

The Happenings

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“We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.” Psalm 78:4

- New Savings at Thrift Store!** We are happy to announce a new on-going promotion at New To You Thriftique called “Terrific Tuesdays!” Beginning Tuesday, October 11, all shoppers will receive 50% off of ALL clothing, including winter coats, EVERY Tuesday! Be sure to tell your friends and family about this awesome promotion!

Also, with our first Christmas shopping season looming ahead, the thrift store is in need of children’s toys. If you have any gently used toys that aren’t missing any part, we’d love to have them! Please bring them to school or to the store in the next few weeks. Thank You!
- Marathon 2011 Update** *Remember to bring your marathon pledge envelope, pledge sheet and money on Wednesday, October 14!* The money that is collected must be equal to or more than your pledges as of the last check-in. There is still time to collect more pledges. At last count, we were just short of our goal. Remember – all money collected goes directly to Calvin Christian.
- CCS 50th Anniversary Celebration** Join us on Saturday, October 15 for Calvin Christian School’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. This is an opportunity for members of the CCS community, past and present, to gather and celebrate the blessings of our Lord upon Calvin Christian over the past 50 years. The schedule for the day includes:
 - **1:00-2:30 pm** Open house, tours, class reunions at the Blaine and high school campuses
 - **3:00-5:00 pm** Open house, tours, class reunions at the Edina campus
 - **5:00-6:30 pm** Barbecue dinner at the Edina campus – free will donation
 - **7:00 pm** Service of Celebration at Calvary Church, EdinaNOTE: All CCS students will be participating in the Celebration Service at Calvary Church.
- All Students will participate in the Anniversary Celebration Service** The CCS students in grades K – 12 will be singing a couple of songs at the Anniversary Celebration on October 15 at Calvary Church. Dress for the event will be nice jeans and the blue themed Calvin 50th anniversary shirt that students received last week. Please plan to be at Calvary by 6:45 pm. Students should plan to sit in the audience with their parents and they will be called on stage at the appropriate time.
- Parking for the 50th Anniversary Celebration** As parking is limited at the CCS-Edina campus, families who are planning to attend the dinner are encouraged to park at Calvary Church (5300 France Ave.) and take a shuttle bus to the Inglewood Ave. Campus. You may park your car at Calvary Church, take the shuttle bus to the Inglewood Campus for the evening meal, and then return on the shuttle bus in time for the celebration service which will be held at Calvary Church. Shuttle service from Calvary Church will begin at 4:30 pm.
- Volunteers Needed for the Anniversary Event** We are looking for volunteers to assist with the 50th Anniversary event this weekend. If you are willing to help with any of the tasks below, please call or e-mail Linda Churchill at the CCS Office (952-927-5304 or lchurchill@calvinchristian.org)
Table set-up: Fri., Oct. 14 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Parking Lot Directors: Sat., Oct. 15 4:00- 6:30 pm
Table Take-down: Sat., Oct. 15 9:00 – 10:00 pm
- CCHS Open House** You are invited to an “open house” at the Calvin Christian High School on Monday, October 17, 2011 7:00-8:30 pm. You will have opportunity to meet the teaching staff, tour the facility, hear from alumni and visit with current parents and students. The Calvin Christian High School is located at 755 73rd Ave. N. in Fridley. You may call 763-531-1732; www.calvinchristian.org if you have questions.
- State Champion Award Given to Calvin Christian School (K-5)** We have been informed that Calvin Christian Elementary School (Edina) has been named a President’s Challenge MN State Champion School by

the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports for the 2010-2011 school year. Each year three schools (based on enrollment size) in each state are presented with the State Champion Award. The State Champion is determined by the percentage of students from that school who score in the 85% or higher in the following events: curl-ups, shuttle run, endurance run/walk, pull-ups, sit and reach. This is the 8th time since 2000 that CCS Edina has been named State Champion. Congratulations to Tom Larson and all of the students!

9. **Hot Lunch Order Forms & Menus** were sent home with each child today. These forms can also be found posted on our website; click on Edina K-8, then Communication, then Forms and Information. **All order forms and money must be turned into the office by this Friday, September 14 by 3:15 p.m. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted.**

10. **PTF Roller Skating Party – November 7** Reserve Monday, November 7 for the annual all-school PTF sponsored roller skating party. Skating will be from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Students will not be in school on this day and roller skating for a few hours would be a great way to spend the morning! This will be a special private skating session for Calvin Christian families.

11. **Picture Retakes** If your child missed the original picture day or if you are not satisfied with your pictures, we have scheduled a picture retake day on Wednesday, October 26. Please return your original picture package on that day and new photos will be taken.

12. **New Student Enrollment 2012-2013** Although we are only in our second month of school, already we are planning ahead for the next school year. If you have a child who is planning on attending kindergarten or will be enrolling in another grade at CCS for the first time next year, please see the new Student Enrollment form included with the "Happenings" today. You do not need to complete the form for students currently attending CCS.

13. **Fall Town Hall/Society Meeting** The fall meeting of the Calvin Christian School Society will be combined with an all-school "town-hall" forum on **Tuesday, October 25**, in the library at the Edina CCS elementary campus. We will begin at 7:00 with a reception honoring several pivotal CCS volunteers, then move to an informal, interactive meeting around reports by the president and the superintendent on plans to address current issues at CCS.

