

Assembly - October 21 @ 2:15 pm

Assemblies are a highlight of school life at CCA, giving students the opportunity to share a joke, song, skit, or talent with their peers. These moments build confidence and affirm each child's unique gifts and abilities. Parents are always welcome to join us for assemblies.



Back to School Fun

It has been refreshing to see so many new faces this year and to watch returning students warmly welcome them into the CCA community. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout at our annual Back to School Fall Fair.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who joined us, to the staff who organized and led the event, to those who generously provided cakes, and to Tim Hortons in Carleton Place for donating coffee and hot chocolate. It was a beautiful evening, and we feel truly blessed to be part of such a beautiful community.

Calendars and Events

It is easy to stay organized by subscribing to CCA's online calendar through the Events tab at calvaryca.com. Once subscribed, the calendar will automatically populate on your phone, keeping you up to date on important CCA events. In addition to the online calendar there is a static copy of the 2026-2027 school calendar available in your Family Portal.

CCHS students have access to a Google events calendar with high school-specific dates which differ from elementary school.

CCA Dress Down Day - Friday, October 16

The third Friday of each month is Dress Down day. Instead of \$2, this month we are asking for food donations for the local food bank. If the third Friday does not work in a given month, it will take place on the Friday before. Dates will be listed in the digital calendar.

- In October elementary students may dress down by bringing a donation for the food bank.

As CCA continues to grow and the Lord blesses our community, we are excited to expand our vision of impacting generations and communities beyond our borders and locally. This year, we are partnering with Safe Families Canada, a local ministry that partners with families in crisis. To learn more about their mission, <https://safefamiliescanada.com/>

Calvary Christian High School (CCHS) News and Events

CCHS is off to a fantastic start this year.

We're especially excited to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Walcott to our team! We're also thrilled to have Ms. Gracie Connor join the CCHS staff.

With so much happening, high school students are reminded to check the CCHS online events calendar regularly to stay up-to-date. The CCHS schedule is full and always evolving!



Family Resources

Leading a family isn't always easy—but you don't have to do it alone! If you are feeling overwhelmed or uncertain, we encourage you to reach out to the leaders of your local church for support, prayer, and guidance. The local church is an irreplaceable source of encouragement and wisdom, especially in difficult seasons of life. For challenges that may be more complex, CCA staff have compiled a list of resources, which many in our Christian community have found helpful. The list is in your parent portal under Policies and Documents.

Safe families is another great resource for families who need someone to come alongside in a support role.

Field Trips

At CCA, we strive to enrich the curriculum with both on- and off-site field trips that enhance the learning journey. Details about upcoming trips will be posted on the online calendar as they are scheduled. Because of competing schedules with buses and sports tournaments, some field trips may not be listed in time for the newsletter. However, we will always do our best to communicate trip information thoroughly and well in advance.

As in previous years, bussing is difficult when trying to book field trips. There are driver shortages that often mean we are limited to only our one bus and driver. We do our best to work with the bus company to provide field trips. This means at times trips are spaced over multiple days or may require families to be at school before 9:15 for a field trip departure.

October Field Trip - October 16 - Grades 4-7

This month, students in Grades 4-7 will travel by bus to Diefenbunker - Canada's Cold War Museum - a large underground four-storey reinforced concrete bunker and nuclear fallout shelter in Carp. Students will spend a half day doing an educational program. Since the 16th is a scheduled dress down, students may bring a food donation to participate in the Dress Down day. Please ensure your child brings a bagged lunch and water as the timing for hot lunch does not work for this trip.

October TBD- grade 8

Grade 8 will visit Diefenbunker in October once a date has been confirmed.



Fire Prevention - October 7

We are excited to once again welcome the Beckwith Fire Department to CCA for an outdoor Fire Prevention Assembly on October 7 at 9:35 a.m.

The assembly will begin with the fire truck arriving on campus with lights and sirens on! This year's theme is "Safe Charging!" which emphasizes the importance of charging your devices in a safe manner.

We look forward to this opportunity for our students to learn from the Beckwith Fire Department through engaging and informative presentations on fire safety.

Fundraisers

Fundraising is an important part of the CCA community. Throughout the year, you can expect to see efforts from the Grade 8 class and Calvary Christian High School (CCHS) students in support of their year-end trips, as well as initiatives from the Academy as we partner with organizations and individuals to grow our donor base.

