

The Happenings

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“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God.”
Ephesians 2:8

1. **November Theme: A Child of God Living Under Grace** What does it mean to be “living under grace?” The following story from the slave era provides an excellent illustration. During a slave auction in New Orleans, two planters were bidding for an old slave who was vocally defiant during the process. One of the planters eventually won the bid and took his old slave in his wagon back to his farm. Throughout the journey home, the defiant old slave proclaimed that he would not work for his new owner. Upon arrival at the plantation, the planter removed the shackles from the old slave and said, “*You are no longer a slave. I bought you in order to give you your liberty.*” According to the story, the old man fell at the feet of the planter and said, “*Master, I will serve you forever.*”

Last month our schools focused upon the theme what it means to be a broken vessel in need of redemption through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Romans 5 and 7 contain the truth that the sin of man has resulted in bondage, condemnation and death. However, through His love and righteousness, Jesus paid the price for our freedom from sin with His life so that we can be forgiven. The blood of Christ saved us from God’s wrath and we rejoice that through Jesus we have received reconciliation!

So, how should we respond to Jesus’ payment for our sin and freedom from its slavery? Like the old man, we should proclaim whom we commit to serve the rest of our lives. ~Gary Schmidt, Edina Assistant Principal

2. **Reformation Day – October 31** Today is recognized at CCS as Reformation Day. On this date in 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 thesis (objections) on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther, a priest, had struggled with the abuses and false teachings he saw in the Roman Catholic Church. The Church at that time had taught that performing good works or the paying of money would earn forgiveness and salvation. Martin Luther knew that these teachings were contrary to what he read in the Bible.

Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and other reformers led the people back to the truths of God’s

Word. They read the Gospel and found assurance that salvation is given to us by faith in Jesus as the Son of God, not by our own works. Reformation Day is a day in which we are reminded again that the message of salvation is a gift from God – we are saved by grace, and not by our “good” works. Christ’s death on the cross fully paid the penalty of our sin. Salvation is from and by and through Christ and Christ alone.

The reformation continues today. We need to continually return to the Word of God to guide us in our life’s journey. As Christian parents and educators, we must consistently study the scriptures to be sure our teaching is in line with the Word of God.

At Calvin Christian we are dedicated to teaching students to evaluate and critique the world through the lens of Scripture. The only way this is possible is if we know what the Bible says. I encourage each of us to spend time in God’s Word daily, so that we can draw nearer to Him and be prepared for the tasks He has called us to do.

3. **Scholastic Book Fair** Volunteers are still needed to help with the fair on November 17, 21 and 22. This is a really fun volunteer opportunity. Your kids are welcome to join you if needed. Please contact Candis Johnson if you are interested in volunteering. Phone: 952-927-56336 or candies_a_johnson@yahoo.com.
4. **Do You Love to Cook? Do You Enjoy Sharing Delicious Food?** Parent Teacher Conferences will be here soon. Each day of conferences the PTF furnishes a meal for teachers. If you are interested in helping by preparing a meal or part of it, please contact Liza Schwab at lschwab@comcast.net to volunteer.
5. **Parent Teacher Conferences** Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 17, 21, and 22. Classes will not be held on the afternoon of November 22 as we will be holding daytime conferences on that date. The schedule of conference appointments will be sent out during the week of November 8.
6. **Monday, November 7 – No School** Monday, November 7 is a scheduled “In-service Day” at CCS. Staff members will be completing report cards for the 1st

quarter and preparing for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. School will not be in session for students on Monday, November 7.

