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A GLANCE AHEAD!

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Over the past two chapels, I have been sharing with our students a simple but powerful truth: God provides for us, and He invites us to trust Him one day at a time.

In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches His disciples to pray, "Give us today our daily bread." Notice that He doesn't teach us to ask for everything we will need for the next month or year. Instead, He teaches us to depend on God daily.

This reminds us of the Israelites wandering through the wilderness. Each morning, God provided manna for them to eat. They were instructed to gather what they needed for that day. God was teaching them something much greater than how to collect food. He was teaching them to trust Him.

As parents, I think we can appreciate this lesson. We naturally want certainty, especially when it comes to our children. We want to know they will succeed academically, develop good friendships, make wise decisions, grow in their faith, and have a bright future. We worry about their struggles, disappointments, and the challenges they may face. And sometimes, before we have even finished dealing with today's responsibilities, we are already carrying the worries of tomorrow.

In our second chapel, we looked at Matthew 6:25–34, where Jesus asks a challenging question: "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" — Matthew 6:27

Jesus points His disciples toward the birds of the air and the flowers of the field. God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers, reminding us that we are worth so much more to our Heavenly Father. If God cares so deeply for His creation, how much more does He care for us and our children?

Of course, Jesus isn't suggesting that we stop planning or preparing. Parenting requires wisdom, patience, sacrifice, and intentionality. But there is a difference between faithfully preparing our children for tomorrow and living in fear of what tomorrow might bring. Sometimes we feel responsible for every outcome, every decision, and every challenge our children will face. Yet our children ultimately belong to God. We have been entrusted with the wonderful responsibility of raising them, but their futures remain in His hands.

Lamentations 3:22–23 reminds us that God's compassions are "new every morning." Not every school year. Not every September. Every morning.

God provides fresh mercy for fresh challenges. Today's patience, today's wisdom, today's strength, and today's grace. As we continue through this school year, may we model for our children what it looks like to trust the Lord, even when we cannot see what lies ahead.

Our responsibility is to be faithful today. Tomorrow belongs to God.

Jehovah Jireh — The Lord Will Provide.

- Mr. Bourne

Annual General Meeting - November 23, 2026, 7:00 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 listen to a presentation from the Board of Directors and Principal. The meeting is about two hours in length. Please come out as we celebrate what God is doing at CCA. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

After School Program

Our After School program continues to help families who need a later pick-up time for their children regularly or a one-time situation. The cost is $8 per child per day or $20 per day per family. Please be sure to let the office know in advance if you want to use the program or if you will be late and need care that day.

After-School Yard Use Reminder

For safety and supervision reasons, our school yard is reserved exclusively for students enrolled in the Aftercare Program until **5:00 p.m.** each day. We kindly ask that families wait until after this time before allowing children to play on the playground or school grounds. This ensures that our Aftercare staff can properly supervise their group and that all students remain safe. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Assemblies – Parents are always welcome at Assemblies

Wednesday, November 11th @ 10:15 am – Remembrance Day Presentation
Wednesday, November 25th @ 2:15 pm – Regular Assembly

Athletics

Mrs. Reid, Leader of Athletics at the elementary school, communicates CCA athletics through email and posts to the athlete's Google Classroom. By now, athletes know they are expected to complete a commitment contract for each sport. The student, parent and teacher will sign off on the contract before they can participate on a team.

CCA Soccer Recap

Both senior soccer teams played well at their tournaments with the senior girls making it to the semi-finals! Well done, everyone!

CCA Cross Country Running

Grade 7&8 cross country is also coming up, Tuesday, November 3rd, at Beckwith Park.

CCA Junior Volleyball

The Junior girls and boys will begin their volleyball practices this week. For the boys, their practices are on Tuesdays during lunch activity break and Thursday mornings (8:30-9:15). The girls have their practices on Tuesday mornings (8:30-9:15) and Thursdays during lunch activity break.

Tournament dates and locations are the following:
Junior girls volleyball on Thursday, November 19th - Holy Name of Mary in Almonte.
Junior Boys volleyball on Tuesday, November 24th - St John's High School in Perth.

CCA Grade 7/8 Flag Football

Flag Football – November 5th (rain date November 6th)

The grade 7&8 CCA Flag Football team will play on November 5th (rain date November 6th). Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from Beckwith Park.

Book Fair

CCA will be hosting our Book Fair in February. Last year Mrs. Connor and an awesome team of volunteers developed a clear vision for the event with three main goals:

- To inspire a love for reading and writing through a variety of engaging materials.
- To provide students with the opportunity to learn about literacy, writing, and the creative process behind these subjects.
- To transform the gym into a fun and exciting space for shopping and discovery.

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 an excellent alternative to driving in the winter months.

If your child wishes to ride the bus home with a friend, please inform the office and pay the One-Time Bus Use fee of $15.

CCHS Summary /Update

Life at CCHS is great—busy, AND great! We are grateful for the opportunity to begin each morning with devotions led by our own staff, Pastor Dan and Pastor Doug. All speakers are intentional in preparing meaningful devotions that encourage and strengthen our students in their walk with the Lord.

