



# Calvary Christian School

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## **BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION 2022-2023**

Dear Families,

Thank you for choosing Christian Education. This newsletter contains very important information for the start of the school year. Certainly, the impact of the pandemic on everyone's lives and on education has been unprecedented. We remain hopeful that we can experience a near normal school year in 2022-2023. We will provide further information concerning the start of the school year in a Welcome Back Principal's Note that will be emailed later in August. If you know of any families who are planning to attend Calvary Christian School next year but have not registered, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange an appointment. This would be very helpful for planning purposes, and we would like to have this information.

**EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT** We are excited and blessed to announce that Calvary Christian School is the recipient of the Seal of Excellence Award from Plan to Protect. The following is the announcement and the Press Release that is being issued July 1, 2022.

### **Plan to Protect Seal of Excellence**

We are excited to announce that our school has been awarded with a **Seal of Excellence** from Plan to Protect. The Plan to Protect describes this Seal as follows:

*Plan to Protect® provides the HIGHEST STANDARD of abuse prevention and protection to organizations servicing the vulnerable sector. It is our desire not only to provide this HIGH STANDARD of protection for organizations that serve the vulnerable sector but also to recognize those organizations that demonstrate that they are achieving this standard!*

*The Plan to Protect® Seal of Excellence is reserved for organizations that meet the Principles of Plan to Protect®. The Seal is accessible to any organization servicing the vulnerable sector. This is not a contest; rather it is a means of recognizing excellence in abuse prevention and protection of the vulnerable sector. It is a means of also encouraging the raising of the bar on protection.*

Melodie Bissell, the CEO of Plan to Protect, shared that our submission for the seal was reviewed by three teachers and one early childhood education director. They were extremely impressed with all parts of our submission and felt that our implementation of best practices was excellent.

Calvary Christian School will be recognized for this award in a *National Press Release* on Canada Day, in *Plan to Protect's Newsletter*, and in the next addition of *Protect Magazine*.

We will be displaying our Seal of Excellence on all of our Plan to Protect documentation and are incredibly pleased to be recognized for our ongoing commitment to the safety and care of our students, staff, and volunteers.

**PRESS RELEASE:**

**FOUR WORTHY RECEIPTS AWARDED THE PLAN TO PROTECT® SEAL OF EXCELLENCE.**

**TORONTO, JULY 1, 2022, Plan to Protect ®, is pleased to announce that four organizations have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in meeting the HIGHEST STANDARD of safeguarding the vulnerable sector as outlined in the Plan to Protect ® Safeguarding Guide for Children, Youth and Adults. A Peer Review Panel evaluated their submissions demonstrating how they are meeting the high standard of protection presented.**

**The Plan to Protect ® Seal of Excellence program recognizes outstanding achievements by churches, charities, not-for-profits and businesses globally. Individuals representing a Peer Review Panel read through each submission in response to the 12 standards, assessing how the organization demonstrated that they are meeting each standard. The 12 categories include Leadership Buy-In, Awareness of Abuse, Policy, Screening, Training, Operational Procedures, Facility, Documentation and Administrative Processes, Reporting, Response, and commitment to protection.**

**Melodie Bissell, President of Plan to Protect, stated, “On behalf of Plan to Protect and our Advisory Board, I am very pleased to present the Plan to Protect ® Seal of Excellence to four outstanding organizations that have demonstrated that they have met the rigorous standards of the program. In a world where abuse, sexual misconduct, and abuse of power is so prevalent, they are wonderful role models to other churches, schools and camps that desire to create safe environments.”**

**The four recipients of the Plan to Protect ® Seal of Excellence include Muskoka Woods Camp (Huntsville, ON), Life of Victory Church (Victoria, BC), St. Michael’s Priory Society of St. Pius X (Toronto, ON), and Calvary Christian School (St. Catharines, ON). For additional information on each recipient, see [www.plantoprotect.com/en/about-us/news/blog/four-worthy-receipts-are-awarded-the-plan-to-protect-seal-of-excellence/](http://www.plantoprotect.com/en/about-us/news/blog/four-worthy-receipts-are-awarded-the-plan-to-protect-seal-of-excellence/)**