7. **Our Most Delicious Fundraiser – Butterbraids!** Order forms were sent home with your student mail courier on Friday, October 28. There are extra order forms in the CCS office. Order forms are due back in the office on Friday, November 18. Butterbraids will be available for pick up the afternoon of December 14.
8. **Prayer Requests for our 2nd Grade** Our staff and students are dependent on your prayers throughout the entire school year. For the month of November please remember specifically our 2nd graders and their teacher Mrs. Sandi Olson. Please see their prayer requests which are attached.
9. **No St. Louis Park Bus Service** On Friday, November 4 there will be no morning or afternoon bus service for students who ride the St. Louis Park bus. Parents are responsible for bringing their children to and from school that day.
10. **Admissions Ambassadors Needed:** Be Calvin Christian's representative at your church, your child's preschool, MOPS group, or other potential student source. Seek opportunities to raise awareness of CCS, help distribute materials (as permitted), make yourself available when references are requested...be creative! To volunteer or get more information, contact Jim De Young 952-927-5305, jdeyoung@calvinchristian.org or Keith Ter Haar 763-245-7786, keith@calvinchristian.org.
11. **PTF Roller Skating Party – November 7** Reserve Monday, November 7 for the annual all-school PTF roller skating party. See the attached flyer.
12. **“The Importance of Being Earnest”** Calvin Christian High School invites you to join them for their performances of “The Importance of Being Earnest.” Performances will be held in the worship center at Grace Evangelical Free Church, 755, 73rd Avenue NE in Fridley on November 10 and 12 at 7:00 pm. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover costs. Come spend a laughter-filled evening with us!
13. **All 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Choir and Band Students** will be attending Scenes from Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel* featuring Northwestern College Orchestra directed by David Kozamchak and Northwestern College Opera Workshop directed by Doreen Hutchings on Thursday, November 17, 1:00 p.m. The performance is one hour in length and admission is free. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for a theater production.
14. **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.

15. **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.
16. **Fall Sports' Teams Complete Their Seasons** The fall sports teams have completed their SSYO season schedules. It was great to see the growth in skill and teamwork throughout the season. In the SSYO Tournaments held this past Saturday, the 7/8 grade soccer team took home the championship trophy in their divisional tournament and the middle school girls' team took home the 2nd place trophy in their divisional tournament. Congratulations to all of the students for their effort in the past season.

Our thanks to the each of the coaches for their excellent leadership:

Grade 6 Boys' Soccer: Tim B.

Grade 6 Girls' Soccer: Westy G.

7/8 Grade Soccer: David O.

Assistants: Matt Anderson and Ben O.

Middle School Girl's Volleyball – Kimberly D.

Grade 5 Girls' Volleyball: Jackson T.

17. **Check out the CCS Facebook Page** Pictures from the recent CCS 50th Anniversary Celebration can be found on the Calvin Christian School Facebook Page.
18. **Directory Update** Please add the following names to the Edina 6th grade student roster:
 - Isaac V.
 - Sam V.
 - Joey V.

This Week's Volunteers:

Hot Lunch (Elementary School)

Mon., Oct.	31	Wendy O.
Tues., Nov.	1	Shelly D.
Wed., Nov.	2	Lisa D.
Thurs., Nov.	3	Ann F.
Fri., Nov.	4	Amy W.
Mon., Nov.	7	No School
Tues., Nov.	8	Sue S.

Playground Supervisor

Mon., Oct.	31	Heidi S.
Tues., Nov.	1	Kevin S.
Wed., Nov.	2	Joshua S.
Thurs., Nov.	3	Carol B.
Fri., Nov.	4	Eric H.
Mon., Nov.	7	No School
Tues., Nov.	8	Ketrah S.

Volunteer of the Day

Tues., Nov. 1 Linda M.

Fri., Nov. 4 Faerol W.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 31 Kind. Field Trip – Richardson Nature Center
31 Chess Club – 3:30-4:30
- Nov. 3 Lego League – 3:30-5:00 pm
3 Grade 3 Field Trip – Bell Museum
- Nov. 4 End of 1st Marking Period
4 **No St. Louis Park Bus Service am & pm**
- Nov. 7 **No School – Records Day**
7 PTF Roller Skating Party – 10-12:00 noon
- Nov. 8 CCS Board Meeting at Blaine
- Nov. 9 Grade 1 Special Speaker – Fall Harvest
- Nov. 10 Lego League – 3:3-5:00 pm
10 CCHS Theatre Production – 7:00 pm
- Nov. 11 Chicks With Sticks 8:40 - 9:30 am
11 Teacher’s Lunch In
11 Report Cards Sent Home
- Nov. 12 CCHS Theatre Production – 7:00 pm
- Nov. 17 MS Field Trip–Opera @ Northwestern College
17 Lego League 3:30-5:00 pm
17 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
17 Grade 4 Special Speaker – Simple Machines
- Nov. 21 **No Edina Bus Service – am & pm**
21 Grade 3 Special Speaker – Native Americans
21 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
- Nov. 22 Noon Dismissal
22 **No Edina Bus Service – am & pm**
22 Parent Teacher Conferences – 1:00-8:00 pm
- Nov. 23 No School - Thanksgiving Break Begins
- Nov. 28 Classes Resume

