

THE HAPPENINGS

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“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.” 2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 17

1. **Beginning of Second Semester** Today marks the beginning of the second semester of the 2011-2012 school year. We have many reasons to give thanks as we reflect on the ways the Lord has blessed us so far in this school year. We are pleased to partner with you in the education of your children.

This midpoint is a good time for each of us to evaluate our individual effort, attitude, and performance as it relates to school life. This is an excellent time to set goals for the second half of the year and begin working toward achieving those goals. Colossians 3:23 says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Jesus Christ you are serving.” May each of us be committed to doing our best for the Lord.

Here are some concrete ways you can help your child’s educational experience in the second half of the school year:

- Pray regularly for your child, his/her teacher, and Calvin Christian School.
- Establish good reading habits. Reading skills can be improved by establishing a regular reading time with your child. Make regular trips to the library so your child can select books that interest him/her. Demonstrate to your child that learning does not end when the dismissal bell rings at school.
- Make learning a priority. Limit the amount of television, computer, or video games that tend to take up a lot of time. Create a regular place and time for homework to be completed. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a good breakfast.
- Be involved in your child’s education. Keep in touch with your child’s teacher through written notes, emails, visits, or phone calls. Ask your child about his/her day at school, look over his/her homework, and read the newsletters and e-mails that are sent from school. Encourage your child in his effort and work. Note the positive things your child is doing and praise him/her for those things.

We are looking forward to a great second semester of the 2011/2012 school year! *Steve Groen, CCS Superintendent*

2. **Report Cards for the 2nd Marking Period** Report cards for the 2nd Marking Period will be shared electronically through RenWeb. RenWeb is the new School Management Software Program that CCS recently adopted. We will notify you as to when your child’s report card is available for viewing through the parent portal. You will also receive a link to access your child’s report card.
3. **Preregistration** An email regarding preregistration was sent last Friday afternoon. If you did not receive it, please check your spam box; if still unable to find it, call your campus office. The text of the email message is also available on ParentsWeb, as is a link to the online preregistration form (www.calvinchristian.org/preregister.cfm). The form submission and \$250 per family preregistration fee is due by February 3. The preregistration fee is a prepayment of your registration fee, due in early April.
4. **Attention Spring Lake Park Bus Riders** There will be no *afternoon* bus service on Thursday, January 26 and no morning or afternoon bus on Friday, January 27. On those days, please plan to provide other transportation for your student(s).
5. **Attention Mounds View Bus Riders** There will no Mounds View bus service on Thursday, January 26 and on Friday, January 27. Please provide other transportation for your student(s).
6. **K-5 Open House and Conferences** At CCS we are so thankful for the communication we have with parents. Through email, notes, and phone conversations we are able to stay in touch with parents quite often. Because of our quality of communication throughout the year, we are hosting a Parent/Child/Teacher Open House for students in grades K-5 rather than parent/teacher conferences. On Thursday, March 8, from 6:00-7:30 parents and students will be welcome to come into the classroom. Students will take their parents through their classroom, showing them what they do each day.

Students will also show parents their portfolios to share how much they've grown this year. Please plan on attending this family event. If a family would still like a conference with the teacher please review the attached conference form and **return it by Friday, January 27.**

Middle School Conferences During our second set of conferences for middle school students we request students and parents join us to review the year up to this point, set goals for the remainder of the year, and look over student's portfolios. Please fill out the attached sheet to let us know when you and your child will be available for a conference on March 1, 5, or 8.

