

THE HAPPENINGS

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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 1:6 – 7

- 1. Happy Thanksgiving!** I hope you take time in this week to reflect on all the ways that God has blessed you. The book of Psalms contains many passages that either praise or describe God’s trustworthiness. In times of hardship, David would recall God’s faithfulness in past circumstances. I’m sure each of us could write an extensive journal recording evidence of God’s work in our lives and of His faithfulness to us. Thanksgiving needs to be directed to God especially from those who have received the great gift of His grace. Our theme verse from Colossians 1:6-7 says that the lives of those who are rooted in Christ should be overflowing with thankfulness. Thanksgiving for the Christian is not just a one-day event. It is a part of God’s will for our lives. Our thanksgiving must translate into thankful living!
- 2. Farewell to the Eenigenburg Family** Tuesday is the final day of school for the Eenigenburg family. We wish them all well as they move to Michigan where Matt has taken a pastoral call to a church in Muskegon. We will miss having Anika, Brandon, and Jessica at our school. Over the last 15 years Mrs. Carla Eenigenburg has served our school as a full-time middle school math and science teacher, a part-time Phy. Ed. teacher, and most recently, our school bus driver. We pray for God’s blessings upon them as they start in a new church, and the kids start at Muskegon Christian School.
- 3. Parent Teacher Conferences** Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 17, 21, and 22. ***Classes will not be held on the afternoon of November 22*** as we will be holding daytime conferences on that date. Conference schedules were sent via US mail on Friday along with report cards.

The teaching staff is looking forward to meeting with each of you. Since many of the teachers have a full schedule of conferences, it is important that you are present at your appointed time. **Reminder: all conferences will be held in your child’s classroom.**

A productive conference requires adequate preparation. To help facilitate this preparation, a pre-conference form was printed on your Parent Teacher Conference schedule. We suggest that you complete this form and bring it to your conference. A flyer is attached to this *Happenings* to help you prepare for your upcoming conference.
- 4. Attention Mounds View Bus Riders** There will **NO** Mounds View bus service on Monday, November 21 & Tuesday, November 22. Please plan to provide other transportation for your student(s).
- 5. Noon Dismissal – Tuesday, November 22** Classes will dismiss at noon on Tuesday, the 22nd to accommodate afternoon conferences. The extended day program **will not** be in session during the afternoon on this day. Following Thanksgiving break, classes will resume on Monday, November 28.
- 6. The Butter Braid Pastry** orders are due at the office TODAY. They will be available for pickup after school on Tuesday, December 13. Call or e-mail Jill Schmidt with questions.(612-782-1085 Jill.Schmidt@uscsm.org)
- 7. The Poinsettia Fundraiser** The plants are being delivered today. They will be available for pickup after school today and on Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22. Please call Joneen Northquest with questions at 763-785-6047 or her cell number 612-414-3452.
- 8. Partnership with District 16** Attached to the *Happenings* this week is the notice from District 16 regarding our partnership with assisting students with special needs. If you have any questions please contact Susan Lundberg or Jack Shields at our Blaine Campus.
- 9. Pizza Order Reminder:** It is time to order pizza for the next 3 months (Dec-Feb) or the rest of the year, 6 months (Dec-May). Please download form if needed or pick up in office. Orders due by Friday December, 2, 2011. Any questions, call Tami Brannon 763-784-5480.
- 10. Advance Notice** Please add to your calendar the middle school band & choir concert on Monday, December 19 at 7pm. The jazz band will also be performing.

11. **Middle School Choirs** will be joining the high school choir for a concert at Northtown Mall (near the Best Buy entrance) on Saturday, December 17 at 11 a.m.
12. **Uniform Turn-In** Now that the fall sports seasons are over, please wash your uniforms and turn them in to the office or Mrs. Swanson. Thank you.
13. **CCS Community Pep Band** All alumni, parents, teachers and 8th grade band students are invited to join the **CCHS Pep band** for the 2011-12 basketball season. We play for FOUR home games during the season. Admission to the game is free for band members and the Student Council sponsored concession stand will be open. The band plays 15 minutes pre-game through half time at both girls and boys games. Some auxiliary percussion slots are also open—crash cymbal, COWBELL, bass drum. Game times are 6:00 and 7:30. Contact director Jeanne Anderson at janderson@calvinchristian.org to get music. We will have one pre-game rehearsal on Tuesday Dec. 6 promptly at 5:00 in the CCHS gym.

*Tues. Dec. 6 Opening home game (North Lakes Academy);
 *Tuesday Dec. 20 (Faith Christian)
 *Friday Jan 20 (Shattuck St. Mary)
 *Friday Feb 17 Senior Night (boys play first)

MS Jazz Band to perform at two CCHS Basketball Games: The MS Jazz Band will perform at the December 16 and January 20. CCHS basketball games. The band will play 15 minutes pregame through half time with games at 6:00 and 7:30. Admission for band members is free. *Jazz Band alumni are invited to join them.* Contact director Susan Schevenius sschevenius@calvinchristian.org for more information.

14. **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.
15. **Be a CCS Ambassador!** More than three-fourths of new families at Calvin cite current parents as one the ways they learned about CCS or were persuaded to attend. Keep up the good work! We need you more than ever!
16. **Admissions Ambassadors Needed:** Be Calvin Christian's representative at your church, your child's preschool, MOPS group, or other potential student

source. Seek opportunities to raise awareness of CCS, help distribute materials (as permitted), make yourself available when references are requested...be creative! To volunteer or get more information, contact Jim De Young 952-927-5305, jdeyoung@calvinchristian.org or Keith Ter Haar 763-245-7786, keith@calvinchristian.org.

17. **Operation Christmas Child** shoes boxes are being collected at the Blaine campus. All boxes must be brought to school no later than December 1. Please put your donations on the table outside the office door. Questions? Please call Nancy Schwabe at 651.213.1079.
18. **Carpool Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders:** Here are a few reminders concerning the pick-up and drop-off routine at the elementary campus. Thank you for your attention to these items. For the safety of all, please refrain from talking on cell phones as you approach and enter the school property. If you wish to come into the school building at drop-off or pick-up times, please park on the street (south bound on Pierce) by the fence – not in the bus lane. If possible, drivers should not get out of their vehicles in the circle drives when loading or unloading students.
19. **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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 21 & 22 Parent / Teacher conferences
 November 22 No MV bus
 November 22 Dismissal at noon
 November 23 No school
 November 24 No school
 November 25 No school
 November 28 School resumes

Hot Lunch Menu

November 23 No hot lunch
 November 30 Chicken nuggets
 December 7 Popcorn Chicken
 December 14 Tacos
 December 21 Mini Corn Dogs
 December 28 Christmas break

Jazz Band

November 24 No School
December 1 Kim Scobbie
December 8 Jill Schmidt
December 15 Brenda Burnham