

THE HAPPENINGS

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Issue 1

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and build up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”
Colossians 26 - 7

1. Welcome to Calvin Christian 2011-2012 School Year!

Welcome to the new school year at Calvin Christian School! A special welcome to each of the families who have enrolled children at Calvin Christian for the first time. We praise the Lord for an opening day enrollment of 468 students at CCS. This includes 195 students at the Edina campus, 209 students at the Blaine campus, and 64 students enrolled at Calvin High School (Grades 9-12). The task of educating and training the young people God has placed before us is a great responsibility. However, we have a mighty God who promises to guide and equip us as we take up our calling as teachers or parents. It is my prayer that as teachers, parents, and students, we will honor and serve the Lord through the teaching and learning that takes place at CCS this year.

A weekly newsletter called The Happenings will be e-mailed to CCS families each Monday or the first school day of the week. Please read The Happenings carefully so you can remain up-to-date on various school activities and other items of interest. It is important that you pay careful attention to any flyers included with The Happenings. The Happenings can also be found on the CCS website at www.calvinchristian.org. If you have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to call or send a note. The phone number for the Blaine campus is (763)785-0135.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, staff members are primarily available at school between 8:00-8:30 a.m. (Tuesday-Friday) and 3:40-4:00 (Monday-Thursday). You may also e-mail or leave a message in voice-mail and the staff member will return your call when he/she has the opportunity.

2. Theme for the 2011-12 School Year

Our school theme for the 2011/12 school year is “Deeply Rooted – Bearing Fruit.” This is also the theme of the CCS 50th Anniversary which we are celebrating this year. Growing up on a farm, I learned the importance of good soil at an early age. On our farm there was a

dramatic difference between the corn and bean plants that were planted in the black, rich soil and those that were planted in rocky or sandy soil. The plants in good soil could develop a strong root system. The roots would provide the plant with nutrients from the rich soil and give the plant stability, enabling it to stand strong even in fierce storms. A seed planted in rocky or sandy soil would not develop a strong root system nor would it have access to the nutrients that it would need to grow strong and healthy and eventually bear fruit. Plants in poor soil would eventually wither from a lack of nutrients or would be flattened by a strong wind.

Metaphorically, we also need to have our foundation in good soil where we can develop roots that are deep and strong. Jesus spoke of this in the parable of the sower (Matthew 13). The apostle Paul says that we must be rooted in Christ (Colossians 2) and in His love (Ephesians 3). It is my prayer that in this school year, Calvin Christian School may be the soil that allows children and young people to develop biblical roots which equips them to bear fruit in service to their Lord and Savior. Throughout the 11/12 school year, our theme will focus on the biblical roots that answer the questions of “Who Am I?”, “Where Am I?” and “What Am I Called to Do?”

Who Am I?

September: An Image-bearer

October: A Broken Vessel

November: A Child of God Living Under Grace
Where Am I?

December: A World Created by God and
Dependent on Him

January: A World that is Broken

February: A World that is Redeemed.

What Am I Called to Do?

March: Called to Serve (Submit)

