

The Calvary Connection

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From Mr. Wickens' Desk ...

WALK-A-THON POST-PONED God brought us lots of rain on Friday so we are using our raindate on Monday, October 3, 2011. Students have asked if they can collect additional pledges this weekend. We said they can and it will be included in the "Awesome Field Trip" contest. Some of our Friday volunteers are not available on Monday so if you are able to help on Monday, please let the school office know (please see the enclosed notice from the CPA).

MEMBERSHIP MEETING Thank you to families who were able to attend the Membership Meeting. Congratulations to the Van Tol family who won the \$50.00 Bombardieri gift certificate in the attendance draw.

PICTURE DAY Our picture day will be on Monday, October 31. The photography company has assured us that our families will have their pictures in time for Christmas. The photographer suggests that the students bring their own combs or brushes. Two different pictures will be taken.

EMERGENCY PHONE LIST Please find enclosed today, this year's Emergency Phone Listing. When we need to close the school, we will be using this phone chain to inform our families of the closing. We make a school closure decision by 7:00 a.m., and we advise the 610 CKTB radio station. Mrs. Hewitt then begins the emergency phone list. Please call the next person on the list un-

der your name. If you leave a message or the line is busy, please call the next person. Please keep it handy. This is our secondary way of notification only.

CALENDAR UPDATE We have decided to move the 30th anniversary celebration to this spring. The new tentative day is Saturday, April 21 as we work on securing a venue.

MINISTRY WORKSHOPS As announced at the Membership Meeting, we are enclosing invitations and flyers for the free workshops in November.

THANK YOU! Thank you to the Willms and Galenamp families who participated in the "Book Walk" campaign and won for our school a variety of sports

equipment. We appreciate the generosity of The Village Church in Thorold and the Boot Walk Committee.

School Closed

THANKSGIVING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011 We will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Monday, October 10, 2011. The school will be closed on that day. We are thankful for all of our

families. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!!!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS On Thursday and Friday, November 3rd and 4th, 2011, the teachers will be attending the annual Asso-

ciation of Christian Schools International Conference in Toronto. **There is no SCHOOL on these days.**

Tutoring Program

Beyond the full-time tutoring program, we offer an after-school tutoring program for Grades 1-8. We can help with any academic subject, as well as, organizational skills, homework skills, social skills, etc. If you are interested in more information, please contact the school office.

Soccer Tournament Invite

The senior students of Calvary Christian School have been invited to a co-ed Invitational Tournament by Niagara Christian Community of Schools. The tournament will be held on Wednesday, October 12 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm. We will be taking a co-ed team of 16 students coached by Mr. Shields and Mr. Janssen. We are excited to have the opportunity to participate in this tournament.

Printer Cartridges

We collect used printer cartridges by the office. These get dropped off at Staples Business Depot, and once a year, we receive a credit to purchase supplies for the school. You can also drop them off at Staples Business Depot.

Student Council

The first Student Council dress down day will happen on Friday, October 14. On this day, students will be able to wear non-uniform clothing, and the theme will be, "Crazy Hat Day".

Potential Home Stay Opportunities

We have been contacted by the agents who have arranged in the past for international students, to attend Calvary. They are asking if there are any school families who would be interested in offering home stay to international students. They have two international students who are interested in coming in October. They are two brothers in Grade 5 and Grade 6. Please contact the school office if you are interested. We will pass on your name to the agent who will provide details concerning this.

The agents are responsible for organizing the home stay and Calvary Christian School does not get involved in this aspect of the international student's visit.

Intramurals

The first of our After-School sports intramurals for Grade 5 through 8 is starting October 25, 2011. Information will follow later in October

Grandparent/Grandfriend Day

Wednesday, October 26 is a very special day. Our grandparents will have an opportunity to visit our school **at 1:00 p.m.** We have enclosed two reply forms for this special day. This reply form includes an opportunity to send in a digital photo and a place to answer a few questions that may be shared during our Grandparents Day assembly. Digital pictures can be sent to ccssec@bellnet.ca. If you require

extra copies, please let the school office know. Grandparents will have a time in the classroom, followed by special presentations in the sanctuary, and refreshments to follow. The students are making invitations to send to grandparents. Please feel free to invite other relatives, friends, or adopted grandfriends, if grandparents are unable to come.

Parent Association Report

Dear Calvary Families:

As you read this, our first fundraiser is this Monday. Please pray with us for good weather. We are thankful for the many parent volunteers who will be helping to make this a safe, fun, and successful fundraiser. Please remember to send in your pledge forms on Monday, regardless if all of the money has been collected or not. Winners of the Awesome Field Trip with Mr. Wickens will be announced after the walk-a-thon is completed.

All schedules are started and our

first PIZZA DAY approaches ... YUM!!! So remember, don't pack a lunch next Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

Coming this month, we have Grandparents' Day on October 26, 2011 and our first Potluck on October 14, 2011. We will be sending home information about the help we will be needing for these two events. Watch your child's communication books for these sign up sheets. Please mark these on your calendar, and come join the fun!

Thank you for returning your participation forms in a timely fashion and for being supportive of all we are attempting this year.

May we continue to be united as a school family and trust in His leading for the school year.

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

Kindness Club

We will continue to give special recognition every 20 times this year. Students will receive a Kindness Club gift certificate that they can redeem for one of a selection of rewards including Chapters, Tim Horton's, Wendy's and Heritage Christian Bookstore (\$10.00 value each). **We will**

continue to train tender hearts so that Calvary Christian School students will establish the habit of being kind.

Car Seat Safety (Please keep this in mind for field trips)

The school has been given information from two sources regarding laws for Car Seat Safety. The two sources come from ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), and the other is from the Niagara Region Public Health Department.

Both sources of information are regarding Bill 73—An Act to Enhance the Safety of Children and Youth on Ontario's Roads.. It states that beginning September 2005:

- Children between 18 kg and 36 kg (40—80 lbs), with a standing height of less than 145 cm (4' 9")

or a maximum age of eight years are to use a booster seat.

- More drivers, beyond parents and legal guardians, will be required to use child car seats when traveling with toddlers including, for example, babysitters and grandparents, as well as , primary caregivers.
- The penalty is two demerit points for not complying with the law.

For additional information:

www.mts.on.ca/english/safety/carseat/choose.htm

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

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

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Prayer Requests— If you have any prayer requests for which you would like to have the school membership pray for, please call the school office.

Enclosures - The following items are enclosed with this newsletter: October Prayer Calendar, October Activity Calendar, Emergency Phone Chain, Potluck Attendance Form, Grandparents' Day Invitations, TRIP Order Form, and the Daily Apple.

School Nurse - The Youth Connection Nurse temporarily assigned to our school is Susan Munford. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. The personal information that is collected by Public Health Nurses is done so in accordance with the Nursing Act. The information is held in strict confidence. You have the right to access this information or ask questions about it by contacting the Region's Corporate Records Manager at 905-685-1571, ext. 3741. Our nurse can be reached at the Niagara Region Public Health Department at 905-641-2118, ext 5370, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Their website is www.regional.niagara.on.ca/healthyschools.

Operation Christmas Child—Each year our school participates in this program. Classrooms collect items to make up shoe boxes that will bless less fortunate children. Further information will follow in October when we get started.

Bethany School of Music and Arts—We have information posted outside the office outlining this program.

Fun Event for the Family

Niagara Christian Community of Schools is holding their 35th Annual Heritage Day on Saturday, October 1. We are enclosing a flyer that indicates that it is free admission with lots of great activities.

Blessing List Update

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**
- Shin pads for soccer (3 medium, 3 large)
- 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.