

The Happenings

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“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.” Romans 8:22 – 24a

- 1. Happy New Year!** A new year has begun. We look at the year ahead knowing that it can be filled with many uncertainties. For some of us it will be a year filled with exciting challenges, open doors, and amazing opportunities. For others the year may contain struggles, hardships, and surprising difficulties. God does not guarantee that everything will go the way we plan. However, he does something far more important: God promises His presence throughout the coming year. God assures us that He knows what’s ahead. The entire year is spread out before the Lord. And the same God who knows all about the year ahead promises to go with us every step of the way. He asks us to put our trust in Him. Have a blessed New Year! *Steve Groen, Superintendent*
- 2. January Theme:** 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 such as “Who am I? Where am I? What am I called to do? During the first three months of this school year, our theme has focused on “Who am I?” This month we continue our focus on “Where am I?” In answering this question, we first proclaim with the Psalmist that “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” The creation certainly displays the handiwork of its Maker and we see evidence of this splendor in so many places. But that is only part of the story. The apostle Paul tells us that creation also groans from the heavy burden of sin weighing it down (Romans 8:19 -23). Our planet is no longer the perfect world that came from the hand of the Creator. Due to the consequences of humanity’s disobedience, our world is disturbed, distorted, and deformed. The strains of natural disasters, environmental pollution, political corruption, and social alienation are evident around us.

But Paul reminds us that there is good news for this groaning world. God’s mission is not just the saving of souls but also the liberation of his whole creation (Rom. 8:21). God is at work in Christ to reconcile people not only to himself but also to each other and to the natural world. God has called His children to be involved in this transformational process as His
- “ministers of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:17 – 20). So let’s get busy addressing the groans of creation in the areas of environmental stewardship, health care, economics, politics and all other fields in which the Lord has called us to work. It is also vitally important that we equip future generations for this transformational work. Please pray for staff of Calvin Christian School and all those involved in this important task. *Steve Groen – CCS Superintendent*
- 3. Thank You** As a staff, we would like to express our appreciation for the generous gifts given to us at Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and are blessed to partner with you in the education of your children.
- 4. Upcoming Parent/Student/Advisor Conferences** Conferences will take place on January 19 and 23. A sign-up sheet for these conferences is attached and is due back in the office next Tuesday, January 10. Both parents and students are expected to attend these conferences.
- 5. International Student Host Meeting** 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.
- 6. Band and Choir**-- Thank you for your donations and encouragement to our CCHS music program and students during the Christmas festivities! Please include the following dates in your 2012 calendar updates:
Pep Band Jan. 20 and Feb. 17 @ 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
Fine Arts Night March 16
- 7. Parent Teacher Fellowship Committee** The purpose of PTF is to promote & support the cause of CCHS and to strengthen the bonds of community between the teachers,

staff, students and their families. Currently PTF is responsible for: the fall picnic, the marathon, conference meals, staff appreciation week, Fun Fest dinner, flower sales (poinsettia & Mother's Day), the end of school lunch, staff birthdays and assisting student council when needed. PTF is still in need of additional help. Parents are encouraged to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:45PM. We will be meeting at the Caribou on the corner of Hwy 65 and 81st. Contact Susan Severin at 763-780-2846 for more information.

Advance Notice

Feb. 17 Pep Band
 March 16 Fine Arts Night

Restaurant Meals

Jan. 4 McDonalds
 Jan. 18 Pizza Hut
 Jan. 25 Taco Bell

8. **Discount Cards** The boys and girls basketball players are asked to return the money collected for the CCHS Discount Cards, and any un-sold cards to Mr. Ahrenholz. Please mark the packet with the players name so that they can be tracked and credit can be given for the cards returned. All money and cards should be returned by Friday, Jan. 6, 2012.

9. **Service-learning** 9th and 10th grade students begin their new assignment this week. Students will be serving at Stevenson Elementary, Northport Elementary, Innsbruck Care Center, Lynwood Care Center and Urban Homeworks.

10. **No School - January 16 – Martin Luther King Day**
 Classes will not be in session at CCHS on Monday, January 16.

11. **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.



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 3 Classes resume
- Jan. 10 Mrs. Feikema's advisory to provide all school breakfast
- Jan. 11 Student Early Release
- Jan. 12 Bethany college to visit @ lunch
- Jan. 13 Food Distribution @ Grace
- Jan. 16 No School - Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 19 Parent/Student/Advisor Conferences
- Jan. 20 Pep Band
- Jan. 23 No School - Records Day
 Parent/Student/Advisor Conferences
- Jan. 25 Partnership Visit Day
- Jan. 26 No Spring Lake Park Bus
- Jan. 27 No Spring Lake Park Bus