7. **Deadline for Pizza Kit orders!** Just a reminder, the Little Caesar Pizza Kit order forms are due in the office this Friday, January 27th. The pickup date will be Monday, February 6th at the end of the school day. Questions? contact Sharon Steichen at 651-486-7925. Thank you for supporting Calvin! Contact Sharon Steichen at 651-486-7925 if you have any questions.
8. **4th Grade Praises and Prayer Requests** We are half-way finished in praying through the Calvin teachers and classrooms. Please take a moment to print off the attachment and pray over Mr. Kroeze and the fourth-graders with your family. There is a special prayer at the bottom for you to pray a blessing over each child individually if you so choose. We thank the Lord for all He is doing in fourth grade! *The PTF Board*
9. **Keep Collecting BoxTops** We are still collecting Boxtops for Education! If you or family or friends have a pile at home to bring in, we would greatly appreciate them this week! Please drop off in the school office or contact Shelly Lovegren at rochelle.lovegren@gmail.com or (763)572.1752.
10. **Coffee with the President:** Please join Calvin Christian's president, Randy Kroll, for coffee and discussion in the library on Friday, January 27 from 7:30 am until the all-school chapel begins. Parents are invited to stop by whenever they are able.
11. **Coffee with the President:** Please join Calvin Christian's president, Randy Kroll, for coffee and open discussions regarding CCS, directions of education in general, and maybe even the Super Bowl, in the library on Friday, January 27 from 7:30 am until the all-school chapel begins. Calvin parents are invited to stop by whenever they are able.
12. **Admissions Information Night** Please let your friends, relatives, neighbors, and colleagues know about Calvin Christian's upcoming Admissions Information Meeting. Families interested in learning more about Calvin Christian's program and mission can attend our Admissions Information Night on **Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm.**
13. **Interest Meeting for Hosting an International Student** For anyone interested in hearing more about hosting an international student, please attend an informational meeting on **Friday, January, 27, at approximately 7:30 p.m. following the basketball games at CCHS.** Hear from former and current host families about their experience in this unique mission. Please join us on the 3rd floor, where pizza and refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Keith TerHaar by e-mail: keith@calvinchristian.org if you plan to attend.
14. **Calvin Comedy Night!!!** Purchase tickets and join us for a night of Big, Clean Laughs! on Saturday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. The event will take place at Calvary Church in Edina (5300 France Ave. S.) with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Click here to visit <http://www.calvincomedynight.com> for all the details and to order your tickets today! Funds raised at this event will support the CCS operating fund.
15. **Fun Fest information!!!** We need every CCS family to help. Please donate an item or two for the cake walk. Items we would like donated include store-bought cookies, donuts, pies, cupcakes, brownies and theatre candy. A drop box for the items is located in the school office, it is yellow and labeled, "cake walk donations." Thank you. Any questions, please call Cheryl Thurston.
16. **Things are great at New to You Thriftique,** a volunteer-run thrift shop supporting Calvin Christian School. We have had an excellent holiday selling season and we hope to keep the momentum going in the new year. Donations are accepted at the CCS campuses or at the thrift store during operating hours, or furniture donations can be picked up from your home. New to You Thriftique is also looking for a few more volunteers to work one monthly shift at the store in Golden Valley. You will find the schedulers to be flexible and we guarantee you'll have fun while working at the Thriftique. If you can help out once per month, please e-mail Beth Heaton at bkcbh1@gmail.com or Christine Weiss at cweiss2711@gmail.com and you will be added to the schedule. Thanks for supporting CCS by supporting New to You Thriftique!
17. **Games Needed?** Extended Day students love playing games! If you have any donations, we would appreciate them. Our wish list includes Chess, Checkers, Sorry, Connect Four and basic art/craft supplies. The donations may be dropped off in the Science Lab. Thank you! Call Colleen Albers with any questions at 763.439.0278.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 26 No afternoon SLP bus
January 26 No MV bus
January 27 Chapel
January 27 No SLP bus
January 27 No MV Bus

Hot Lunch Menu

January 25 Tacos
February 1 Popcorn Chicken
February 8 Mini Corn Dogs
February 15 Grilled Chicken Sandwiches
February 22 Chicken Nuggets
February 29 Tacos

Jazz Band

January 26 Brenda Burnham
February 1 Kim Scobbie
February 8 Jill Schmidt
February 15 Nancy Hedberg
February 22 Brenda Burnham
February 29 Kim Scobbie