14. **Become a Member of the CCS Society** We encourage all CCS parents to join the CCS Society, the voluntary membership association that owns Calvin

Christian School. Membership allows you to vote on major school decisions and qualifies you to serve on the school board and certain board committees. Since no items are scheduled for vote at the meeting on October 25, opportunities to engage in the orientation required for society membership will be scheduled later in the year.

15. **No School October 20 & 21** Classes will not be in session on Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21. CCS staff members will be involved in several staff development opportunities during these two days. School will resume on Monday, October 24.

16. **Parents Praying for Calvin** Come a little early for pick up and let's gather together to lift up the staff, students, families, and Calvin Christian in prayer. We will meet Thursdays to pray from 3:10-3:25 in the conference room across from the main office. Younger siblings are welcome. Just come when you can. Matthew 18:19-21.

17. **Moms In Touch** Mom in Touch prayer group will meet every Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00 am in the conference room in the elementary building. Please join us to pray for Calvin Christian School, it's students, teachers, staff, parents, and the larger community that supports Calvin Christian.

18. **Achievement Tests** During the month of October students in grades 3 - 8 will be taking an achievement test called the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). This is a computer adaptive, standardized test from the Northwest Evaluation Association. Computer adaptive means that the test is taken on a computer and adjusts to each student's performance level. As the student answers correctly, the questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. Through this adaptive process, the student's level of performance is eventually determined. There are 45-50 questions per test. There is no time limit for each test. The tests are designed to determine a student's instructional level and to measure academic growth in the areas of mathematics, reading, and language usage. The MAP test can be taken several times during the year in order to measure student growth throughout that year. We plan to administer the test again for all students in grades 3 – 8 in the April/May time period.

The projected testing dates for the various grades are as follows:

Grade 3: Oct. 17 – 19	Grade 4: Completed
Grade 5: Oct. 7, 12, 14	Grade 6: Oct. 10, 11, 13
Grade 7: Oct. 10, 11, 13	Grade 8: Completed

Students should not feel anxious about taking these tests. Please encourage your children to try their best so the test will be an accurate reflection of their achievement. It is also helpful, as always, for your children to get a good night of sleep and eat a healthy

breakfast in the morning. A positive attitude will also help each student to do his/her best.

19. **Chicks With Sticks** If you have a knitting or crafting project that you'd like to work on with the company of others, please join us this Friday, October 14, 8:40-9:30 in the conference room across from the office.

This Week's Volunteers:

Hot Lunch (Elementary School)

Mon., Oct.	10	Sandra Hiller
Tues., Oct.	11	Amy Osei-Tutu
Wed., Oct.	12	Missy Kamp
Thurs., Oct.	13	Jeff Gaffney
Fri., Oct.	14	Tara Bosch
Mon., Oct.	17	Summer Barkema

Playground Supervisor

Mon., Oct.	10	Tom Egger
Tues., Oct.	11	Ketra Schreifels
Wed., Oct.	12	Cayla Ericksen
Thurs., Oct.	13	Wendy Olson
Fri., Oct.	14	Steve Bosch
Mon., Oct.	17	John Konkel

Volunteer of the Day

Tues., Oct.	11	Joelle Madsen
Thurs., Oct.	13	Taunya Schindeldecker
Wed., Oct.	19	Melissa Sirek

Upcoming Events

Oct.	10	Chess Club – 3:30-4:30 pm
Oct.	12	Grade 1/K Field Trip - Arboretum
	12	Grade 2 Field Trip – Apple Orchard
Oct.	13	Lego League – 3:30-5:00 pm
Oct.	14	Grade 6 Service Project at Thrift Store Warehouse
	14	Chicks with Sticks – 8:40-9:30 am
	14	Hot Lunch orders due in office by 3:15 pm
Oct.	15	CCS 50 th Anniversary Celebration
Oct.	17	Grade 8 Field Trip to Southdale Library
	17	Chess Club – 3:30-4:30 pm
	17	CCHS Open House - 7:00-8:30 pm
Oct.	18	Grade 8 Special Speaker - Librarian
Oct.	20	No School – MEA Break
Oct.	21	No School – MEA Break
Oct.	24	Grade 8 Field Trip to U of M Wilson Library
	24	Grade 1 Special Speaker – Science/Weather
	24	Chess Club – 3:30-4:30 pm
Oct.	25	Fall Society Meeting @ Edina – 7:00 pm
Oct.	26	School Picture Retakes
Oct.	27	Lego League – 3:30-5:00 pm
Oct.	28	Teacher's Lunch In
	28	Grade 3 Special Speaker - Birds
Oct.	31	Kindergarten Field Trip – Richardson Nature Center
	31	Chess Club 3:30-4:30 pm

Athletic Events

Please check out the athletic calendar for this week's soccer and volleyball games. The athletic calendar can be found on our website: www.calvinchristian.org - Edina K-8 – Activities – Athletic Calendar. **GO EAGLES!**



CCS MEMO



CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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TO: CCS Parent
DATE: October 3, 2011
RE: 2012-2013 New Student Enrollment

This is the time of the year when we need to project our Kindergarten enrollment for next fall. According to our admissions policy, siblings of current families have first priority for kindergarten openings.

If you will be sending a child to kindergarten at CCS for the 2012-2013 school year, please fill out the form below and return it to the CCS office. This will give us an idea of how many openings we will have for non-current families

We would also like to know if you are planning to enroll any other new students in grades 1-12 from your family who are not presently attending CCS. Please list them at this time.

2012-2013 Enrollment

Kindergarten – Grade 8

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade Next Year _____

High School

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade Next Year _____

<p>Please return this form to the school office by Wednesday, October 19</p>
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