

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 CCS are memorizing a portion or all of Luke 2:1-20 during the month of December. This may 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. **Christmas Break – December 22-January 2** Classes will not be in session during the Christmas break. The office will also be closed during this two week period. Classes will again resume on Tuesday, January 3.
4. **7th Grade Science Fair Results** Last Friday all of the seventh graders participated in the Science Fair. They all did a wonderful job of working through the

scientific method. Each student conducted a carefully controlled experiment to test his or her hypothesis. Congratulations to the following finalists chosen by the panel of judges: *Katie Carlson – “Cans of Acid,” *Rick Derfus – “Does Hand Sanitizer Gel Prevent Mold Growth on Bread?” * David Koehler – “Arrowhead Penetration,” *Jack Vander Top – “Chute Shapes and Drop Rates,” *Lindsey Zaic – “Thigmomorphogenesis.” These finalists have the opportunity to represent Calvin at the regional competition in February.

5. **CCS Christmas Concert** is **Monday, December 19th at 7:00** in the gym. The choirs, band and jazz band will all be performing. Our white polo shirts for these concerts should be arriving soon! Please check your black dress shoes and pants to be sure they still fit. The music teachers have a few donated pair of shoes if you would like to check them out. *If your student has not turned in their \$10 for a new CCS music shirt, please do so ASAP.*
6. **Christmas Program:** You are invited to join us for the K-8 Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 21. We will be celebrating the Good News of Christmas through songs and scripture. All students in kindergarten through fifth grade, the middle school choir, and the 5th grade band will be sharing selections they have been working on. A prelude of middle school band ensembles will begin at 9:00am with the chapel beginning at 9:15am. Come worship and celebrate with us! It should be a great beginning to your Christmas break this year.
7. **Ice Skating** During the month of January (beginning on the 3rd, our first day back after Christmas break) the Physical Education classes will be held outside. The students will ice skate on their scheduled PE day. The middle school students have the option to bring skates or to just to wear boots on the ice. Please make sure that skates fit properly. Also, students must come with warm clothing (hats, gloves, warm tall socks, etc.). **Skate guards are required to protect the carpeted floors and the skate blades as students walk to the ice rink.**

8. **Moms in Touch** is having a cookies and coffee time during their usual prayer time Tuesday, December 20th at 9:15-10:15am in the middle school science room. Please join us.
9. **Community Pep Band** at Calvin High School is Dec 20. Concession stand will serve sloppy joe meals. Admission is free for band members. (7th & 8th grade students, parents, alumni, and teachers who play in the band.) Games at 6:00 and 7:30. We start the cheering fun at 5:45!
10. **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](tel:763-350-5318) or Missy Kamp at mjk934@yahoo.com or [708-703-1138](tel:708-703-1138) with any questions.
11. **Ice Skating Party Announcement** Saturday, January 21st is the Calvin Christian School ice skating party. Join us for ice skating at Madsen Park right next to Grace Evangelical Free Church (Calvin's High School location) at 755 73rd Av NE, in Fridley. There will be ice skating, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. Fun for all! See attachment for more details.
12. **Save The Date!** Funfest is coming Feb. 24 from 6-8pm. New low admission! New Minute To Win It games!! 50 door prizes!!! Win a free Wendy's frosty coupon for every person who preregisters by Feb. 17th. Everyone who preregisters gets entered into the door prize drawing. *We are seeking 1 or 2 junior size golf clubs for the "Hole in One" game.* Don't miss out on fun, fun, fun!! Watch Happenings for further details.
13. **Cold Weather Policy** Now that the cold weather season is upon us, please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for recess. This includes coat, mittens, hat, boots and snow pants. **We strongly encourage all students to go outside for recess every day.**
9. **More Cold Weather Information** At CCS the following guidelines are followed concerning outdoor activity in cold weather: **No outdoor activity will occur during the school day if one of the following is true:*
- The temperature is 0° or below
 - The windchill is lower than -20°
- Outdoor activity will be limited to 10 minute sessions if the temperature is above 0° and the windchill is between -10° and -20°. Temperatures and windchills are determined by information generated from our weather station.*
10. **School Cancellation** When inclement weather makes it impossible to conduct school, an announcement will be made over radio station WCCO (830 AM). Cancellations will also be announced over TV stations KARE-11, WCCO-4, and KSTP-5. The three campuses of Calvin Christian are designated as Calvin Christian-Edina, Calvin Christian-Blaine, and Calvin Christian High School. Because weather conditions can vary throughout the metro area, we will announce cancellations separately for each campus. If it is necessary to cancel school during the day because of a storm, parents will be notified via e-mail and a phone call from the school or from another parent making calls on behalf of the school. If you believe weather conditions make it unsafe or you to take your child to school, please call the office to inform us. Our families come from many different metro areas, and we expect families to use their best judgment.
14. **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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 19	MS Christmas Concert 7pm
December 21	Christmas Chapel
December 22-Jan. 2	Christmas Break
January 3	School Resumes
January 16	No School
January 20	Teachers Lunch Together
January 20	End of 2 nd quarter
January 23	No School
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

December 21	Mini Corn Dogs
December 28	Christmas break

Jazz Band

January 5	Kim Scobbie
January 12	Jill Schmidt
January 19	Brenda Burnham
January 26	Kim Scobbie

*Have a Blessed Christmas
And a Happy New Year!*