Participation in fundraisers is always optional, and we sincerely thank you in advance for supporting these efforts.

Etransfers are acceptable for fundraisers, please be sure to include a memo for which fundraiser you are supporting.

Fundraisers in October

Ice Cream & Popcorn Fridays - \$1.50 each CCHS will be selling and delivering ice cream bars and/or popcorn on alternating Fridays. Orders and payment will be collected in classrooms at lunchtime. All bars are nut-free. Please send exact change. (Dairy-free popsicles are available.)

Pancake Breakfast - \$6 per person

Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast on October 2 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, and coffee or juice. Bus students are welcome to participate when they arrive.

Pumpkins

Grade 8 students will be selling pumpkins at the end of the day - while supplies last!

Christmas Wreaths - \$30 each

Grade 8 students will be selling live 18" balsam wreaths in November. A variety of bow colors will be available upon delivery. Orders may be submitted to fprinsep@calvaryca.com or alee@calvaryca.com.



Head Lice and Childhood Diseases

As head lice season is upon us, we encourage all parents and caregivers to check children's heads weekly for live lice or nits (eggs), especially behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. According to Public Health and the Canadian Paediatric Society, head lice are not a communicable disease in the sense that requires exclusion, and exclusion from school for nits alone is not recommended. What matters most is that live lice be treated, information be provided, and that children feel supported, not stigmatized. If live lice are found, treatment should begin, but the child may remain in school; there is no requirement to wait until every nit is removed before returning.

Parents will be informed of a head-lice case in the class when at least 2 cases are discovered/reported.

Health - Sickness and Childhood Diseases

We want to remind parents that the guidance we follow for when children should be excluded from school, or when they can return, comes from the Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit's *Childhood Diseases* poster. This resource provides clear information for common childhood illnesses, including when children are contagious, when they need to stay home, and when it is safe for them to return. We encourage all parents to review this guidance, which can be found here: [Childhood Diseases Poster](#). Following these recommendations helps keep our school community healthy and informed.

Holidays

There is no school on Thanksgiving Monday, October 12 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Lost and Found

There is already a growing pile of Lost and Found items in the bin. Anything with a label is returned to the student. Please feel free to pop in and check for your lost items. Items that are left for more than a month, are donated to the used uniform program or a local thrift shop.

Lunch Program

Our daily lunch program has begun, and the students seem to be enjoying the program as much as the parents. The kitchen is looking for volunteers to send in batches of nut-free desserts such as rice krispie squares, cookies or brownies biweekly. Sign up through the office. Hours spent preparing baked goods count toward volunteer hours.

Nut Free Facility

Please remember that CCA and CCHS are nut-free. Please do not send in any foods that may contain even a trace of nuts, or foods manufactured in such a facility. Our teachers will remove any foods that contain nuts or are suspicious. On this note, please remember to wash off any peanut butter residue from hands or faces before coming to school. "Life Threatening Allergies" policy is explained in the Parent Handbook.



Parking Lot Guidelines

For the safety of everyone, please remember the following procedures:

- At 3:30 p.m., cars may not line up in the loop until the bus has parked. The bus has priority in the loop.
- No passing is permitted in the pick-up line.
- Avoid reversing in the parking lot. Please park in a way that allows you to drive forward when leaving.
- When you are dropping off, please pull forward to the end of the sidewalk closest to the highway, so multiple cars can drop off at once.
- Do not allow the line to extend onto the highway. If necessary, take a parking spot and wait for an opportunity to enter the loop line, or park on Irvine Road.
- Parents are not permitted to pick up students at 3:30 p.m. until the bus has departed. If an early pick-up is needed, please do so between 3:00-3:15 p.m. There are no pick-ups between 3:15-3:30 p.m.
- Students may not walk through the parking lot unless accompanied by an adult.

Picture Day - Friday, October 23

On Friday, October 23, students are to bring or wear their dress uniforms for Picture Day. The dress uniform consists of a white top with black bottoms for boys, or a skirt/tunic for girls. High school students will also participate, wearing their navy collared shirts.

Photographs will begin at 9:00 a.m., starting with kindergarten and moving up through the grades. If you prefer that your child not wear their white shirt for the entire day, please pack their red shirt so they can change after their picture is taken.

Retake Day - Friday, November 20

Sibling Pictures - We no longer offer sibling/group photos on picture day.

