

# The Calvary Connection

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## From Mr. Wickens' Desk ...

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PHONE LISTS** Please welcome two new international students. Kevin is in grade six and Billy is in grade 5. Kevin and Billy are brothers and are currently living with the McArthur's.

The following information needs to be updated in the school phone directories and emergency listings:

Arsenault—289-990-1220  
Galenkamp—905-380-9642

### **1ST TERM REPORT**

**CARDS** Our 1<sup>st</sup> term finishes Friday, November 25. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, December 2. Parent/guardian/teacher interviews will be held December 5-7.

Appointment forms will be issued in November. **On**

**Monday, December 5** **there will be a noon dismissal to allow sufficient time for interviews.**

### **GRANDPARENTS/ GRANDFRIENDS DAY**

We were blessed to have over 100 guests on this special day. We are very thankful for the support of our grandparents/grandfriends. We appreciate all the kind compliments about the program and the ministry of Calvary Christian School.

### **WALK-A-THON UPDATE**

We were blessed with wonderful weather for our annual walk-a-thon fundraiser and God also blessed this fundraiser financially. We were able to raise over \$13,000 (before expenses). Our goal was \$11,000.

### **MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Last year, at this

time, we started the Magazine Subscription fundraiser. This is no longer a budgeted fundraiser, however, our school is set up to still benefit from the sale of subscriptions. QSP (the company that offers the magazine subscriptions) offers over 700 magazines. They not only offer new subscriptions **but renewals of magazines, as well.** To place an order, you can fill in a form that is being sent home today (more are available at the school office), or you can go on-line to [www.qsp.com](http://www.qsp.com), enter the name of the school (or group #11623), and the school benefits up to 40% of the sale. Anyone you know, no matter where they live, can renew or purchase their magazine subscriptions on the internet, and the school will benefit. Magazine subscriptions make a great gift for that person who has eve-

rything! To contact QSP, please call 1-800-667-2536. We appreciate your support for this optional fundraiser. Please have your order into the office by Monday, November 28.

### **PLEASE LIMIT THE**

**CANDY!** During this time of year, there is a lot of candy available to children. The sugar in candy has a tendency to cause hyperactivity. We also want to remind families that students are not allowed to share lunches or treats. On some special occasions, classroom teachers will give permission to share a treat.

**PICTURE RE-TAKES** will be done on Monday, November 14 at 9:00 p.m. Please let the office know if your child should be included in this.

## Special Days this Month

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

On Thursday and Friday, November 3 and 4, 2011, our staff is going to Brampton Christian School to attend the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) conference. Please keep in mind that there is **NO SCHOOL** on those days. Please pray for safe travel.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** We will be acknowledging Remembrance Day with a spe-

cial Chapel on ***Wednesday, November 9, 2011.*** Parents are welcome to join us at this time. There will be poppies at the school office which may be purchased for a small donation.

**SKATING** Our school will be going skating at the Bill Burgoyne Arena on ***Friday, November 18, 2011.*** Dust off and sharpen those skates. A permission form is being sent home today with more details. ALL students will

need to wear a CSA approved helmet on the rink. If a student does not bring a helmet for skating, he/she will have to stay at the school. Please consider being a driver as this is an all-school event. Parent/guardians who drive will be permitted to take their children home after the skating and drop-off is done.

# Student's Awarded

Our Crazy Hat winners of a Pizza  
Pizza gift certificate were:

Pre K/JK—Vanessa Moore  
SK—Jason Beuckert  
Grade 1—Chad Thorpe  
Grade 2—Victoria Jenkins  
Grade 3—Trent Thorpe  
Grade 4—Ian Telford  
Grade 5—Riley Roblin

Grade 6—Trevor Bylsma  
Grade 7—Abigail Miloud  
Grade 8—Evelyn Miloud

## School Activities Update

**MISSION OUTREACH PROJECT**—Again this year, our Student Council will be spearheading the Adopt-a-Family program for Christmas. We will be able to bless a couple of less fortunate families in our community. Once we receive the details of these families, we will send that information home. We have enclosed a notice announcing a bake sale to support this outreach.