**About Plan to Protect:**

**Plan to Protect mission is to provide the HIGHEST STANDARD of abuse prevention and safeguarding for organizations serving the vulnerable sector. They accomplish this by providing consulting, policy and procedure templates, professional development and training, screening, and critical incidence support. Their clients are churches, schools, camps, sports leagues, daycares, nursing homes, transportation companies, relief and development agencies and municipalities. For more information regarding the Plan to Protect ® Seal of Excellence, see [www.plantoprotect.com/seal/](http://www.plantoprotect.com/seal/).**

**Disclaimer:**

**Our review and determination of the submissions were undertaken with great care. However, we strongly recommend that participants, parents and caregivers do their due diligence in assessing whether an organization provides the standard of care they desire for themselves and their loved ones. The Plan to Protect ® Seal of Excellence is based on a set of questions requiring organizations to demonstrate that they are meeting the rigorous standards. Achieving the standard does not guarantee that abuse, injury, or harm will not happen at the organization, nor**

does it ensure that the organization will qualify for abuse coverage with their insurance provider. Organizations are encouraged to seek out the legal standards within their Provinces and Territories and seek out the requirements of their insurance company to qualify for abuse coverage.

For additional information, contact:

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At *Calvary Christian School*, we recognize that our students are treasures from God. As staff and volunteers, we are a reflection of God's love to those in our care and we take our responsibility seriously. Our goal is to protect God's plans and the destiny He has for each student, and to create an environment that is safe and secure so that they are able to grow toward the fulfillment of His plans. It is very honouring for us to be recognized for excellence in implementing *Plan to Protect* standards that help us to achieve these goals.

**SCHOOL VISIT WEEK** – During the week of Tuesday, August 30, 2022, to Friday, September 2, 2022 you will be invited to visit the school by scheduled invitation only. This scheduled invitation will have a specific time allocation. The schedule will be issued by Friday, August 19, 2022. This will be an opportunity for you and your children to meet the teachers, drop off school supplies, complete tuition payments, and to visit their classrooms prior to the first day of school.

It is our goal to have all tuition payments and Start of Year Packages completed by Friday, September 2, 2022. This will avoid adding to an already **hectic** first week of school. Please contact the school office if you require any other arrangements or if you are on holidays during the above dates.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022** is our first day of school. Students should be at the school no later than 8:35 a.m. School will dismiss at **12:00 p.m.** that day. As in the past, this dismissal time has allowed us to evaluate the start of the school year. This allows for the staff to meet in the afternoon and to adapt accordingly to any changes. NOTE: **Kindergarten:** The first day, Tuesday, September 6, will be until 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 8:50 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. full days. The next week will start full days, Monday to Friday.

**SCHOOL HOURS** - The following school hours are in compliance with Ontario's Ministry of Education and Training guidelines for school operation, including at least a 5 ½ hour instructional day that includes a recess break in both the morning and afternoon.

8:00 a.m.	Before School Supervision begins
8:30 a.m.	Yard Supervision begins and students come directly into the school
8:50 a.m.	Morning Classes begin with opening exercises
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal
3:45 p.m.	Yard Supervision ends
5:00 p.m.	After School Supervision ends

**STAFF STRUCTURE UPDATE** - You may be aware that Miss Schanbacher, our Grade 5 teacher recently announced that she is leaving us to pursue other opportunities. When Mr. Groff heard that a teaching position had opened for the next school year, he felt prayerfully led to return to Calvary. We praise God that Mr. Groff will return to teach Grade 6 and Miss Kerins will be teaching Grade 5.

- Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten and Vice Principal– Mrs. Donna Jo Hewitt
- Educational Assistant — Mrs. Tracy Willms
- Senior Kindergarten (Mon, Wed, Fri) — Mrs. Rachel Bartley
- Senior Kindergarten (Tues, Thurs) – Mrs. Madeleine MacDonald
- Educational Assistants – Mrs. Danielle Latchman and Mrs. Beining Zhang
- Grade 1 — Mrs. Tina Miloud
- Grade 2 — Miss Alyssa Martens
- Grade 3 — Mrs. Beth McLeod
- Grade 4 — Mrs. Kaitlyn MacDougall
- Grade 5 — Miss Emily Kerins
- Grade 6 — Mr. Jim Groff
- Grade 7 and Senior French — Miss Evelyn Miloud
- Grade 8 — Miss Nadia Reyes
- Tutoring Resource Teacher — Mrs. Ann-Marie Johnson
- Tutoring Resource Teacher — Mrs. Michele Koch
- Tutoring Educational Assistant - Mrs. Suzie Nickel
- Secretary/Bookkeeper — Mrs. Coreen Galenkamp
- Office Support – Mrs. Becky McKeown
- Janitorial — Mrs. Somer McIntee
- Administrator/Principal — Mr. Ron Wickens

