

# The Happenings

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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 1:6 – 7

- Happy Thanksgiving!** I hope you take time in this week to reflect on all the ways that God has blessed you. The book of Psalms contains many passages that either praise or describe God’s trustworthiness. In times of hardship, David would recall God’s faithfulness in past circumstances. I’m sure each of us could write an extensive journal recording evidence of God’s work in our lives and of His faithfulness to us. Thanksgiving needs to be directed to God especially from those who have received the great gift of His grace. Our theme verse from Colossians 1:6-7 says that the lives of those who are rooted in Christ should be overflowing with thankfulness. Thanksgiving for the Christian is not just a one-day event. It is a part of God’s will for our lives. Our thanksgiving must translate into thankful living!
- Parent Teacher Conferences** Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences continue and will be held this afternoon/evening from 4:00-8:30 pm and tomorrow afternoon, November 22. **Classes will not be held on the afternoon of November 22** as we will be holding daytime conferences on that date. Conference schedules were sent via US mail along with the student report cards. If you have not received your conference schedule, please call the school office.  
  
The teaching staff is looking forward to meeting with each of you. Since many of the teachers have a full schedule of conferences, it is important that you are present at your appointed time. **Reminder: all conferences will be held in your child’s classroom.**  
  
A productive conference requires adequate preparation. To help facilitate this preparation, a pre-conference form was printed on your Parent Teacher Conference schedule. We suggest that you complete this form and bring it to your conference. A flyer is also attached to this *Happenings* to help you prepare for your upcoming conference.
- Noon Dismissal – Tuesday, November 22** School will dismiss at noon on Tuesday, November 22 for Parent/Teacher conferences. The CCS buses will run their pm routes beginning at noon. **Bus service provided by the Edina and St. Louis Park public school buses will not be available this day. The extended day program will not be in session during the afternoon on this day.**
- Scholastic Book Fair** continues at Calvin Christian today, November 21 from 8:30-9:30 am and 3:30-8:00 pm and November 22 from Noon – 5:00 pm. Check out our website which gives a sneak peak at some of the featured books: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/calvinchristianschool>.
- K-5 Christmas Program – December 8 at 7:00 pm** Students in grades K – 5 will present a Christmas Program on Thursday evening, December 8 at Calvary Church. All students in grades K – 5 will participate. The program will include the musical “Miracle on Main Street” which will be performed by the students in grades 1, 3, and 5. Please mark the date on your calendars.
- Admissions Information Meeting** Tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives about the upcoming admissions “open house” at the Edina campus on Thursday, December 1. Beginning at 6:30, this is an opportunity for families considering Calvin Christian to tour the campus, learn about our program and biblical approach to education. Parents are our best promoters, so please spread the word.
- Middle School Christmas Concert:** Make plans now to attend the Middle School Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13 in the worship center at Calvary Church (5300 France Ave.) The middle school band and choirs will be performing selections appropriate to the Christmas season.
- Be a CCS Ambassador!** More than 3/4 of new families at Calvin cite current parents as one the ways they learned about CCS or were persuaded to attend. Keep up the good work! We need you more than ever.
- Computer Needed for Weather Station** CCS is in need of a computer to replace the one that runs our weather station. The ideal computer would be a

Windows machine that is less than 4 years old. We don't need a monitor, just the computer. If you can help, please contact Scott Ross [ssross@calvinchristian.org](mailto:ssross@calvinchristian.org).

10. **Transportation Reminder** *There will be no Edina public School bus service on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22.* You are responsible for transporting your child(ren) to/from school on those days.
11. **Transportation Reminder** *There will be no St. Louis Park public School bus service on Tuesday, November 22 when Calvin dismisses at noon.* You are responsible for transporting your child(ren) home from school on that day.
12. **Have you seen** a black Minneapolis Storm hockey jacket? One of our middle school students dearly misses the misplaced jacket. It has an embroidered #35 on it and *Urban Eatery* is written across the back. If you have seen this jacket, please call or remember to bring it back to the school office. Thank You!
13. **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.
14. **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.
15. **School Store Is Open** Remember that you can purchase Calvin Christian Spirit Wear online at your convenience and have the items shipped to your home. The store has general merchandise as well as merchandise customized for each campus. Also attached to this Happenings is a coupon for 10% off your purchase. Go to [www.identitystores.com](http://www.identitystores.com) and then enter Calvin Christian in the search tab to find our store. The discount code is: **1367552317527251**. CCS does benefit financially from the sales of this merchandise

**This Week's Volunteers:**

**Hot Lunch (Elementary School)**

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| Mon., Nov.   | 21 | Summer Barkema                   |
| Tues., Nov.  | 22 | <b>Noon Dismissal – no lunch</b> |
| Mon., Nov.   | 28 | Yulia Oparista                   |
| Tues., Nov.  | 29 | Annette Kjer                     |
| Wed., Nov.   | 30 | Renee' Brastad                   |
| Thurs., Dec. | 1  | Ann Fredrickson                  |
| Fri., Dec.   | 2  | Tara Bosch                       |
| Mon., Dec.   | 5  | Annette Kjer                     |

**Playground Supervisor**

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| Mon., Nov.   | 21 | John Konkel                       |
| Tues., Nov.  | 22 | <b>Noon Dismissal – no recess</b> |
| Mon., Nov.   | 28 | Greg Hubers                       |
| Tues., Nov.  | 29 | Scott Sirek                       |
| Wed., Nov.   | 30 | Doug Nelson                       |
| Thurs., Dec. | 1  | Carol Bengry                      |
| Fri., Dec.   | 2  | Eric Hagen                        |
| Mon., Dec.   | 5  | John Healey                       |

**Volunteer of the Day**

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| Tues., Nov. | 29 | Missy Simonet  |
| Fri., Dec.  | 2  | Faerol Wiedman |

**Upcoming Events**

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| Nov. | 21 | <b>No Edina Bus Service – am &amp; pm</b>                              |
|      | 21 | Grade 3 Special Speaker – Native Americans                             |
|      | 21 | Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm                                |
| Nov. | 22 | <b>Noon Dismissal</b>  |
|      | 22 | <b>No Edina Bus Service – am &amp; pm</b>                              |
|      | 22 | <b>No St. Louis Park Bus Service - pm</b>                              |
|      | 22 | Parent Teacher Conferences – 1:00-8:00 pm                              |
| Nov. | 23 | <b>No School - Thanksgiving Break Begins</b>                           |
| Nov. | 28 | <b>Classes Resume</b>  |
| Nov. | 29 | Geography Bee Finals – 10:25 CCS Gym                                   |
| Dec. | 1  | Parent Information Night at Edina Campus                               |
|      | 1  | Grade 8 Field Trip - <u><i>A Christmas Carol</i></u> @ Guthrie Theatre |
| Dec. | 8  | K-5 Christmas Program – 7:00 pm  |
| Dec. | 13 | Middle School Christmas Concert  |
|      | 13 | CCS Board of Directors Meeting @ Edina                                 |
| Dec. | 14 | Grade 4 special speaker – Solar System                                 |
| Dec. | 15 | Grade 3 Field Trip – Minnesota Ballet                                  |
| Dec. | 16 | Grade 5 Special Speaker – French Voyageurs                             |
|      | 16 | Teacher's Lunch In   |
| Dec. | 17 | Regional Lego Tournament   |

