

The Happenings

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"For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." I Corinthians 15:21 - 22

1. **October Theme: Broken Vessels** In the library at the Blaine Campus there is a picture on the wall of three clay pots with the inscription from Isaiah 64:8, "We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand." Last month our schools focused upon the theme of each of us being an image-bearer of God, and this month we are going to discuss what it means to be a broken vessel in need of redemption. That image of us as clay in the hands of our maker is very fitting. He created us in His image, yet like clay, we can be and have been broken. Romans 5:12 says that all of humankind is broken because of the sin of Adam. We do not need to search far to see evidence of this brokenness in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. The only way to fix our brokenness is through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Through the redeeming blood of Christ and the work of His Spirit in our lives, we are molded anew.

The words of the following hymn is a fitting prayer as we daily submit our lives to our Lord and Savior:

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

For 50 years CCS has partnered with parents to disciple children, seeking to help our students know and follow God as they learn to serve and submit to Him in every aspect of their life. Lets continue that partnership of working together. Jack Shields, Blaine Campus Principal

2. **Marathon 2011 Update** We had our second check in and here are the stats! 74 students received 334 pledges for a total of \$10,857.50. Keep up the good work! We are halfway to our campus goal of \$20,000. We are 55% there! Keep working on making those calls and contacts in the next two weeks and bring your pledge forms back again on October 14th for the final check in.

The students turning in pledge sheets may have already qualified for the \$50 survival bracelet. Students, for every \$ and # of pledges, you will have a chance for a larger prize awarded at the assembly. And remember middle school students, you can still earn money toward your environmental or Chicago trip when you raise over \$50!

Marathon 2011 had wonderful weather and many in attendance. Thank you to all who came for supporting the marathon!

3. **CCS 50th Anniversary Celebration** Please reserve 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.
4. **Reminder: Please RSVP for the Barbeque Dinner** Reservations are needed if you plan to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary Barbeque Dinner on October 15. There is no cost in making a reservation for this meal; a freewill offering will be accepted that evening. We need to let the caterer know the number of people attending by October 8. So far over 240 people are planning to attend the dinner! You may RSVP on the attached form or go to the CCS 50th Anniversary Website www.calvinchristian.org/50th.cfm and complete the Celebration RSVP online form.
5. **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 and they will be called on stage at the appropriate time.

6. **New to You Thriftique: Furniture Committee Needed!!!** The one single way for the thrift store to be more successful is to be able to consistently(weekly) find and obtain quality furniture to sell in our store. There are many ways to do this, but we need a core group of people that spend their volunteer time at Calvin focusing on this piece. This is a call out to gain a few individuals to own this part of the thrift store and even may already have thoughts and connections to make this happen. Please e-mail Craig Veurink at ecboys@comcast.net or call him at **612-710-7105** if this great opportunity is something you would like to be a part of. This committee truly can have a major impact on the financial aspect of the thrift store and ultimately Calvin Christian School.
7. **Job Opening** CCS is seeking a fundraising coordinator to help maintain a significant and dependable revenue source for the organization. This paid position requires an average of 10 hours per week during the school year, plus some summer hours. Responsibilities include recruiting and managing fundraising volunteers, coordinating and promoting fundraising programs, and assisting with fundraising events. To apply, send resume to lchurch@calvinchristian.org. Questions? Email Jim DeYoung, development director: jdeyoung@calvinchristian.org. Position to be filled immediately; applications received by Saturday, October 1, will receive priority attention.
8. **6th & 7th Grade Attend Environmental Camps** Our CCS sixth and seventh grade students are participating in outdoor education camps beginning this morning, and ending on Wednesday, October 5. The sixth grade students are at the Luthercrest Bible Camp located near Alexandria, MN and are participating in the Environmental Stewardship Program. Supervision is provided by staff members Scott Ross and Susan Koppendrayner and by parent chaperones: Renee Brastad, Joshua English Scrimshaw, Scott Sirek, Jason Velgersdyk, Sandi Velgersdyk, and Jeff Verdoorn. The 7th graders are at the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center located near Lanesboro. Staff supervision is provided by Gary Schmidt and Julie Amen. Parent chaperones are: Peggy Boxum, Paul Johnson, Ray Topalof, Joel Sutton, and Dean Caldwell-Tautges. Please pray that they have a safe and positive experience learning and growing together.
9. **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.