### **Tuition Table for September 2022 to June 2023**

Kindergarten Tuition Structure (based on the 10-month school year)

	1 Child in K Program	2 Children in K Program	2 Children in School (1 child in Kindergarten)
Core Programs 3 days Mon Wed Fri	\$6,015	\$10,640	\$11,840
4 Days Mon Tues Wed Fri	\$7,145	\$12,540	+\$1,130
4 Days Mon Wed Thurs Fri	\$7,145	\$12,540	+\$1,130
5 Days Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri	\$8,275	\$14,440	+\$2,260

Grades 1 - 8 Tuition Structure (based on the 10-month school year)

		Tuition Fee
1 child		\$7,365.00
2 children	Based on 3-day Kindergarten (i.e. 1 child grades 1 to 8 and 1 child in 3 day Kindergarten)	\$11,840.00

3+ children	Based on 3-day Kindergarten (i.e. 2 children grades 1 to 8 and 1 child in 3 day Kindergarten)	\$16,165.00
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Tutorial Program		Tuition Fee
1 child	Gr. 1-8 in tutoring for Mathematics <b>and</b> Language Arts. This in addition to the tuition fee. (i.e. \$7,365.00 + \$3,950.00)	\$3,950.00
1 child	Gr. 1-8 in tutoring for Mathematics <b>or</b> Language Arts. This in addition to the tuition fee. (i.e. \$7,365.00 + \$1,975.00)	\$1,975.00
1 child	Gr. 1-8 half day in tutoring AM only in tutoring, Home in PM	\$5,650.00
	1 child before and after school tutoring	\$40 per hour

<b>Before &amp; After School Supervision</b>	\$2.00 / quarter hour or part thereof
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- Effective September 1, 2022

<u><b>Examples:</b></u>	
2 Child Rate	\$11,840.00
1 Child 4 Day Kindergarten	+ <u>1,130.00</u>
<b>Total Tuition</b>	<b>12,970.00</b>
2 Child Rate	\$11,840.00
1 Child 5 Day Kindergarten	+ <u>2,260.00</u>
<b>Total Tuition</b>	<b>14,100.00</b>
3+ Child Rate	\$16,165.00
1 Child 4 Day Kindergarten	+ <u>1,130.00</u>
<b>Total Tuition</b>	<b>\$17,295.00</b>
3+ Child Rate	\$16,165.00
1 Child 5 Day Kindergarten	+ <u>2,260.00</u>
<b>Total Tuition</b>	<b>\$18,425.00</b>
2 Child Rate	\$11,840.00
1 Child Tutoring	+ <u>3,950.00</u>
<b>Total Tuition</b>	<b>\$15,790.00</b>

**This tuition table shows significant discounts for 2, 3+ child families to help families afford Christian education.**

**FUNDRAISING** - Fundraising is an important part of our school budget. We are planning, once again, to have four fundraisers next year. They include the following: Walk-a-thon in late September, Pie Auction in February, Spring Fling and Auction in May, and Golf Tournament in June. Fundraising enables us to purchase blessing items like equipment and items for the school and support our capital campaign. Each family's participation is expected so it is fair and equitable. The school offers a "limited participation payment" for individual fundraisers, which is a donation to the school of a family's portion of the fundraising budget. This is presented as an option at the start of the school year. We will be accepting payment in post-dated cheques for limited participation at the beginning of the year.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CLASSROOM ORIENTATION (in person)** - Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. It is required that at least one parent/guardian attend the Classroom Orientation.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN GENERAL SCHOOL ORIENTATION (in person)** - Also, on Thursday, September 8, 2022, we will have a general school orientation for new families from 7:45 – 8:45, in the common area. Existing families are welcome to attend for a refresher. It is required that at least one parent/guardian representative from each new family attend this orientation by Zoom.

