

THE HAPPENINGS

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

- 1. December Theme - Where Am I?** The theme for the 2011/12 school year is “Deeply Rooted – Bearing Fruit.” In order to be deeply rooted, we must know the answers to some basic questions. During the first three months of this school year, our theme has focused on “Who am I?” This month we begin a three-month look at the question—“Where am I?” As we begin this study, we declare with the psalmist in Psalm 24, “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.” During the month of December, we will affirm that the world is created by God and dependent on Him.

Today your sons and daughters are likely to encounter the material of God’s world as they work with sculptures in art class, explore the uses of long division in math class, or ponder the beauty of daffodils in language arts. At Calvin Christian School, we study the material of God’s world—mosaics and music, essays and elephants, cells and the Civil War. We study the material of God’s world because the world is God’s rightful territory—He made it, it is His. We study the material of God’s world because He has called us as his image bearers to care for it and develop it. In doing so, we find joy and God is glorified.

This month we also remember the birth of Jesus. As we celebrate Christ’s birth, it will be good to remember that God comes as material – “in the flesh” - to a material world—not to call us away from His world but to draw all things to himself.

In the end, we study the material of God’s world to affirm what is confessed in *Our World Belongs to God* that one day, “God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God.” *Wendell Schaap, Calvin Christian High School Principal*
- 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. Butter Braid Delivery** will be delivered on Tuesday, December 13. They will be available for pickup after school. Please call or e-mail Jill Schmidt with questions. (612) 782-1085, Jill.Schmidt@uscm.org.
- 4. Staff Appreciation during the Christmas Season** Attached to this week’s *Happenings* is a letter regarding staff Christmas gifts. This letter was sent home with the students last week. With participation being totally optional, it is a very nice and convenient way to say “Merry Christmas” to the CCS staff. Please read the letter and if have any questions, please contact Stephanie Meybaum. If you missed the letter, you can find an additional copy on the website.
- 5. Teachers Lunch Together / Pizza Day** Teachers Lunch Together is scheduled for this week Friday, December 9. Pizza will be served to those students who have ordered it. If you did not order pizza for your student(s) please plan to bring a lunch on that day. Room Parents please plan to be at school at 11:55am.
- 6. CCS Geographic Bee Friday** The 2011 CCS Geographic Bee will take place Friday, December 9 at 9:00 AM in the gym. Qualifiers for this year’s bee are: Mandy Sillman, Nathan Campbell, Stephanie Boehrs, Caleb Kroeze, Luke Burnham, Eli Enge, Joel Gmach, David Koehler, Ben Albers, and Sierra Smith. Parents and guests are welcome to view the contest.
- 7. Choir concert:** We will present a joint concert with the CCHS choir on **Saturday, December 17 at Northtown Mall** by the Best Buy store at 11:00 a.m. Wear concert dress. Please plan for extra parking time. *This is a busy time of year and a great opportunity to introduce Calvin Christian to our community.* Warm up begins at 10:45. Please contact Mrs. Anderson if you have an unavoidable conflict.
- 8. 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.*

9. **CCS Hosting Basketball Tournament** December 15-17 we will be hosting our conference basketball tournament for the "B" level teams. These are teams of 6th and 7th grade boys that have competed throughout Nov. and Dec. in our NSPSL league. This is our first time hosting the tournament, and we are in need of volunteers for the following: admissions table workers, score clock keepers, and official score book keepers. The games are Thursday and Friday evening, and all day Saturday. If you are interested in working any parts of those dates please email Jack Shields at shields@calvinchristian.org with the specific area you would be willing to help.
10. **Third Grade Praises and Prayer Requests** Throughout the year the PTF is highlighting a different grade at Calvin to pray for. Attached to this week's *Happenings* are the praises and prayers for the third grade class. We suggest you print off this attachment and sit down at the dinner table to pray together as a family for Miss Bonnema, Mrs. Stille and their students.
11. **7th Grade Science Fair** On Friday, December 16 the 7th grade students will be presenting their science fair projects. Everyone is welcome to come and see the projects the 7th graders have worked so hard to complete.
12. **Community Pep Band** at Calvin High School is Dec 6 and Dec 20. Attend a short one-time rehearsal on Dec. 6 at 5:00 in the HS gym. 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!
13. **MS Jazz Band** will play at Calvin High School Basketball game on Dec. 16. The games are at 6:00 and 7:30. **Please note: Correction on the date!**
14. **CCHS Christmas Concert:** You are invited to attend the high school concert on Thursday, December 15th at Grace EvFree Church at 7:00. Stay a while for desserts and refreshments after the concert and enjoy the Christmas festivities at Calvin!
15. **School Store Opens** We are pleased to announce that you can purchase Calvin Christian Spirit Wear online at your convenience. You may purchase online 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 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.
16. **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.
17. **Weather Related Closings** If we would need to cancel or close school early for weather, we will place announcements on KARE11, WCCO, KSTP, and KTIS. Our three sites are designated by Calvin Christian--Blaine, Calvin Christian--Edina, and Calvin Christian High School. You can sign up for email or text alerts from KARE11 or KSTP by filling out a form on their websites. If you believe weather conditions are too poor for you to take your child to school please call the office to inform us. Our families come from many different areas, and we expect families to use their best judgment.
18. **MN Vikings Student Appreciation Day** Attached to this week's *Happenings* is an order form with an offer to all students & their parents – buy one get one free.

Orders will be filled on a first come-first service basis.
Order quickly!

19. **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 13 Butter Braid
December 17 MS Christmas Concert @ Northtown
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 23 No School

Hot Lunch Menu

December 14 Tacos
December 21 Mini Corn Dogs
December 28 Christmas break

Jazz Band

December 8 Jill Schmidt
December 15 Brenda Burnham
January 5 Kim Scobbie
January 12 Jill Schmidt
January 19 Brenda Burnham
January 26 Kim Scobbie