Students are beginning to think ahead to course selection for the new year and are encouraged to explore the resources available to them through MyBlueprint. The deadline to apply for second-semester co-ops is November 30. These are a great way to earn elective credits.



Our Student Leadership team—Livia Kruszelnicki, Anita Garvin, Eva Wilkins, Jed Kennedy, and Caleb Saint—has been busy planning a fun activity for the high school in November. We are also hoping to host our first Praise Night next month, so stay tuned for more details!

If grade 8 parents are considering CCHS for next year, check out Virtual Learning Centre (VLC), our course provider, at virtuallearning.ca. The website includes registration information and outlines the requirements for enrolment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at kchapman@calavryca.com.

Christmas Concert – Wednesday December 16

"THE SHEPHERD'S GUIDE TO SURVIVING CHRISTMAS" By: Tracy Wells
It's Christmas Eve at the Shepherd house and Molly Shepherd has a lot to do if she's going to make the holiday perfect for her family… that is, if she can survive until Christmas morning! From informative neighbors and unexpected guests to unsent cards and missing packages, to a ruined dinner and non-stop interruptions from a bunch of carolers, Molly is at her wit's end! Luckily a couple of Biblical shepherds are on hand to steer Molly in the right direction and remind her, and us all, what Christmas is really about.

We will host multiple Christmas performances in the gym at CCA! Each program will feature the same performance but will be presented to different groups of guests.

Tuesday, December 15th: Dress Rehearsal (students only) in the morning
Wednesday, December 16th: Two Performances

- 1:30 p.m. – For Extended Family and Friends
- 7:00 p.m. – For Parents of students

Please note that students are expected to participate in both the performances.

Class Trips

Last month, students in Grades 4–8 enjoyed a memorable field trip to Diefenbuker Cold War Museum and this month K-3 will visit the Museum of Agriculture.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers whose support and enthusiasm helped make the trips a success!

Charity Drives

Poppies - We will be collecting $1 per student on November 11th for the Veterans through the Poppy drive. Every student will be given a poppy sticker for our November 11 assembly.

Angel Tree - We are so grateful for the continued generosity of our CCA families. As Christmas approaches, ushering in a season of generosity and giving, CCA will be blessing some of the families in our own community by hosting an Angel Tree drive in our school. A Christmas tree will be set up in the front foyer of the school, decorated with white paper angels. These angels contain the wishes of a boy or girl up to 18 years old whose family is currently being supported by Lanark County Interval House. (Identities are kept confidential) Classes, students, and families will have the opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for these precious children.

The Angel Tree Drive will run from November 12th - December 11th. More information will follow.

Christmas Ballet – Monday, November 30

Students in grade JK-12 will be blessed again this year by Arise School of Dance, Christmas ballet. Highschool students are welcome to join either performance. This performance will be in place of our regular chapel time.

9:30 am Grades K-4 – Parents are welcome.
11:00 am Grades 5-8 – Parents are welcome.

Christmas Kids Shopping Day – Wednesday, December 9

One of our favourite activities each year is the Kids Christmas Sale, during which 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 succeed, 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 make great gifts for someone else. We will also need gift bags, tape and gift wrap. You can bag or box any items and drop them off at the grade 8 portable. Thank you!

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 1st. Remember to put your clocks back an hour.

Dress Down for $2 – Friday, November 20

This month's dress down donation will be added to the collection for Safe Families Canada.

Fundraisers

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

The grade 8's will be holding a pancake breakfast November 13th from 8-9:00 am. Breakfast is $6

Christmas Wreaths – The grade 8's will be selling live balsam wreaths for the month of November for $30. You can order through a grade 8 student or by emailing fprinsep@calvaryca.com. Orders are due by November 13th with wreaths delivered the week of November 15h.

Fire Prevention Week

A big thank you to the Beckwith Fire Department for visiting CCA! They shared important information about safe charging in the home, fire prevention, and treated us to a fun water demonstration and a tour of the fire trucks.

Grandparents

We know that grandparents are prayer warriors caring 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 you think would like to receive newsletters and informational emails from us, please send us their email address so we can add them to our distribution list. We usually only send one email per month.



Gratitude Gala – February 5 – Save the Date

The fifth annual Gratitude Gala planning is underway! We look forward to a fun and social evening with food and a comedic entertainer. The Gratitude Gala is the school's main fundraiser and is critical to the sustainability of the Academy. The Gala pulls the whole community together to raise funds to help support CCA in providing a Christ-centered education for our students. 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.

Tuition paying families already have 2 tickets to the gala included in their tuition fees. Additional tickets are available for $100 each. Email the office if you would like to purchase additional tickets.

How can help make this fundraiser a success?

1 – Pray
2 - Plan to come
3 – Consider sponsoring the event – businesses, families, or individuals receive a tax-receipt for donations
4 – Solicit a donation
5 – Volunteer to help with set up, clean up, kitchen, or the silent auction

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 Academy's perspective on homework and was well received by many – thank you for your support.

Lice Season

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

Mid-Term Report Cards

Mid-term reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 18th.