**ATTENDANCE CHECK PROGRAM** - We need to ensure that each student who has set out for school has arrived safely. To that end, please call the school before 8:30 a.m. if your child will be late or absent. If we have not received confirmation of absence or lateness, we will be calling home to confirm that the student is safe. (NOTE: Students are considered late if they arrive after 8:50 a.m. and must report to the office.)

**BICYCLES** - A bicycle rack is available. Please understand that students bring bicycles to school at their own risk and should make sure that their bikes have locks. At times during the day, the bicycle area is unsupervised. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged bikes. We do not have any space for bicycles inside the school building.

**LUNCH** - All students will need to bring their lunches and will eat them in their classrooms with supervision. Then, they will go outside for their lunch time recess. The use of the church kitchen or microwave facilities is not available. Students wishing to go out for lunch with their parents must have a note for their classroom teacher and the office before the lunch date. PLEASE NOTE: We are a nut aware school and individual classrooms may have other allergy restraints to protect students who have potentially life-threatening allergies.

**SCHOOL ENTRY AND DISMISSAL** - Students must enter/exit the school through the main school entrance at the back of the building. All students who are late (after 8:50 a.m.) must report to the school office.

**ACTIVITY FUND** - We are requiring each family to activate an activity fund by giving the office a cheque for \$50.00, per student, with tuition payments. We will use this as an ongoing fund to cover lunch days, skating days, field trips, etc. This will save a lot of time counting and tracking loose coin in the office. We will use the computer to track and deduct from your fund according to your permission forms. Hopefully, this will save our families time organizing the exact change. Please monitor your activity fund so it does not go into arrears. We will provide periodic statements on your account.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - Please find attached, the information on school supplies to be purchased before the school year starts. We have provided a convenient list for each grade level.

We have ordered day planners/communication books from the Bible League, for all grade levels. These are very well made and contain Scripture references for each day, a prayer journal, monthly calendar with places

to write for individual days, helpful hints for studying for tests, math reference pages, science reference pages (senior grades) and an address/telephone number section. **Planners must be signed by parents daily and returned.** These will be distributed on the first day of school. **These planners are listed on the Classroom Supply List and they will be an activity fund deduction.**

Please note *water bottles* are included on our supply list since we allow students to have **water only** at their desks, especially on hot days. Other drinks can be included for lunch and snack time only. Pop, high sugared, caffeinated, or sports drinks are not allowed.

Families are asked to bring in their child's school supplies during the Open House when they visit their classroom.

**UNIFORM DRESS CODE - All clothing must be purchased through Calvary's uniform supplier – Bombardieri Uniforms.**

Specific clothing items in the school colours with the CCS logo will be available through Calvary's uniform supplier. Ordering can be done over the phone, through their store in Hamilton, or through the internet. We require every student to have a minimum of one Calvary logo dress shirt or dress blouse, a Calvary logo T-shirt, gym shorts, and bottoms with the CCS logo. T-shirts will be worn for gym and track and field, and the dress shirt will be required for special occasions that will be identified (Grandparents Day, Graduation, etc.)

**1. Bottoms**

The following "bottoms" may be worn: pants, slacks, knee length skirts, jumpers, shorts, skorts, skirts, kilts (navy or black bicycle shorts must be worn under the kilt), and uniform track pants/gym shorts for Physical Education only. For school dress down days, we do not allow mini-skirts, ultra-low-rise pants, or ripped jeans. Spandex pants, leggings, and tight pants may only be worn with a long top (mid-thigh) over the leggings. Shorts, kilts and skorts must be to the knee. All clothing must be altered to fit and appropriately tailored. Skirts may not be rolled at the waist and pant legs may not have rolled cuffs. Gym shorts are not to be worn for everyday use. ***NOTE: Students must wear navy or black shorts under skirts, jumpers, and kilts.***

**2. Tops**

The following "tops" may be worn: collared shirts, golf shirts, sweaters, jackets, and vests. T-shirts are to be worn for gym only. For school dress down days, we do not allow tops with midriff exposure, spaghetti straps, or tank tops.

