

# The Happenings

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“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. I Peter 3:15

1. **Cub Foods Bagging Update** Thank you everyone who volunteered to bag groceries in the last two weeks. You’ve done a great job! Many customers have commented on how friendly and courteous the CCHS students are. To date you have raised **\$2,841.61** towards this year’s advisory trips. For individual account totals, please see Mrs. DeVries.

A special thanks goes out to Lorie Sauro, Nancy Schwabe, Dave & Pat Jones, Gail Bonnema, Jeanne Anderson, Gayle Ludwig, Tom & Susan Severin, Kathy Nelson and Barb Johnson. We appreciate your taking time out of your busy schedules to chaperone our students.

We also want to thank Susan Severin for coordinating this important fundraiser! Susan will be “graduating” this year so she is looking for someone to take over coordinating this fundraiser. Please contact the school office or Susan Severin at 763-780-2846 for more information.

2. **Student Portfolios** Trimester 2 began today. Teachers are working on student assessments and portfolios will go home with students this Friday, December 2. Report cards will be sent home with students once the portfolio has been returned to school with a parent signature – as early as Monday, December 5. All portfolios are due back at school by December 12. If you have questions regarding this process, please call the office or email Mr. Schaap at [wschaap@calvinchristian.org](mailto:wschaap@calvinchristian.org). Thank you for your partnership with us.
3. **Attention Spring Lake Park Bus Riders** There will be no Spring Lake Park bus service on Friday, December 2. Please plan to provide other transportation for your students.
4. **Free Financial Aid Information Meeting** Is college just around the corner for your son or daughter or do you have questions now about the collect application process as you think ahead? We are offering a financial aid information night on the evening of **Monday, December 5 at 7pm in the Upper Room**. Eric Klein from Northwestern College, St. Paul, will be here to

answer questions about the FAFSA, scholarships and grants as well as any other questions you might have. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please enter the building through Door B. If you would like to attend this free event, please RSVP by Thursday, December 1.

**CCHS Course Selection Meeting**—At **6 pm on the same evening**, CCHS will offer information about course selection and progression at CCHS. This meeting is intended to help both parents and students navigate the increase in course choices in the junior and senior years. **All parents and students are encouraged to come.** We will discuss college course work (PSEO and College in the Classrooms), world language requirements as it relates to post-secondary education, required courses and electives as they relate to college requirements and majors, as well as the role experiential learning and internships can play in terms of college acceptance and scholarship opportunities. Bring your questions! We’ll bring the refreshments. Hope to see you there!

5. **Christmas Concerts** You are invited to join us on Thursday, December 15 for our annual Christmas concert. The band and choir will be performing in the Worship Center with refreshments and fellowship to follow. The choir will also be performing at Northtown Mall on Saturday, December 17, at 11am by Best Buy.
6. **Desserts for Christmas Concert** Parents who have students in Mrs. Feikema and Ms. Branderhorst advisory are asked to bring cookies or bars for the December 15 concert. If you have a student in either of these advisories and are unable to attend the concert, please send the cookies or bars to school with your child on that Thursday.
7. **Calvin Christian High School Discount Cards** Discount cards featuring 20 local businesses are being sold by members of the boys and girls basketball teams. Offers vary from 7 cents off per gallon at Exxon to a free large pizza at Domino's to free games at Grand Slam Sports and Brunswick Zone. The money raised through the sale of these cards helps offset the cost of equipment and uniforms, keeping the athletics fees at a

modest level. Contact a member of one of the teams to get your card as soon as possible. The discounts are available until the end of 2012.

8. **Leaf Rakes** Did you send a leaf rake to school with your student and not get it back home after our November 4 leaf raking day? There are four rakes in the student lounge that are not labeled and need to be returned to their rightful home. Talk with your student or call the school office to claim your rake.

9. **Basketball Paperwork** Everyone playing basketball must have a current (within 3 years) physical on file and must complete the MSHSL Eligibility Form. Those athletes that played soccer and volleyball have already taken care of these items. The forms must be submitted to Mr. Ahrenholz before the athlete may play in any game.

10. **Winter Dance** Reserve the date of Saturday, December 17 for our winter dance. It will be held at the CCS Blaine campus. More details will be available later.

11. **CCS COMMUNITY PEP BAND** All alumni, parents, teachers and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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)

**CCHS BAND MEMBERS:** Your commitment to three of the four games is very much appreciated. We are a small band and many of us also play basketball. **Every part counts!**

12. **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.

13. **Identity School Store** Remember that you can purchase Calvin Christian Spirit Wear online at your convenience 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](http://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.

14. **Admissions Information Meeting** Tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives about the upcoming admissions “open house” at the Edina campus on Thursday, December 1. Beginning at 6:30, this is an opportunity for families considering Calvin Christian to tour the campus, learn about our program and biblical approach to education. Parents are our best promoters, so please spread the word.

15. **Be a CCS Ambassador!** More than 3/4 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.

#### Upcoming Events

Dec. 2	No Spring Lake Park bus
Dec. 5	Course Selection Meeting, 6pm, UR Financial Aid Meeting, 7pm, UR
Dec. 6	Bethlehem College & Seminary to visit at lunch
Dec. 9	Food Distribution
Dec. 12	Portfolios due back at CCHS
Dec. 14	Student Early Release
Dec. 15	CCHS Band & Choir Concert, 7pm
Dec. 17	CCHS & Blaine Choirs to perform @ Northtown Mall, 11 am Winter Dance @ Blaine Campus
Dec. 22	Christmas Break Begins
Jan 3	Classes resume

#### Restaurant Meals

Nov. 30	Taco Bell
Dec. 7	McDonalds
Dec.21	Pizza Hut