

THE HAPPENINGS

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“You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”
Psalm 118:28-29

1. **Parent Teacher Conferences** Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 17, 21, and 22. **Classes will not be held on the afternoon of November 22** as we will be holding daytime conferences on that date. Conference schedules were sent via US mail on Friday along with report cards.

The teaching staff is looking forward to meeting with each of you. Since many of the teachers have a full schedule of conferences, it is important that you are present at your appointed time. **Reminder: all conferences will be held in your child’s classroom.**

A productive conference requires adequate preparation. To help facilitate this preparation, a pre-conference form was printed on your Parent Teacher Conference schedule. We suggest that you complete this form and bring it to your conference. A flyer is attached to this *Happenings* to help you prepare for your upcoming conference.
2. **Report Cards** for grades 1 – 8 were sent via US mail on Friday, November 11 as well as the parent teacher conference appointment forms. MAP test results for grades 3 – 8 were also mailed out. If you have not received this mailing, please contact the CCS office. Kindergarten report cards were sent home with the kindergarten students last Friday.
3. **Attention Mounds View Bus Riders** There will **NO** Mounds View bus service on Monday, November 21 & Tuesday, November 22. Please plan to provide other transportation for your student(s).
4. **Attention Spring Lake Park Bus Riders** There will no **afternoon** SLP bus service on Tuesday, November 22. Please plan to provide other transportation for your student(s) on that day.
5. **Noon Dismissal – Tuesday, November 22** Classes will dismiss at noon on Tuesday, the 22nd to accommodate afternoon conferences. The extended day program will not be in session during the afternoon on this day. Please mark this date on your calendar.
6. Following Thanksgiving break, classes will resume on Monday, November 28.
7. **Thanksgiving Chapel:** We will join together for an all-school Thanksgiving chapel this Friday, November 18, at 9:15 in the gym. Parents are welcome to join us for a time of reflecting on the blessings of God in our lives and directing our thanks toward Him.
8. **Hot Lunch Order Form** for December - February was emailed to families last week. Please complete the form (one per family) and return it to the office with payment **no later than Friday, November 18**. If you have prepaid for the year, please disregard. Additional forms can be picked up at the school office or can be found on Calvin’s website.
9. **Butter Braid Pastry Sale** This is the last week to sell and order Butter Braids. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to order these yummy treats! Free samples will be available for you this Thursday during parent/teacher conferences. The order forms are due to the office next MONDAY, November 21, and the delivery date is December 13. Thank you for contributing to our school in this way. Call or e-mail Jill Schmidt with questions. (612-782-1085 or Jill.Schmidt@uscsm.org)
10. **The Poinsettia Fundraiser** The plants will be delivered next week Monday, November 21. They will be available for pickup after school on Monday, November 21 and on Tuesday, November 22. Please call Joneen Northquest with questions at 763-785-6047 or her cell number 612-414-3452.
11. **Partnership with District 16** Attached to the Happenings this week is the notice from District 16 regarding our partnership with assisting students with special needs. If you have any questions please contact Susan Lundberg or Jack Shields at our Blaine Campus.
12. **Pizza Order Reminder:** It is time to order pizza for the next 3 months (Dec-Feb) or the rest of the year, 6

months (Dec-May). Please download form if needed or pick up in office. Orders due by Friday December, 2, 2011. Any questions, call Tami Brannon 763-784-5480.

13. Uniform Turn-In Now that the fall sports seasons are over, please wash your uniforms and turn them in to the office or Mr. Larson. Thank you.

14. CCS COMMUNITY PEP BAND All alumni, parents, teachers and 8th 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 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)

15. School Store Opens We are pleased to announce that you can purchase Calvin Christian Spirit Wear online at your convenience. You may purchase online 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 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.

16. Give the Max Day You'll likely hear about the Give to the Max Day (GTTMD) in the media, if you haven't already. We welcome gifts to Calvin Christian School on GTTMD; however, we have chosen not to actively promote GTTMD again this year. Participants in Give to the Max Day must make their contributions through GiveMN.org, an online portal for credit card giving. GiveMN is a highly reputable and affordable online giving portal; in fact, it is currently Calvin Christian's tool of choice for credit card giving. We welcome contributions made via credit card, but we also know that many of our supporters prefer to give by check, electronic funds transfer, or stock transfer. So, if you want to be part of "the great Minnesota give-together" this Wednesday, please do so, using the giving avenue of your choice. Go to www.calvinchristian.org/support_CCS.cfm for details.

17. Be a CCS Ambassador! More than three-fourths 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!

18. Admissions Ambassadors Needed: Be Calvin Christian's representative at your church, your child's preschool, MOPS group, or other potential student source. Seek opportunities to raise awareness of CCS, help distribute materials (as permitted), make yourself available when references are requested...be creative! To volunteer or get more information, contact Jim De Young 952-927-5305, jdeyoung@calvinchristian.org or Keith Ter Haar 763-245-7786, keith@calvinchristian.org.

19. Operation Christmas Child shoes boxes are being collected at the Blaine campus. All boxes must be brought to school no later than December 1. Please put your donations on the table outside the office door. Questions? Please call Nancy Schwabe at 651.213.1079.

20. Carpool Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders: Here are a few reminders concerning the pick-up and drop-off routine at the elementary campus. Thank you for your attention to these items. For the safety of all, please refrain from talking on cell phones as you approach and enter the school property. If you wish to come into the school building at drop-off or pick-up times, please park on the street (south bound on Pierce) by the fence – not in the bus lane. If possible, drivers should not get out of their vehicles in the circle drives when loading or unloading students.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 17	Parent / Teacher conferences
November 18	All school chapel @ 9:15
November 21	Parent / Teacher conferences
November 21	No MV bus
November 22	Parent / Teacher conferences
November 22	No MV bus
November 22	Dismissal at noon
November 23	No school
November 24	No school
November 25	No school

Hot Lunch Menu

November 16	Chicken sandwiches
November 23	No hot lunch
November 30	Chicken nuggets

Jazz Band

November 17	Brenda Burnham
November 24	No School
December 1	Kim Scobbie
December 8	Jill Schmidt
December 15	Brenda Burnham