

The Happenings

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“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

1. **Jesus – The Prince of Peace:** The final song at the recent middle school Christmas concert was a favorite of mine. It was a rendition of *Silent Night* along with the words of *Peace on Earth*. This is an especially meaningful song because the good news of Christmas is that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6) In the Hebrew language the word for peace is “shalom.” It means more than the absence of strife and war. “Shalom” means wholeness, harmony, and fulfillment. According to Isaiah, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, brings peace by being pierced and crushed and wounded. His blood, shed on the cross, gives us peace within ourselves, with our fellowman, with creation, and with God. His blood breaks down the barriers that exist and tears down the walls that have been erected.

In a world full of brokenness and anxiety He brings shalom. In a world full of strife and bitterness He brings love. In a world full of disease and sickness He brings healing. In a world that hates and ignores God He brings reconciliation.

As you celebrate the birth of Christ, may He fill your hearts and homes with His peace. Jesus said “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you... I have told you these things, so that you may have peace.” (John 14:27 ; 16:33) Merry Christmas!

Steve Groen, Superintendent

2. **CCS Students are Memorizing Luke 2:1-20** Many of the classrooms at Calvin Christian are memorizing a portion or all of Luke 2:1-20 during the month of December. This would be a wonderful opportunity for your entire family to work together in memorizing the passage of scripture. Please consider reciting this passage when riding in the car, sitting around the dinner table, or anytime your family is together.
3. **Ice Skating** During the month of January (beginning on Tuesday, January 3) the Physical Education classes will be held outside on the ice rink. The students will ice skate on their scheduled PE day. The middle school students have the option to bring skates or to just wear boots on the ice. Please be sure that skates fit properly.

Also, students *must* come to school with warm clothing - hats, gloves, warm tall socks, etc. Students will not be able to “grab” hats and mittens from the lost and found bin. **Skate guards are required to protect the carpeted floors and the skate blades as students walk to the ice rink.**

4. **Ice Skate Exchange** We will be having an ice skate exchange at the Edina campus. Please bring in any ice skate from home that you no longer use. They will be placed on a table in the hallway and made available to parents. See the attached flyer for more information.
5. **Congratulations to the CCS Edina Lego Team!** “Lego on a Stick” took 4th place at the Sanford regional tournament on Saturday. The top 3 teams advanced to the state tournament. They placed second in the robot performance contest! The team, Sam V., Olivia G., Andrew H., Chad M., and Taner E., is coached by Lisa M. and Scott Ross.
6. **Christmas Collection for V.E.A.P** During the remaining school days in December, Calvin Christian School is sponsoring a collection for V.E.A.P. (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People). VEAP is a local non-profit agency serving low-income families, individuals, elderly, and disabled persons in the communities of Bloomington, Edina, Richfield, and South Minneapolis. According to the VEAP website, the most needed items are: tuna, canned chicken, canned beef stew, canned chili, canned ham, SPAM, bags of dry pinto and dry black beans, peanut butter, four/sugar. Also needed are diapers, baby formula, baby wipes, laundry soap, toothpaste, and toilet paper. All items can be brought to CCS and placed near the Christmas tree in the lobby. Thank you for participating and helping families in need in our local community.
7. **Wanted: Calvin COMEDY Night Day-of-Event Producer** Seeking a person with producer/production experience to oversee the overall stage show, talent, technical staff, and volunteers of the Calvin Comedy Night! This highly anticipated inaugural event will be

held February 11, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Your time commitment is limited to the week before the event and the day of the event only! Please contact Kevin Distad at kevindistad@gmail.com or 763-350-5318 or Missy Kamp at mjk934@yahoo.com or 708-703-1138 with any questions.