**3. Footwear, Socks, Tights, and Leotards**

Shoes are required at all times and may include any of the following: enclosed shoes, running shoes, sandals with adequate support (no flip flops or beach sandals). **Navy blue or black shoes are preferred for every day, so they match our school uniform but only mandatory as part of our dress uniform.** Socks, tights, or leotards must be Solid Navy Blue, Solid Black or Solid White. Socks must not be thigh high. Students must wear their indoor/gym shoes in the wintertime. Note: No slippers or boots of any kind are permitted inside the classrooms. ***NOTE: Kindergarten students are only permitted to wear shoes and sandals with closed toes (No Crocs please).***

**4. Physical Education**

The following clothes are required: shorts with the school logo and white or navy T-shirts with the school logo. During the cooler months, track pants with the school logo will also be allowed. An extra pair of non-marking gym shoes are required. Kindergarten to grade 2 must wear their gym uniforms to school on gym days.

## 5. Modesty and Neatness

- a. Clothing: The school uniform must be worn neatly and appropriately (i.e. waistband worn at the waist). Uniform clothes must be clean, not stained or torn. Dress shirts and blouses must be tucked in. Shirtsleeves may not be rolled, and a layered look is not permitted (for example, wearing a long sleeved turtleneck under a short sleeved dress shirt). Only the top two buttons may be undone. Pant legs may not be rolled. Skirts, jumpers, dresses, skorts, and shorts must to the knee in length. Belts must be solid blue or solid black with no decorative buckle. Suspenders are not allowed. All items must be properly hemmed. Only plain all white t-shirts/undershirts may be worn under uniform shirts.
- b. Make-up: Modesty includes no excessive make-up (i.e. make-up that becomes the dominant feature of the face). Nail polish must be modest in colour and not be a dominant feature (no designs are allowed).
- c. Jewelry/Accessories: Maximum of one necklace and bracelet with no dramatic features. Body Piercing (including ear piercing for boys) and Tattoos are not allowed at Calvary Christian School. Girls may have pierced ears, but not multiple piercing around the upper ear.
- d. Hair: Hair colouring that is not a natural colour (this includes yellow blond, bright red or ink black colouring) is not permitted except for specified fun days. All students are required to have neatly groomed (clean and combed) hair that does not hang into their eyes. Hair styling may not be dramatic in look.
- e. Footwear: Solid coloured shoes and shoelaces are preferred.
- f. Hats: Hats, bandanas, and kerchiefs are not allowed unless identified for a specific event.

We also exhibit modesty in behaviour, which includes physical actions and expressions. All modesty requirements apply to dress down days.

**USED UNIFORM PIECES:** There is a Facebook group that is solely for the purpose of buying and selling gently used uniform pieces (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1140211436359641>). The purchases and deliveries are arranged between families.

The address and contact information of Bombardieri is:

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Website: [www.bombardieri.ca](http://www.bombardieri.ca)

***Tutoring Program (Special Education)*** - Our Tutoring program will continue next year. We offer a variety of student supports depending on their needs.

Tutoring students will start in their grade appropriate classroom and move to the tutoring room for core subjects in the morning. The students will have Music, Phys. Ed., French, Art, etc. in their homeroom class in the afternoon. This is a mainstream program, not an isolation program. Calvary Christian School embraces the various learning styles, challenges, and gifts of our students, believing that each child is a wonderful creation made by God. To help all students meet their potential, we offer a distinct and unique tutoring program. It is designed to meet and support our students with not only learning challenges but also gifted abilities. The program can help students to build self-confidence, organizational skills, social skills, behaviour modification and life skills. Small class sizes, individualized instruction, and a team approach are all benefits of Calvary's tutoring program. Input from students and their families is valuable to the development and

monitoring of Individual Education Plans (IEP's).

The monthly tuition for tutoring is **\$397.50** (for example, if you have one child participating in the full-time regular school program, you would pay \$736.50 per month plus \$397.50 per child per month for tutoring). Tutoring Tuition is adjusted based on the amount of time that support is required.

If you are interested in these programs, please call Ron Wickens at the school office.

**IN CLOSING**

We are so thankful for what God has allowed us to accomplish this year. We are praising God that we were able to finish the school year in person and celebrate with our students with wonderful awards and graduation ceremonies. In everything that has been done, it has been only by God's strength and grace that we have accomplished these things. I am proud of all our students' accomplishments and the many acts of kindness in "helping others." I am thankful for our excellent staff and the gifts that God has given them. I am thankful for the wonderful support and encouragement from our families. I pray that the rest of your summer is safe and blessed and we look forward to seeing you at the start of the new school year.

To His Glory,

Ron Wickens  
Administrator/Principal

"That in all things He might have pre-eminence" Colossians 1:18