10. **1st Grade Prayer Requests** Please see the prayer requests that are attached to this *Happenings* for our first graders and for Mrs. Muilenburg.
11. **Detailed 2011-2012 Calendar** Please find the detailed calendar for this school year attached along with this *Happenings* edition.
12. **Reminder – Be a Good Neighbor While Driving** Because Calvin Christian is located in a residential area, we all must be very conscious of our driving in our school neighborhood. Please be aware of the speed limit on all streets surrounding CCS. It is important to come to a complete stop at all stop signs. Our driving habits should be examples of our best behavior.
13. **Traffic Notes** Instructions concerning student pick-up and drop-off were sent to CCS families prior to the start of the school year. A few reminders concerning the pick-up and drop-off routine:
 - No cell phone use during drop-off and pick-up process.
 - Always pull as far forward as possible in the circle drives when picking up or dropping off students.
 - Parking on the street is not permitted for drop-off or pick-up.
 - Cars must queue up along the Weber Park drive at the end of the school day. *Please wait your turn in line – do not pass others on the Weber park drive even if you are intending to park.*
 - Cars should not be left unattended in the circle drives.
 - Students should exit and enter their vehicles on the sidewalk side.
14. **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.
15. **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.
16. **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.

17. 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: Oct. 3, 4, 6
Grade 5: Oct. 7, 13, 14	Grade 6: Oct. 10 - 12
Grade 7: Oct. 10 - 12	Grade 8: Oct. 3 - 5

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.

This Week's Volunteers:

Hot Lunch (Elementary School)

Mon., Oct. 3	Jill Ericson
Tues., Oct. 4	Shelly DeJongh
Wed., Oct. 5	Lisa DeKam
Thurs., Oct. 6	Ann Fredrickson
Fri., Oct. 7	Candis Johnson
Mon., Oct. 10	Sandra Hiller

Playground Supervisor

Mon., Oct. 3	Missy Kamp
Tues., Oct. 4	Kevin Schreifels
Wed., Oct. 5	Joshua Stokes
Thurs., Oct. 6	Carol Bengry
Fri., Oct. 7	Eric Hagen
Mon., Oct. 10	Tom Egger

Volunteer of the Day

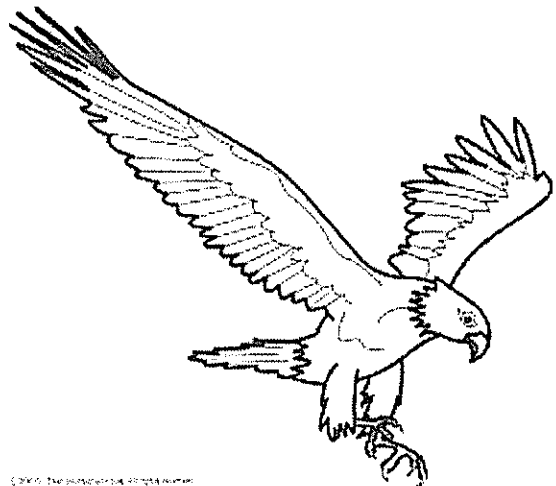
Tues., Oct. 4	Linda Marcus - pm
Fri., Oct. 7	Faerol Wiedman
Tues., Oct. 11	Joelle Madsen

Upcoming Events

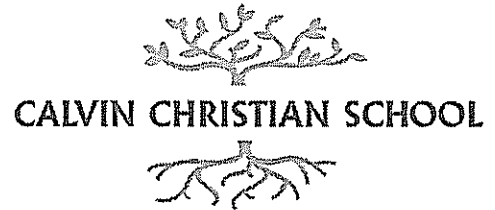
Oct. 3	Kindergarten Special Speaker - Fire Safety
3	No Chess Club today
Oct. 3-5	Grades 6 & 7 - Environmental Learning Trips at Eagle Bluff & Luther Crest
Oct. 4	8 th Gr. Spanish Field Trip - Mercado Central
Oct. 5	Mom's In Touch Prayer Group - 9-10:00 am
Oct. 6	Lego League - 3:30-5:00 pm
Oct. 7	Grade 4 Special Speaker - Electricity
Oct. 10	Chess Club - 3:30-4:30
Oct. 12	Kindergarten/Grade 1 Field Trip to Minnesota Arboretum - 12:30 pm
Oct. 13	Lego League - 3:30-5:00 pm
Oct. 14	Grade 6 Service Project at Thrift Store Warehouse
Oct. 15	CCS 50 th Anniversary Celebration
Oct. 17	Grade 8 Field Trip to Southdale Library
17	Chess Club - 3:30-4:30 pm
Oct. 20	No School - MEA Break
Oct. 21	No School - MEA Break
Oct. 24	Grade 8 Field Trip to U of M Wilson Library
Oct. 25	Fall Society Meeting
Oct. 26	School Picture Retakes
Oct. 28	Teacher's Lunch In
Oct. 31	Kindergarten Field Trip - Richardson Nature Center