8. **Hockey Sticks Needed** Calvin Christian is blessed to have a hockey rink just steps from our school. Many students enjoy learning and playing hockey. However the school does not have it's own supply of sticks. If you have any hockey sticks you could donate, Mr. Larson would be happy to take them. They can be any size as long as they are still usable.
9. **Thank You for Supporting the Book Fair:** Thank you to all who came to the book fair. It was a huge success! We had over \$3,400 in sales. The CCS library received over \$1,100 in cash and books AND Hope Academy in Minneapolis received \$180 in new books for their Library. Plus many of you supported your teachers by buying books for their classroom. They are feeling so loved and supported. Thank you!!
10. **Edina Campus Concentrated Study of Ecuador** During the weeks of January 17-27, the CCS Edina campuses will be involved in a school-wide concentrated study of Ecuador. The staff is currently preparing for this study. Please let the CCS office know of any ideas for speakers of any other resources that would facilitate our study of this country.
11. **Calling All Boxtops!** We will be collecting Boxtops at the end of January...look for boxtops on your holiday food purchases. Each boxtop brings in 10¢ for our school...in cash! Keep a little lunch baggie handy in your kitchen and continue collecting them for the January collection. The 2 families with the most box tops turned in will win a prize...so start saving!
12. **Be Prepared for Cold Weather** Temperatures in Minnesota can get downright bone chilling during the next several months. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for recess *every day*. This includes coat, mittens, hat, boots and snow pants. Students are not allowed to stay inside during recess.
13. **50th Anniversary Commemorative Book** - The 50th anniversary book is a full-color, 64-page, soft-cover book with more than 150 pictures, history, recollections, and commentary. This book can be purchased from the office at Calvin for \$18.00. For an additional \$2 it can be sent to your home.
50th Anniversary Commemorative Book - Calvin Christian School www.calvinchristian.org
14. **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. Please contact

Scott Ross scross@calvinchristian.org.

15. **Moms In Touch** Moms in Touch prayer group will meet every *Monday* 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. **Classified Ads** Please submit your classified ads to Shar in the CCS office at sharj@calvinchristian.org by this Wednesday, December 21. Classified Ads will be distributed on Tuesday, January 3 along with the *Happenings* newsletter.

This Week's Volunteers:

Hot Lunch (Elementary School)

Mon., Dec.	19	Summer B.
Tues., Dec.	20	Jill M.
Wed., Dec.	21	Diane A.
Thurs., Dec	22	Christmas Break Begins
Tues., Jan.	3	Shelly D.

Playground Supervisor

Mon., Dec.	19	John K.
Tues., Dec.	20	Scott S.
Wed., Dec.	21	Doug N.
Thurs., Dec	22	Christmas Break Begins
Tues., Jan.	3	Kevin S.

Volunteer of the Day

Tues., Jan.	3	Linda Marcus
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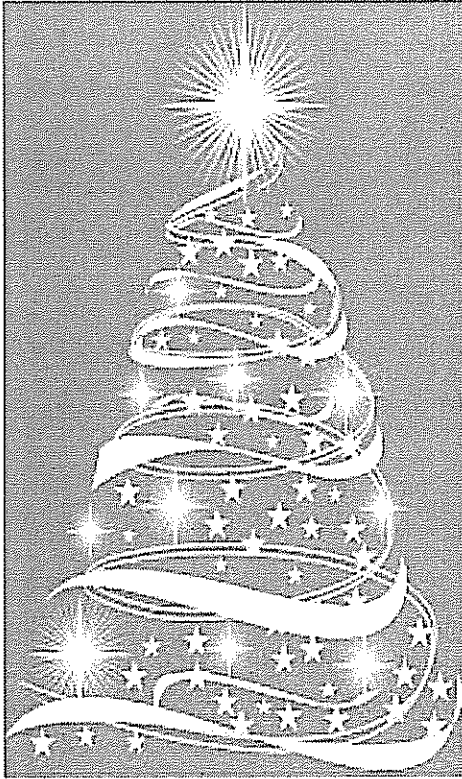
Upcoming Events

Dec.	19	Mom's In Touch Prayer Group – 9:00 a.m.
Dec.	19	No St. Louis Park Bus Service
	20	No St. Louis Park Bus Service
	21	No St. Louis Park Bus Service
Dec.	21	Caroling in the Hall – 9:00 am
Dec.	22	Christmas Break Begins
Jan.	3	Classes Resume
Jan.	9	Mom's In Touch Prayer Meeting
Jan.	11	Special Speaker – Gr. 4 - Magnets
Jan.	16	No School – Martin Luther King Day
Jan.	17	Concentrated Study Begins – Ecuador
Jan.	23	No School – Record Day
Jan.	27	Concentrated Study Meal

Athletic Events

Please check out the athletic calendar on our website: www.calvinchristian.org - Edina K-8 – Activities – Athletic Calendar. **GO EAGLES!**





*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year!*