

The Happenings

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“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:1–2

1. **Basketball Transportation** Thank You to all the parents that volunteered to help transport our student athletes and fans following the basketball games on Friday. Thank you too for supporting our sports programs by your attendance at both home and away games. It means a lot to your sons and daughters and to me as well. *Steve Ahrenholz, Athletic Director*

2. **Upcoming Parent/Student/Advisor Conferences** Parent/Student/Advisor conference sign-up sheets were sent home last week and are due **tomorrow**. Conferences will take place on January 19 and 23. Both parents and students are expected to attend these conferences. If you have not turned in a form, a conference date and time will be assigned for you.

3. **Narratives and Midterms** As part of our assessment process, advisors have been preparing mid-year narratives that summarize strengths, challenges, and learning goals for each student. This is one important way that we work to help individual students grow as disciples in various parts of their lives—academically, of course, but in other areas, as well. These narratives will be sent home with your child prior to your scheduled parent/student/advisor conference. It is important to our partnership that this conference includes our students, as we aim to communicate with and work with them – rather than merely talking about them.

Since this conference is meant to focus on broad strengths and challenges, how students are doing in individual classes this trimester will not be a major focus. If teachers determine that a midterm is appropriate, they will be sending that home this Thursday. Not receiving a midterm is an indication that the student is completing required work and growing/learning at an appropriate level. Please feel free to contact individual teachers or advisors if you would like an update regarding your son or daughter’s progress in specific classes.

Once again, we are reminded of the important role you play in both your son and/or daughter’s life, and also the role you play as a partner in his or her education. Thank you!

4. **Spring Trips** The week of May 30 – May 5 students will be on class trips. 9th and 10th grade students will be on a canoeing trip and 11th and 12th grade students will be in Washington D.C. Teachers are currently working to plan these trips and will communicate with you as the trip nears. Since these trips are part of our curriculum, students are expected to attend and must raise the money to pay for these trips (9/10 - \$250; 11/12 - \$750).

Throughout the school year, we have provided opportunities for students to raise money towards these goals. One of the final fund-raising opportunities, the croissant sale, is listed below. We encourage you to take advantage of that final opportunity. As we near the date of the trips, students/families who have not reached their trip fund-raising goal will be asked to provide the balance.

5. **CROISSANT SALE – ADVISORY TRIP FUNDRAISER** The croissant sale is back! This is a VERY profitable fundraiser for students’ advisory trip funds, so don’t miss out! Details and a selling form were given to students this past Friday; an additional form is attached for your convenience. Students must have their order forms, along with payment to the school office by **Friday, January 27** and they **MUST** be at the croissant assembly day (or send their parent, if they absolutely cannot make it) on **Saturday, February 4 from 9 a.m. until completed** (no later than noon).

6. **Informational Meeting about Hosting and International Student** Calvin Christian School would like to enroll additional international students in the future. There are international students ready to enroll at CCS dependent on whether we have host families for them to live with. Enrolling an international student can be a great learning opportunity for the CCS students as well as the host family. If you are interested in learning

more about hosting an international student, please attend an informational meeting on Friday, January 27 at approximately 7:30 pm following the basketball games at the Calvin Christian High School. 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 email: keith@calvinchristian.org if you plan to attend.

7. Early Release Date this Wednesday Parents are reminded that Wednesday is an early release date and students will be dismissed at 12:15. Unless we hear that your child is staying, we will assume that he or she will be leaving the high school campus at 12:15. Students will have specific, academic requirements/assignments to complete in the courses that they usually have on Wednesday afternoons. The Spring Lake Park Bus will run as normal in the afternoon.

8. 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 10th 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.

9. Food Distribution The monthly food distribution at Grace will take place this Friday, January 13. This is a reminder that there will be many extra people and vehicles around the building and in the parking lot. Please take extra care when dropping off and picking up your student. Student drivers are reminded to drive slowly and carefully around the building. Students are also reminded not to leave computers, clothing, etc. in the hallways or bathrooms.

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.

12. Admission Event Please let your friends, relatives, neighbors, and colleagues know about Calvin Christian's K-8 upcoming admissions Information Meetings. 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. or Blaine's Open House on Thursday, January 26, at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 10 Mrs. Feikema's advisory to provide all school breakfast
- Jan. 11 Student Early Release
- Jan. 12 World Cultures field trip, 8:30-11am
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 afternoon Spring Lake Park Bus
- Jan. 27 No Spring Lake Park Bus

Advance Notice

- Feb. 17 Pep Band
- March 16 Fine Arts Night

Restaurant Meals

- Jan. 18 Pizza Hut
- Jan. 25 Taco Bell
- Feb. 1 McDonalds