

The Happenings

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"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise." Psalm 111:10

1. **Marathon 2011 Update** - We had our first check in and here are the stats! **47 students received 180 pledges for a total of \$5,888. Keep up the good work!** Our Edina campus goal is \$21,500. We are 27% there! Keep working on making those calls and contacts in the next two weeks and bring your pledge forms back again on Friday, September 30 for the next check in.

The students turning in pledge sheets may have already qualified for the \$50 Calvin 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 start earning money toward your science or spring trip when you raise over \$50! Keep training and you'll all be ready for the October 1 Marathon.

Marathon food donations needed: The Edina campus is responsible for bringing the sweet treats to the marathon. If you can bring your food donation to the office by Wednesday evening that would be very helpful. The sweet treats should be granola bars, cereal bars, fruit roll-ups, etc. NO candy please!

Marathon Volunteers: You have received an email requesting help and several people responded to the request for specific volunteer needs. A signup sheet for Marathon Day has been created. The sign-up sheet is online at www.mysignup.com/ccsmarathon2011. Please go to the website and sign up for a volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule. And, each volunteer from Edina should bring 2 dozen sweet snacks such as granola bars, cereal bars, fruit roll-ups, etc. No candy please!

2. **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.

3. **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 church@calvinchristian.org. Questions? Email Jim DeYoung, development director: jdevyoung@calvinchristian.org. Position to be filled immediately; applications received by Saturday, October 1, will receive priority attention.
4. **The Happenings Entertainment Book Fundraiser Officially Ends Today!** Please turn in your money envelope along with any unsold books you may have checked out to the school office (including the one sent home with each family) ASAP if you have not done so already! We need to wrap up this fundraiser so your promptness is appreciated. Thanks for all your work to make this sale a success! We couldn't have done it without you!
5. **Vision Testing** for students in grades 1 – 5 and 7 will take place on Tuesday, September 27. Male students in grade 1 will also be screened for color blindness. The vision testing is supervised by a nurse from the Edina Public Schools.
6. **Hearing Screening** for students in grades K-2 will take place on Wednesday, September 28. This screening will be supervised by a nurse from the Edina Public Schools.
7. **Thank You!!** A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the carnival a big success! Your time and investment was greatly appreciated from the

Carnival Committee! We could not sponsor this event without your help! Thank you so much!

These are the raffle winners:

Mrs. Pickard – Andrew Hienz – 7th grade
Mrs. Koelewyn – Anna Boxum – 7th grade
Mrs. Anderson – Katie Ericson – 7th grade
Mr. Schmidt – Joshua Sirek – 6th grade
Mrs. Robbins – Johanna Brastad – 6th grade
Mr. Groen – Isaac Vlegersdyk – 6th grade
Mrs. Johnson – Becky Ericson – 5th grade
Mrs. O'Reilly – Luke Meadows – 3rd
Mrs. Christensson – Julia Brouwer – 3rd grade

8. **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.

9. **Student Pictures** will be taken this Friday, September 30. Please complete the order envelope for each child and enclose a check made out to LifeTouch. Each child must have an envelope with the proper amount enclosed when the pictures are taken. Please send your completed envelope back as early as possible. If you would like your pre-schooler's picture taken, please be at school by 8:45 am. The school office will have additional forms available.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **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.

13. **6th & 7th Grades to Attend Environmental Camps**

Our CCS sixth and seventh grade students will participate in outdoor education camps on October 3 – 5. The sixth grade students will be at the Luthercrest Bible Camp located near Alexandria, MN. Staff members attending will be Scott Ross and Susan Koppendrayer. The seventh graders will be at the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center located near Lanesboro. Staff members going with the seventh grade students will be Gary Schmidt and Julie Amen. Several parent chaperones will be also accompany the students at each camp. Both groups will leave on Monday morning, Oct. 3 shortly after 9:00 am and will be returning on Wednesday, October 5 at approximately 3:00 pm. Please pray that they have a safe and positive experience as they learn and grow together.

14. **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, Edina

All CCS students will be participating in the Celebration Service at Calvary Church.

Reservations are needed for the barbecue dinner on October 15. 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.

This Week's Volunteers:

Hot Lunch (Elementary School)

Mon., Sept. 26 Yulia Oparista
Tues., Sept. 27 Annette Kjer
Wed., Sept. 28 Renee' Brastad
Thurs., Sept. 29 Jen Paradise
Fri., Sept. 30 Tara Bosch
Mon., Oct. 3 Jill Ericson

Playground Supervisor

Mon., Sept. 26 John Konkel
Tues., Sept. 27 Liza Schwab
Wed., Sept. 28 Doug Nelson
Thurs., Sept. 29 Scott Sirek
Fri., Sept. 30 Jay Kang
Mon., Oct. 3 Tom Egger

Volunteer of the Day

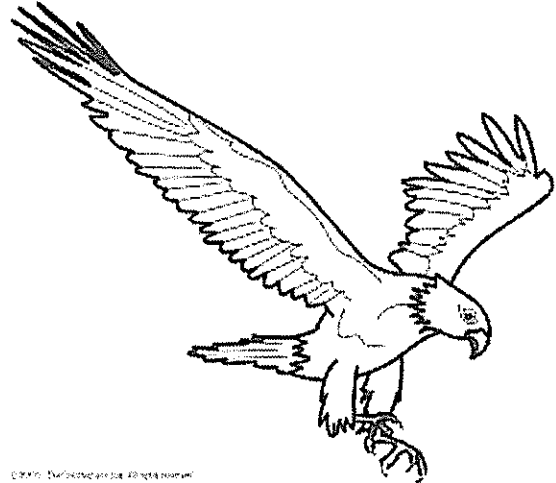
Tues., Sept. 27 Jill Ericson
Tues., Oct. 4 Linda Marcus

Upcoming Events

Sept. 26 Chess Club – 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sept. 27 Vision Screening – Grades 1-5, 7
Sept. 28 Hearing Screening – Grades K-2
Sept. 28 Grade 5 Challenge Group Field Trip to Bruce Vento Nature Center
Sept. 29 Lego League - 3:30-5:00 pm
Sept. 30 School Pictures for Staff & Students
30 Gr. 3 Special Speaker – ocean ecosystems
Oct. 1 CCS Bicycle Marathon for Non-Public Schools
Oct. 3 Kindergarten Special Speaker – Fire Safety
Oct. 4 8th Gr. Spanish Field Trip – Mercado Central
Oct. 3-5 Grades 6 & 7 - Environmental Learning Trips at Eagle Bluff & Luther Crest
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 pm
Oct. 12 Kindergarten & Grade 1 Field Trip to Arboretum – 12:30 pm
Oct. 14 6th Grade Service Project at Thrift Store Warehouse

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!**



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