Lunch Program

The lunch program continues to provide help to families. The program is not meant to raise funds for the academy but, rather, a service to help families and staff. 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. Thank you for understanding. If you did not get to sign up for lunches this term, you will have another opportunity to do so in the new term. Thank you to Mrs. Loewen and the team of faithful volunteers who help run this program.

Lego Robotics

Lego Robotics will be starting practices next week (grades 5-8). Students grade 6-8 will work towards the possibility of competing at the Ontario Skills Competition May 3-4. We do not yet know how many teams spaces we will be awarded.

Parent Teacher Interviews- November 26 & 27

Parent-teacher interviews are mandatory and will be held on the evening of November 26 from 4-8pm and on Friday, November 27 from 9-1:00 pm. Interviews are limited to one per student and are 15 minutes in length. Please arrive on time and wait outside the classroom for your interview. Families have received an email to book a time slot by registering using a program called Pick-a-Time. Instructions for booking are 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 to attend the interview.***

We understand that due to circumstances outside of our control it may be impossible for a parent to attend on the given days/times. In these rare circumstances, a meeting can be arranged outside of the Pick-a-Time schedule. Interviews with French, Music and Resource are optional. Mme. MacFarlane, Mme. Perkins, Mrs. Cousins and Mrs. Connor's schedules are open in the Pick-a-Time program.

Thursday, November 26th - after school (4 – 8 p.m.)
Friday, November 27th - (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm) - No School

PA Day / No School Days

Friday, November 27 – Parent-Teacher Interviews (No School)
Friday, December 4 - CCA Professional Activity Day – Curriculum Review (NO SCHOOL)

Photo Retake Day New Date – Wednesday, November 18th

If your student was absent on picture day, they will have their photo taken on November 18th. If you wish to have a retake done, please let the office know. Unfortunatly this year, no sibling photos will be taken on Retake Day.

Remembrance Day Assembly – Wednesday, November 11th, 10:15am



CCA feels very privileged to have a significant military community at CCA. Our thanks to each of you and your families for your service and dedication to Canada. To honor those that have gone before, serve currently and will serve in the future we will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly on November 11th followed by a moment of silence at 11 am. Every student will be given a sticker poppy before the assembly, we encourage a donation of $1 per sticker. Money collected on Remembrance Day will be donated to the Poppy Foundation at our local legion. Thank you to our very own military family for hosting this assembly.

Resource

CCA's 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. 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 learning more about how the Resource Program can help your son/daughter, please get in touch with the office, and we can begin the conversation.

Right Now Media

Are your kids asking for more screen time, but you're concerned about finding quality content for them? CCA has a solution for you! We have gifted your family a subscription to Right Now Media, an extensive online library filled with quality Christian content for all ages. Right Now Media offers resources on nearly any topic, perfect for learning and growing together. We believe so strongly in this platform that we cover your monthly subscription. To access your FREE Right Now Media account, sign up at the private link below. Please remember, as we pay based on the number of users, we ask that you open just one account per CCA and CCHS immediate family.

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

Staff Prayer

Prayer is a foundational part of life at CCA—indeed, the school was founded on prayer! Every morning, our staff meet to pray together, lifting up the needs of one another, our students, and their families. On Thursdays, the group splits up to focus on individual class lists, praying specifically for each student and their unique needs. If you ever have a need in your life or family that you would like the staff to pray for, please let us know. We would be honoured to carry your cares and concerns as a community and lift you up in prayer.

Student Life

Our annual Deer Hunter game will begin the second week in November. Students from Grades 2-8 are welcome to participate. Students can ask their teacher for clarity and instructions on the game. Spirit days also begins the second week of November with the following dress up days:

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

Monday, November 2	**Crazy Hair / Crazy Hat Day – not a dress down day**
Tuesday, November 3	**Lanark County Day -country, plaid, jeans, hillbilly**
Monday, November 9	**Pajama Day - Pj's, slippers, sleepwear**
Tuesday, November 10	**Career Day**
Monday, November 16	**Solid Colour Day**
Tuesday, November 17	**Fandemonium – what team do you cheer for?**

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/

Used Uniform Sale - November 5 8:30-9:15 and 3:30-4:15pm

Thank you! We want to give a BIG shout out to the Used Uniform team. This team work tirelessly to help new and existing families feel welcomed and prepared for school. We are very thankful for the individuals on those teams – bless you!

Volunteer Opportunities

Family involvement and volunteerism is a big part of CCA's culture. 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 need to have submitted a Vulnerable Sector Check, Plan to Protect Certificate (0-18 yrs) and sign off on the Volunteer Policies in the office. This needs to be done ***before volunteering***. Vulnerable sector checks are free and 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 purpose.

Website

We encourage you to keep updated 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 inform you that we maintain an active online calendar to which you can subscribe for regular updates to your smartphone 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/

Volunteer opportunities this month

Deep Cleaning — If you are interested in joining the "Deep Clean Team" and use your volunteer hours to 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.

Gardens — We need to prepare the gardens for fall. If you enjoy this type of task and would like to use your volunteer hours to help, please contact the office.

Have a great month!






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