April: Called to Care for and Develop

and Unfold God's Creation

May: Called to Spread God's Love to Others

3. **It's time to sell Happenings Entertainment Books!** Help us make this fundraiser a success! We need our students and parents to promote and sell these books. So please sell as many as you can. A coupon book and an envelope will be going home with EACH STUDENT on Friday, September 9. The books sell for \$30 and contain coupons for places all over the Twin Cities and more. Check it out! You can keep the book for your family by sending back \$30 in the envelope (checks made out to CCS), sell the book to friends or family, or return the book back to school. There are some fun incentives listed on the letter in the bag with the book. See the flier in this edition of the school newsletter Happenings for more information.
4. **The CCS Marathon is Coming!** One of Calvin Christian School's largest fundraisers, the CCS Marathon, is less than a month away. On Saturday, October 1st, CCS families will meet at Minnehaha Park and bike, walk, or jog on a marked mile route along the Mississippi River. Between now and October 1st, CCS students/families should be collecting pledges/donations from individuals. All funds raised will go directly to the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) of Calvin Christian School. The PTF uses these funds to enrich the educational program at Calvin Christian. In the past, the PTF has used these funds to purchase such items as SMART Boards, computers, music, p.e. equipment and art supplies, as well as continuing education classes for teachers. We would like to have 100% participation in this fund raising effort! More information will be sent home with students on Friday, September 9.
5. **Teachers Lunch Together / Pizza Day** Teachers lunch together is scheduled for Friday, September 16. Pizza will be served to those students who have ordered it. If you would like to order pizza for your student, please complete the attached order form and submit it to the office along with a check before Friday, September 9.
6. **The Happenings Newsletter** will arrive in your email inbox every Monday that we have school. Please notify the school office you cannot receive emails or if you prefer a hard copy of the newsletter sent home with your child.
7. **Parent Night K-Grade 5** Please reserve Thursday, September 22 for the annual CCS Parent Night for grades K-5. This event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Parents will then be given an opportunity to visit the K-5 classrooms where the teachers will present an overview of this year's curriculum. This Parent Night is designed for parents only.
8. **Middle School Parent Night** Middle School Parent Night (Grades 6-8) will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. On this evening parents will meet with the middle school teachers and become familiar with their child's schedule and with the middle school curriculum.
9. **Late Arrival & Early Dismissals** All elementary and middle school students arriving at school after the start of classes must report to the main office for an admission pass. Students leaving school prior to dismissal should notify the teachers of any classes they will miss. **Parents must report to the office to pick up a student dismissal slip. Students will not be sent out to the parking lot.** The student will be dismissed from class after the classroom teacher has received the student dismissal slip.
10. **Extended Day Program** If you are interested in the Extended Day Program and wish to receive more information, please contact the school office. Registration forms are also available on our website. Please go to Blaine's page, click on *Communication* and then click on *Forms*. The Extended Day program operates before and after school every weekday that school is in session. Registration is necessary, which allows you to use extended day as a regular or drop-in as needed.
11. **Happenings Newsletter Articles** All committees, staff and individuals needing announcements placed in the Happenings newsletter, please have them in the Edina Elementary office by noon on Thursday. Announcements may be turned in to the office, or sent by email to Imarra@calvinchristian.org. Thank you!
12. **A Reminder Again For Parents Of Students Entering Grade 7 In The Fall Of 2011:** Students in grade 7 may not attend school without having provided documentation of required immunizations. These immunizations are as follows: the dates they received 2nd measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), Td (tetanus, diphtheria) vaccination (given after the 7th birthday) and 3 Hepatitis B. immunizations. A 2nd Varicella (chickenpox) shot is also required for 7th grade or medical documentation as to proof of having had the disease. A parents documentation as to proof of chickenpox is not sufficient. Certain legal and medical exemptions are allowed if proper documentation is provided. **Students in Grade 7 must be in compliance with this Minnesota Statute Section 121A.15 the first day of their return to school this fall.** Students are required to have booster immunization of Td (tetanus & diphtheria) before entering 7th grade. Because of the increasing incident of Pertussis (whooping cough) it is recommended that a dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis) be given rather than just the Td. Please check

with your healthcare provider as to their recommendation. Please send a copy of immunization dates (month, day and year for each immunization) to the school office **as soon as possible**. This will allow for processing time before your child arrives. Thank you for planning ahead! If you have any questions please call Valerie, School Nurse at (763) 785-0135.

13. Attention Parents Of Incoming Kindergarteners: In accordance with the School Immunization Law (Minnesota Statutes, Section 121A.15), students may not attend school without having provided documentation of required immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella and hepatitis B. A 2nd Varicella (chickenpox) shot will be required or history of having had the disease. Certain legal and medical exemptions are allowed if proper documentation is provided. **Kindergarten students are expected to be in compliance on the first day of their entry into school this fall.** Please send a copy of immunization dates (month, day and year for each immunization) to the school office as soon as possible. This will allow for processing time before your child arrives.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 9	Pizaa Lunch order form due
September 22	K-5 Parent Night 7pm
September 29	M.S. Parent Night 7pm
September 30	All School chapel