

The Happenings

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15: 5, 8

1. **Parent Meeting Tonight!** We are looking forward to seeing all CCHS parents at the meeting this evening. 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. This night is designed for parents only.

Come to...

- Meet your child's advisor
- Fellowship with teachers and other high school families (Refreshments will be available!!)
- Hear highlights from our year so far
- Ask questions
- **But most of all...come to learn what you and your son or daughter can expect at CCHS during these important and influential years of your child's life.**

2. **Partnership Visit Days** Our first Partnership Visit Day is September 30 and parents will have the opportunity to sign up this evening for that date. Additional visit dates are posted on the web calendar and parents wishing to sign up for future dates can RSVP by clicking the date on the calendar or by sending an e-mail to tdevries@calvinchristian.org.

Our Partnership Visit Day was explained in depth in the mailing sent home in August.

3. **Service-Learning** for the 9th and 10th grade students begins October 6. Students have been assigned to five different placements within our community: Stevenson Elementary School and Northport Elementary School (tutoring students in math and reading), Innsbruck and Lynwood Care Centers (partnering with the elderly), and Urban Homeworks (remodeling homes used for low-income housing). The students have been researching these needs and preparing to serve. As we begin serving and continue to learn through weekly reflection journals, please pray that we will be as Christ to those we meet. Also, thank you to those who have volunteered to transport students to and from the various locations; your willingness and availability allows this important part of our curriculum to occur. If you did not sign up to help with service-learning and are

interested, please contact Terri DeVries in the school office.

4. **Reminder to Parents of Seniors** Your child will be away on an environmental studies trip next Monday and Tuesday. A letter with more information will be going home with all seniors today.
5. **EXPLORE Test** All freshman students will be taking the EXPLORE test this Wednesday from 8:45-12:15. This is a timed academic test that will assess student knowledge in English, math, reading and science. A letter was sent home last Thursday with all freshmen regarding this test. **Students will be permitted to use a calculator on the math test, so please send a basic calculator with your child that day.**
6. **Upcoming PSAT Test** Last week Thursday a letter regarding the upcoming PSAT test and a PSAT practice book was sent home with all Sophomores and Juniors. Please be sure to go over this important information with your child. The PSAT test will be taken on October 12.
7. **KEEP SELLING HAPPENINGS BOOKS!** We are quickly coming to the end of our sale. Keep going! These books make great gifts. The cost of \$30 can be made up easily by using just a couple of coupons included in the book.

Remember, if you sell 5 you get to keep a free one for yourself. Anyone can order online anytime at www.entertainment.com/support and enter our account number of 863719. Final Turn-in day will be **Monday, September 26**. **NOTICE: There was a book sent home with each student. You must return the book unused, or send in \$30 for the book.** Please turn in your money envelope along with any unsold books you checked out. Again, there's still time to sell and make a difference for Calvin Christian School.
8. **Marathon 2011** is underway and students should be collecting pledges. The first check-in is this Friday, September 23. Turn in your pledge forms (no money) to your advisor. Marathon packets went home with

students last week. More information about the Marathon can be found on our website under the High School tab, then go to About Us and Communications.

Athletic Events

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

Remember that you can earn money towards your class trip by raising money for the Marathon now.

9. **Wednesday Restaurant Meals** will begin on October 5. An additional order form is attached to today's Happenings. This form is due on **Friday, September 23**. Sorry, no late orders can be accepted. If you have any other questions, please contact Gail Bonnema at glbonn@comcast.net or 763-785-0491.
10. **Picture Day this Friday** Look for more information on your child's Picture Day order form which went home last week. 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.
11. **CCS 50th Anniversary Celebration** Please reserve Saturday, October 15 for Calvin Christian School's 50th Anniversary Celebration. This is an opportunity for members of the CCS community, past and present, to gather and celebrate the blessings of our Lord upon Calvin Christian over the past 50 years. The schedule for the day includes:
 - **1:00-2:30 pm** Open house, tours, class reunions at the Blaine and high school campuses
 - **3:00-5:00 pm** Open house, tours, class reunions at the Edina campus
 - **5:00-6:30 pm** Barbecue dinner at the Edina campus
 - **7:00 pm** Service of Celebration at Calvary Church, EdinaAll students will be participating in the Celebration Service at Calvary Church.
12. **Reminder – Be a Good Neighbor While Driving**
Because Calvin Christian High is located in a residential area, we *all* must be very conscious of our driving in our school neighborhood. Please be aware of the speed limit on all streets surrounding CCHS. It is important to come to a complete stop at all stop signs. Our driving habits should be examples of our best behavior.

Upcoming Events

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| Sept. 19 | Parent Orientation, Fellowship Hall, 7pm
Play practice, Upper room, 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. 26/27 | Environmental Studies overnight trip |
| Sept. 28 | 9 th & 10 th Grade Vision Screening |
| Sept. 29 | Env. Studies class to Single Creek |
| Sept. 30 | Partnership Visit Day |
| Oct. 1 | Marathon for Non-Public Education |
| Oct. 12 | PSAT Test |
| Oct. 15 | 50 th Anniversary Celebration |