School Sports

Elementary school sports schedules are posted to students' Google Classroom. CCA Leader of Athletics, Mrs. Reid, will communicate with homeroom teachers who will post the schedule and details. Additionally, tournament dates will be posted on the online school calendar. Parents of athletes should have received a copy of the Sports Contract, which outlines the commitments and expectations for both athletes and parents. Students who wish to participate and represent CCA on a sports team must agree to follow the rules of conduct set forth in the contract.

Soccer is the sport of the season! The Junior girls did well playing their best and showing great sportsmanship. The Grades $\frac{7}{8}$ participated in a Coed Christian Soccer tournament and represented CCA well. Both teams played hard all day, with Team 1 making it to the finals. Great job. The Junior boys also played hard and represented CCA well.

Upcoming tournaments are the Senior boys (October 14th) and the Senior girls (October 15th), both at Beckwith Park. Junior Cross Country (Grades 3-6) is on October 14th at Conlan Farms in Perth.

CCA Sports

7/8 coed Flag football tryouts starting week of the 5th

Student Life

Throughout the year, we plan a variety of fun in-school activities for our students. This year's Student Life events kicked off on September 11 with some water fun! Teachers and students enjoyed tossing water balloons and pouring cups of water over each other's heads, and the afternoon wrapped up with a refreshing freezie. A big thank-you to Mrs. Reid for leading this exciting start to the year!

Terry Fox

The Grade 8 Class did a great job organizing our 27th Terry Fox Run. This year marks the 27th year CCA has been collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. The total raised over those years is just over \$17,000! Amazing - thank you!

Truth and Reconciliation

CCA commemorated the national Truth and Reconciliation Day by acknowledging this important and Biblical concept of truth and reconciliation.

Uniform Sale - October 1

Land's End is experiencing longer than normal shipping times and we understand several families are waiting for their shipment. Normally, by October students are expected to be in proper uniform however with these delays, there is grace for new families. Please do your best to buy look-a-likes to match the uniform.

There are also monthly mini used uniform sales held each month in the back shed on school property. Please note that individual requests for uniforms will not be available, so plan to attend one of the scheduled sales.

This month's sale is Thursday October 1 from 8:30-9:15 and 3:30-4:15 pm in the back shed.

A reminder that used uniform payments must be made in cash.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Used Uniform mini sales:

- October 1
- November 5
- December 3
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteerism is vital to the health of our school community. It helps keep tuition costs down while giving families the opportunity to actively contribute to the spiritual, educational, relational, emotional, and physical development of their children.

Each family is responsible for completing 25 hours of volunteer work per year (unless they have opted out by paying \$625). In the past, most families have fulfilled their hours through participation in fundraisers, class trips, or the Gala. However, there are many additional opportunities available throughout the year, which will be shared as they arise. If you have a gift or talent you would like to share, please contact the office to let us know how your skills might be used to support the school.

Please note that all volunteers are required to complete a vulnerable sector check, Plan to Protect and sign our Volunteer Policy in the office before beginning to serve. To record your hours, use the Volunteer Hours of Service Form, which will be collected in June 2026. The form can be found on our website: [Volunteer Hours of Service Form](#).

Volunteer Opportunities in October

This month's volunteer opportunities are as follows. Contact the office if you would like to help in any of these areas.

Yard Work

We are looking for volunteers to help keep the grounds clean in the fall. If you are familiar with gardening, raking and yard tidy up and would like the opportunity to help in this area please let us know.

Deep Cleaning Team

There is always deep cleaning that needs to be done, if you would like to choose your own schedule to get your volunteer hours in after hours or on weekends - this is a perfect job for you! You will be provided with direction, supplies and a list to work away at.

Kitchen Help - Tuesday Morning and Baked Goods

We are looking for a volunteer on Tuesday mornings for about an hour after drop off. This volunteer will help with food prep for the daily meal.

We are also looking for bakers to contribute desserts on a Bi- Weekly basis.

Technology Team - We are looking for practical help with our IT infrastructure. Please reach out to Tom at tom.bourne@calvaryca.com to offer to join that team.

Yearbook - If you would like to help with leading the production of a yearbook for the elementary school please reach out to the office.

Used Uniform Team - The used uniform team is looking for more help with the monthly mini sales. If you would like to join this team, let us know!

Special Thanks!

Thank you to our amazing faculty, Board of Directors, parents, and students for the important role you each play in making CCA and CCHS such a special community. We are also grateful for the way you share the good word about the Academy, helping it continue to thrive and grow.