**CALVARY COUGAR SPORTS TEAMS**—Our co-ed soccer team had the opportunity to compete in some games against other schools and a tournament. The team went undefeated in the round robin part of the tournament but were defeated in the play-offs.

Our co-ed flag football had the opportunity to play in a tournament at Rogers Centre in Toronto. The

team won one, tied one and lost one in the round robin part of the tournament. In the play-offs, they won their first game but were defeated in their second game. We played some well established teams and gained valuable experience.

We are starting a Calvary Cougars volleyball team this year. Go Cougars Go!

**UNITY TEAMS**—The students are doing a great job within their unity teams. It is great to see the older students helping and encouraging the younger students.

**KINDNESS CLUB** WOW!!! We have already awarded over 300 Random Acts of Kindness Certificates for "Helping Others". Students, keep up the great work!!!

**DRESS DOWN DAYS**—The following are the Student Council dress down days and their themes until the end of the school year:

November 18—No theme & Skating  
December 2—Backwards Day  
December 22—No theme—

Christmas Concert  
December 23—Christmas Colours—  
noon dismissal  
March 9—Career Day theme  
April 13—Bibile/Historical Character  
Day

May 11—No theme & noon dismissal  
June 15—No theme & school  
family picnic  
June 21—No theme & noon dismissal

More detailed information will be sent home by Student Council as the dress down days come up. We will have other dress down days and fun themes during our Missions Focus in January and February.

## T.R.I.P. Challenge!!

At the September 29th meeting, we asked everyone to consider using the T.R.I.P. program. This is easy and does not cost an extra penny from you. We all buy groceries and gas and a lot of people visit Tim Horton's. We believe that if 80% of our school families participated, we would surpass our budget goal of \$6500 and go well beyond \$10,000.

This would also mean that our families' tuition reduction portion would increase. This is the easiest way to raise money for the school and for your family's tuition. There are so many great companies involved, and **Christmas is just around the corner**. Right now, 28% of our families use it regularly and 10% of families are using it occasionally. Last year,

at this time, 36% of our families were using it regularly and 12% of our families were using it occasionally. We would like additional families to take a serious look at this fantastic program! We stock the best selling items in the school office. Before you purchase something, think ... "Could I use a TRIP certificate for this?"

## Parent Association Report

Dear Families,

What a busy month of October. Thank you again to all the volunteers that came out for our annual walk-a-thon. What a great success! We've had our first pizza day and sub day ....WOW! We all appreciate the break from making a lunch on those days.

In December, we look forward to

sending the teachers for a much deserved Christmas celebration and of course, there is ....THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

We, the Parent Association Executive, would like to thank all families for their support and prayers over the past two months. Thank you, too, for your Grandparents' Day donations. All of the grandparents enjoyed the delicious assortment of baked goods. The CPA feels blessed

to be working together with such a wonderful group of parents/guardians and children. Please continue to pray for the unity of this school and for the success of our fundraisers.

If you have any further questions regarding Parent Association events or fundraisers, please call Ann-Marie Johnson at (905) 984-3111.

Calvary Parent Association Team

## E-Instruction Contest

Exciting news! Our grade seven class has entered a video contest using our MOBI technology. **This means the school has a chance to win a technology prize package worth over \$65,000 US.** The winners are decided by 60% independent judges and 40% by the voting public (THAT'S YOU!!). To help us win this prize, we need you to vote! Voting begins November 1. Here is how you do this:

Go to <http://2011classroommakeover.shyca.st.com/>

Click on Sign Up in the top right corner. (You have to create an account

to vote.)

Enter the information as requested

- address and phone number on top of page
- State = non-US
- Zip Code = L2N1G8
- Currently use eInstruction? Yes
- Check Mobi interactive whiteboard and CPS IR student response system
- Check the box beside "I have read the Terms of Service"
- Enter the Validation Code
- Click on Sign Up

When you have made your account,

a screen of all the videos will be listed (you will need to scroll down) and click on the "Learning MOBI Way" entry under the Category "6-8".

