

The Happenings

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“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.... Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.” Psalm 78: 4b and 7.

- 1. Did You Sell Croissants?** All orders and payment were due last Friday. If you sold croissants, you MUST be at school by 9 a.m. this Saturday, February 4, for croissant assembly (meet in the Upper Room). Assembly usually takes around two hours, and student sellers are responsible to deliver their croissants afterward. **We also need a few parent volunteers to help on assembly day. Please contact Gail Bonnema at glbonn@comcast.net or 763-785-0491 if you are available to help.**
- 2. Spring Musical** We are pleased to welcome Grace Schmidt to our high school activities staff. Grace will be directing our spring musical, *The Pajama Game*, which originally made a Broadway run in 1954. It is based on the novel *7 ½ cents* by Richard Bissell. Set in a pajama factory in the 1950's, the plot involves a labor dispute and the love story that develops in the midst of the dispute. Please watch for further details regarding tryouts and other opportunities for involvement.

Grace is a recent college graduate and has been involved at CCHS as a substitute teacher. We look forward to her using her abilities and understanding of music, theatre and dance as she interacts with CCHS students.
- 3. Google Apps for Education** This past Friday a Responsible Use Guideline for Google Apps permission form went home with students. In order to make use of this technology more effectively we are going to be assigning Gmail accounts to each of our students. It is our goal to begin setting up these accounts soon. These signed permission forms are due in the office this Friday, February 3. An additional copy of the permission form is attached for your convenience.
- 4. CCHS Girls Get-together** All CCHS girls are invited to spend the evening at the DeVries' on Friday, February 10. We'll carpool from school and pick up will be at the DeVries' at 9 pm. We'll eat supper together, exchange white elephant gifts and play games. Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board.
- 5. Yearbooks Go on Sale!** Yearbooks for the 2011 - 2012 school year will be on sale exclusively during lunch from today, January 30 to Friday, February 3 at a cost of \$32.00 each. The Yearbook Staff will be available to students during this time in the Upper Room. Students are asked to purchase during this time only, **not** from the school office. Students will receive their yearbook at the signing party in mid-August. It is our goal this year for everyone who wants a yearbook to purchase theirs during the specified time, as yearbooks **will not** be for sale during the signing. A photo of the yearbook cover is attached; be sure to check it out.
- 6. Basketball Transportation** This week we have two away games and we will have the bus available for transportation. The bus will leave CCHS at 5:00 PM on Tuesday to travel to International School of Minnesota. On Thursday the bus will leave at 3:45 PM for our games at Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault. Parents may ride with the teams if they wish, but please contact Mr. Ahrenholz before the afternoon of the game.
- 7. Track Coach Needed** The high school is in need of a track coach for the spring season. The team consists of 10 to 12 boys and girls that participate in 5 or 6 meets during the season. We have been practicing before school in the park or on the track of a local school. If you are interested in being considered for this paid position please contact Athletic Director Steve Ahrenholz at 763-226-5772 or sahrenholz@calvinchristian.org.
- 8. Basketball Tournaments** The EMAC basketball tournament is scheduled for Feb. 21, 22, and 23. We do not have school on the 21st but we hope that all our players can be available for those games. More information concerning the tournament will be available prior to that week. It is also possible that we have to play a play-in game prior to Feb. 21. That will depend on how many teams are actually going to play in the tournament and where we finish in the league standings.
- 9. Baseball** CCHS has formed an athletic coop with Legacy Christian Academy for baseball for the next two years. This will allow any of our high school boys to

participate in MSHSL sanctioned baseball in the spring. The initial meeting for parents and students is to be held **TODAY, Monday, January 30**. The following announcement of this meeting was received from Coach Almeroth: *There will be an organizational baseball meeting & signup for grades 5-12 @ 5:30 p.m. this coming Monday 1/30 in the Legacy Christian Academy Media Center. All students and parents interested in Legacy Baseball are strongly encouraged to attend.*

10. Tax Time As you prepare your federal and state taxes for 2011, the following information may be helpful:

- Be sure to take advantage of the Minnesota tax subtraction or credit for private school tuition and expenses.
- Families that made a “Fair Share Support Pledge” 2011 have been mailed charitable gift receipt letters—in the spring for payments made on a 2010-11 pledge, and within the last few days for payments made on a 2011-12 pledge. Other contributions are usually receipted within a few days after the gift is received.
- If you are unable to locate a needed receipt, don’t hesitate to call or email the development office: 952-927-5304, development@calvinchristian.org.
- Additional information is available at www.calvinchristian.org/taxinfo.cfm

11. Pre-Registration If you have not already done so, please complete preregistration by this Friday, February 3. Both the form and payment must be submitted to retain a spot for your child(ren) for the 2012-13 school year. Links to preregistration information and forms are available on ParentsWeb.

12. 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.

13. Thrift Store Update 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!

14. Admission Event 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 Edina’s Open House on Saturday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m.

15. No School on February 20 and 21 School will not be in session on Monday February 20 in observation of the President’s Day holiday. School will also not be in session on Tuesday, February 21 as this is a scheduled staff development day for the CCS staff members. Staff members will be involved in various professional growth activities.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 2 World Cultures field trip
- Feb. 3 No am or pm Spring Lake Park bus
- Feb. 4 Croissant Sandwich Assembly, 8-noon
- Feb. 6 Outdoor Education overnight trip
- Feb. 8 Student Early Release - Team Planning
- Feb. 10 Food Distribution at Grace
- Feb. 13 Partnership Visit
- Feb. 16 Dordt College to visit at lunch
- Feb. 17 Pep band to play at basketball games
End of Tri 2 classes
- Feb. 22 Inquiry Based Units begin
- Feb. 24 Fun Fest held at Grace

Advance Notice

- March 16 Fine Arts Night

Restaurant Meals

- Feb. 1 McDonalds
- Feb. 15 Pizza Hut
- Feb. 22 Taco Bell
- Feb. 29 Subway