Mark your calendars! CCS Fun Fest will be held on Friday, February 24, 2012, 6:00-8:00 PM. If possible we are asking that you pre-register again this year so we can have an accurate count for food. Those that register by February 17th will be entered in the door prize drawings and will receive a Wendy's coupon for a free Frosty. There will be over 50 door prizes awarded, we are asking for registrants ages to award appropriate prizes. Registration and payment will be received in the Blaine campus office. Admission will be \$5 per person for food and games, or \$4 for food only. There will be a maximum family charge of \$25. Parents who are coming, but do not want to eat are free. Food will be served until 7:30 PM. Please direct registration questions to Mary Carmean at 763-795-9044 or macarmean@comcast.net. Please direct general Fun Fest questions to Cheryl Thurston at chergreg@hotmail.com. Fun Fest 2011 will take place at CCHS, located at Grace Evangelical Free Church at 755 73rd Ave. NE in Fridley.

CCS Fun Fest 2011 Registration Form

Registration: \$5 or \$4/person

<u>Family Member – Age*</u>	<u>Meal Choice**</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Ex. Johnny Smith - 10	S (Sloppy Joe)	5.00
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

Please attach check payable to CCS **Total Fee \$ _____**

*Please include children's ages as some door prizes are age specific.

**Please indicate your meal preference by using an S for sloppy joe or H for hot dog.



Parent-Teacher-Student Communication & Conferences Spring 2012

As part of our efforts at engaging parents in an active partnership in their children's education, teachers value communication about your child's progress. During third quarter, we invite parents into their child's classroom to share progress, view work samples, and make plans for the remainder of the year. This year, we would like to try to reach these goals in a variety of ways at the different grade levels.

Grades K-5: All parents are invited to a K-5th grade parent-child-teacher open house on **Thursday, March 8 from 6:00-7:30 PM**. Students will be able to show their parents work samples and other evidence of their growth and learning this year. Additionally, parents or teachers may request a 15-minute conference for Thursday, March 1 or Monday, March 5 if either party sees a need to meet about specific areas of concern.

Parent requested conference for Thursday, March 1 or Monday, March 5 (*circle preferred date and time*):

4:00-6:00 PM

6:00-8:30 PM

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Middle School: All middle school students participate in the conference along with their homeroom teachers and parents. Students and teachers will be sharing areas of growth this year and setting goals for the future. Please circle the dates/times that you will be able to attend student/parent/teacher conferences if you have a middle school student.

Middle school student name: _____

Teacher: _____

Middle school student name: _____

Teacher: _____

Thursday, March 1

4:00-6:00 PM

6:00-8:00 PM

Monday, March 5

4:00-6:00 PM

6:00-8:00 PM

Thursday, March 8

4:00-6:00 PM

6:00-8:00 PM

Please return this form to the school office by **Friday, January 27, 2011**. If you don't return the form, you will be assigned an open conference time for your middle school children.

Fourth Grade Prayer Requests

Mr. Kroeze

We praise God for:

- Working in our classroom to make it a garden of delight
- New students who have joined our classroom community
- Growth and maturity in students
- Health and safety for our class
- Supportive families

We pray that God will:

- Help us develop deep roots in His word and truth
- Allow us to serve and bear fruit that honors him
- Work in us to persevere through the tasks and potential trials in the 2nd half of the year
- Prune and weed out the temptations and sins within us and among us

Class List

Jane Baird	Liz Fate	Ellie Stewart
Brayden Belk	Brendan Glirbas	Kaleb Swensen
Nathan Campbell	Cal Johnson	Katarina Tedlund
Luke Carlson	Bennett Johnson	Aaron TerHaar
Anne Carmean	Noah Kelderman	Isaac Vo
Natalie Cohoon	Lizzie Northquest	Jacob Wallace
Connor Distad	Will Schwalbe	Ilya Yunchyk
Lydia Eidsvoog	Mandy Sillman	

Pray a blessing for each child by name:

So then, (child's name here), just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord continue to live your life in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:6-7*