On the right side of video entry, there is box labeled "Vote for This". Click on this box to vote.

Anyone over 18 can vote. You can have one vote per e-mail. Please ask family and friends to vote as well. It would be a huge blessing to the school to win this prize.

## Operation Christmas Child

As mentioned in the October newsletter, we will be participating in Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child shoe box program. Each classroom will be working on putting together a shoebox for a boy and a girl in their age group. Students will be invited by their classroom teachers to participate. We realize that many families are involved already through their churches, but if any families would like to do a shoebox or two in addition to the classroom shoeboxes, there are boxes available at the school office. The boxes need

to be returned to the school by Friday, November 11, 2011. To add to the excitement, the ambulance service will be picking up the shoe boxes at the school.

Please do NOT send toothpaste, liquids or items that leak, melt or freeze such as: shampoo, gels, paint, creams, liquid glue. No food that is chewy, soft-centred, or crumbly, unwrapped candy or any gum. No used items. No breakable items such as glass, porcelain, mirrors or items that can scare or harm a child.

Suggested gifts are: Toys (small cars, balls, kazoos, jump ropes), school supplies (pens, pencils, sharpeners, solar calculators), hygiene items (toothbrush, bar soap, combs), hard candy, sunglasses, ball caps, hair clips, t-shirts, small books. You can go to [www.samaritanspurse.ca](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca) for information on how to pack your own box, other gift ideas, about the organization itself, or other details about this excellent program that shows God's love around the world to many children.

### Calvary Christian School's Mission Statement

*The primary goal of Calvary Christian School is to prepare students academically and spiritually for a life of service, according to individual talents and abilities for the honour and glory of God.*

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*That in all things He might have the pre-eminence. Col. 1:18*

**We're on the web!**

**[calvarychristianschoolniagara.com](http://calvarychristianschoolniagara.com)**

## **Ministry Workshops**

Mrs. Hewitt will, once again, be presenting her workshops that will help Children Ministry Workers to support children with exceptionalities. These interactive workshops are also open to any parent, guardian, or people who work with children. The workshop is offered free of charge on two different days. They are: Thursday, November 10 from 1:00—3:00 or Thursday, November 24 from 7:00—9:00. If you would like to attend or if you have any further questions, please call the school office. More invitations and posters are also available at the school office.

**NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR** We are enclosing the November Prayer Calendar. We encourage our families to pray for each individual listed on a given day and for the school as a whole. Please pray for protection and unity for our school and that more families will embrace Christian Education. The staff at Calvary prays together every morning, for the students on the prayer calendar, and other prayer requests.

**BEING SENT HOME TODAY:** November Prayer Calendar, Skating Form, November Activity Calendar, Magazine Order Forms, TRIP Order Form, and the Student Council Bake Sale notice.

**PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING** Families, **please label** all boots, gloves, coats, mitts, hats and uniforms. This investment in time will save you lots of lost items. The Lost and Found box has been overflowing with items.

**M & M MEATS SCHOOL DAY PROMOTION**—This month's School Days Promotion will be held on Thursday, November 24 at the Lake Street store only. There will not be one in December. We stock M & M's gift certificates in the school office.

**PRAYER REQUEST**—Please pray for Wesley Hanlin. Wesley is scheduled for an operation on his ear at Toronto's Sick Kids on November 15. He must be healthy on that day to have the operation take place.

## **Blessing List**

This list indicates the things that are on the school's "wish list". This may be an opportunity for families to donate an item to the school, if it is feasible for them. Another option is a money donation towards a particular item or items on the list. All money donations and product donations, with a receipt, are 100% receiptable for income tax purposes.

- Dear Canada & Guinness World Record (any year) books for **Grade 7**
- Educational software (preferably not math) for **Tutoring class**
- Games & puzzles for rainy days

P.S. Another possible way you could help is by connecting us to companies or individuals who may offer discount prices.