

The Happenings

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“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”
Genesis 1:27

1. **September Theme: Who Am I? An Image-bearer of God** The theme for the 2011/12 school year is “Deeply Rooted – Bearing Fruit.” One aspect of being deeply rooted is knowing who you are. The Bible says that all people are made in the image of God, after God’s likeness. This is a profound truth. Out of all His creation, the Creator chose us to be his image – bearers. We are unique among all of God’s creation

The image of God set us apart from the animal world, fit us for the dominion God intended for us to have over the earth and enables us to commune with our Maker. We cannot understand ourselves apart from God, for we bear God’s image. Like our Creator, we are able to reason, love, make moral judgments, and enter into relationship with God and with those around us. Today, we still bear the image of God but we also bear the scars of sin. Sin has defaced and blemished the image of God in us, but sin has not destroyed that image. Everyone is still born in and with the image of God. During the month of September, the staff and students will discuss what it means to be an image-bearer of God.

2. **Introducing Mr. Randy Kroll** With the new school year we welcome a new leader to Calvin Christian. Randy Kroll began serving in the new position of President of Calvin Christian School on September 1. Please read the attached letter from the CCS Board of Directors to learn more about Randy and this new position.
3. **Marathon 2011!** Marathon packets will go home with high school students tomorrow. On Saturday, October 1st, CCS families will meet at Minnehaha Park to bike, walk, or jog on a marked mile route along the Mississippi River. A map to the Marathon site is included with this Happenings and can also be found on our website under the high school tab, then go to About Us and Communications.

Remember that you can earn money towards your class trip by raising money for the Marathon now. See the attached letter regarding scholarship information.

If your family plans to be out of town on the day of the Marathon, your child can still participate! If you have questions about the Marathon, please contact the Calvin Christian office.

4. **Parents of Juniors** Please be sure to read the letter sent home regarding language arts integration. We will be viewing Slumdog Millionaire tomorrow (Tuesday, September 13th). Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have (abrandorhorst@calvinchristian.org, 763-486-7967).
5. **Wednesday Restaurant Meals** will begin on October 5. Order forms are attached to today’s Happenings. For those of you new to CCHS, this popular option for students is an alternative to brown bag lunches on Wednesdays during the school year. Parent volunteers tabulate forms, place orders and deliver the meals. Order forms are published once every 2-3 months, and it is important that they are completed and brought in to the office by the due date, as late orders are not accepted. This form is due on **Friday, September 23**. If you have any other questions, please contact Gail Bonnema at glbonn@comcast.net or 763-785-0491.
6. **Theme T- Shirt** Please see the attached order form for information regarding the CCS themed t-shirts. Please return the order form by this Friday, September, 16.
7. **Picture Day** Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming Friday, September 23. Look for more information on your child’s Picture Day order form. Visit Lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, online payment details and more. Mr. Rich Busch will be taking advisory, class and an all school photo. Please be on time as photos will start first thing in the morning. Order forms were sent home today!
8. **Items Left After Picnic** Several items were left behind after the high school picnic (large blue bowl, a blue cover, leaf- patterned serving tray, tongs, potholders and a couple of spatulas). Please come to the office to claim your items.

9. **Mandatory Orientation Night** All CCHS parents please reserve Monday, September 19 for this orientation. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will take place in Grace's new fellowship hall on the main floor. Please park on the north side of the building and enter through Door D. Parents will learn about and be able to discuss opportunities new to CCHS, including the new partnership with the school in Zondo, Liberia, mandatory parent visit days, building security, and how the week-long orientation for teachers and students impacts your child's learning. This night is designed for parents only.

10. **Yearbooks** There are still a few extra copies of the 2011 Yearbook available for purchase in the office at a cost of \$35. The deadline for purchasing a yearbook is Friday, Sept. 16. After that the yearbooks are slated to be sent back to the publisher.

11. **Student Council** The Student Council organizes and promotes activities, advises and approves student clubs, and serves as an advocate for student concerns. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to serve on the Student Council for the 2011-2012 school year: Hanna Marra, Kerri Mulder, Vito Sauro, Nathan Bonnema, Will Hendrickson, Nathan Mulder, Claire Stephens, Maddie Vande Kamp, Ben Pfeifer, and Gracie Scherbing.

12. **Sell, Sell, Sell those Happenings Books!** We need your support for the school so please sell as many as you can. Don't forget out-of-town or out-of state books that can be purchased via www.entertainment.com/support. Our school will get the profit from those books, too, as long as you select Calvin when ordering by using our school account number 863719. Turn in unsold books and your money envelope by September 26. **Books will be going home with CCHS students TODAY.**

13. **Late Arrivals & Early Dismissal** All students arriving at school after the start of the school day must report to Grace's office staff at Door C and then proceed to the CCHS office for an admissions pass. Students leaving prior to dismissal should notify the teachers of any classes they will miss. The office must receive **written or verbal communication** from parents before a student will be dismissed to meet the parent in the parking lot. Students **must** sign out in the office prior to leaving the building.

14. **Happenings Newsletter Articles** All committees, staff and individuals needing announcements placed in the Happenings newsletter, please have them in the CCHS office by **noon on Thursday**. Announcements may be turned in to the office, or sent by email to tdevries@calvinchristian.org. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Sept. 12	Beginning of Trimester 1
Sept. 13	Board Meeting @ CCHS
Sept. 19	Parent Orientation, Fellowship Hall, 7pm
Sept. 20	Dordt College rep to visit over lunch
Sept. 21	Explore Test, 9 th Grade
Sept. 23	Photos by Lifetouch & Mr. Busch
Sept. 28	9 th & 10 th Grade Vision Screening
Sept. 30	Partnership Visit Day
Oct. 1	Marathon for Non-Public Education

Athletic Events

Athletic information can be found on our website: www.calvinchristian.org – High School tab – Go to Detailed Calendar.