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



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

Parent's Name _____

Student's Name _____

Birth date _____ Grade Next Year _____

**Please return this form to the school office by
Wednesday, October 19**

Calvin Christian School

Edina 2011-2012

August 30 - September 2	Teacher Workdays
Monday, September 5	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6	First Day of School - Grades 1-8)
Wednesday, September 7	First Day of Kindergarten
Friday, September 9	Beginning of the Year Chapel
Saturday, September 17	CCS Carnival/Picnic
Thursday, September 15	Parent Night - (K- 5)
Tuesday, September 20	Parent Night - Middle School
Tuesday, September 27	Vision Screening - Grades 1 - 5
Wednesday, September 28	Hearing Screening - Grades 1 - 8
Friday, September 30	Student Pictures
Saturday, October 1	Marathon for Non-public Education
October 3 - 5	6th and 7th Grade Environmental Trips
October 3 - 21	Achievement Testing - Grades 3-8
October 15	50th Anniversary Celebration
October 20 - 21	No School - Teacher Convention
Tuesday, October 25	Fall Society Meeting
Wednesday, October 26	Picture Re-takes
Friday, November 4	End of Quarter 1
Monday, November 7	No School - Records Day
November 17, 21, 22	Parent Teacher Conferences
Tuesday, November 22	Dismiss at Noon - Parent Teacher Conf.
November 23, 24, 25	No School - Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, December 8	Drama Night - Grades 1, 3, and 5
Tuesday, December 13	Middle School Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 21	Christmas Caroling in Hallway
December 22 - Jan. 2	No School - Christmas Break
Tuesday, January 3	School Resumes
Monday, January 16	No School - MLK Day
January 17 - 27	Concentrated Study
Friday, January 20	End of Quarter 2
Monday, January 23	No School - Record's Day
Monday, February 20	No School - President's Day
Tuesday, February 21	No School - In-Service Day
March 1, 5, 8	Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday, March 9	No School - In-Service Day
Friday, March 23	C.E. Night - Grades K, 2, 4, 6
Friday, March 30	Easter Chapel
Friday, March 30	End of Quarter 3
April 2 - 6	No School - Spring Break
Friday, April 27	Grandparent Day
Thursday, May 3	Drama Performance - Grades 7/8
Friday, May 4	Drama Performance - Grades 7/8
Thursday, May 10	Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, May 17	Spring Concert - Middle School
Tuesday, May 22	Spring Society Meeting
May 22 - 25	Chicago Trip - Grade 8
Monday, May 28	No School - Memorial Day
Tuesday, June 5	Graduation - Grade 8
Wednesday, June 6	Graduation - Kindergarten
Wednesday, June 6	Noon Dismissal - Last Day of School

For the month of October let us focus our prayers on the First Grade

This is how we can pray for the first grade:

- * That they will become fluent readers.
- * That each student will see him/herself as uniquely created by God and be thrilled with each person's uniqueness.
- * Pray that each student will be able to act the way they know they should and give grace to themselves and others when they don't.

This is how we can pray for Mrs. Muilenburg:

- * Please pray Colossians 3:12 and Psalm 141:3 for me.
- * Pray that God will give me insight to each student's individual needs and the creativity to meet those needs.

The following is a list of students in Mrs. Muilenburg's class:

**Isabell
Lark
Grace
Katie
Breckan
Zach
Ella**

**Kendall
Anna
Peter
Annika
Leihanah
Caroline**

Calvin Christian School 50th Anniversary Book Order Form

The 50th anniversary book is a full-color, 64-page, soft-cover book with more than 150 pictures from the past 50 years. You can see a portion of the book (and order online) at www.calvinchristian.org/50th.cfm. A limited number of books will be available at the 50th Anniversary open house on Oct. 15, for \$18.

Name: _____ (Please Print)
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ ZIP _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Advanced orders received before Sept. 12 (books will be available Oct. 15)

- Pick up at: ___ Blaine Campus ___ Edina Campus ___ CCHS Campus \$16.00
 Deliver by US Mail to above address \$18.00

All orders received after Sept. 12 (books will be available Dec. 15)

- Pick up at: ___ Blaine Campus ___ Edina Campus ___ CCHS Campus \$18.00
 Deliver by US Mail to above address \$20.00

Copies X _____

Please make your check payable to Calvin Christian School Total \$ _____

Bring this form to any CCS campus or mail it to: Calvin Christian School, 4015 Inglewood Ave. S., Edina, MN 55416.

Calvin Christian School 50th Anniversary Day of Celebration Registration Form

The Calvin Christian community will celebrate the school's 50th anniversary on October 15 with a day of fellowship, memories, and thanksgiving. Please help us plan for the events of the day by filling out and returning this form or going to www.calvinchristian.org/50th.cfm to register online.

Name: _____ (Please Print)
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ ZIP _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Indicate the number of people planning to attend the following events:

- _____ 1:00-2:30 pm – Open house at the Blaine and high school campuses
_____ 3:00-5:00 pm – Open house at the Edina campus
_____ 5:00-6:30 pm – Barbecue dinner, Edina campus
_____ 7:00 pm – Service of Celebration, Calvary Church, Edina

Bring this form to any CCS campus or mail it to: Calvin Christian School, 4015 Inglewood Ave. S., Edina, MN 55416.

Deadline: October 8, 2011