



GOD'S CHILDREN MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

BELIZE, LEARN AND GROW 2009!

Another service learning trip come and gone! This year's trip was awesome, with 27 students and 7 chaperones. We headed out for Belize early on March 29, which was a very snowy morning in Calgary, and got off the plane in Belize to a beautiful hot, humid and sunny day where there was amazingly no snow!



The Construction and Leadership students worked very hard this year in the tearing down of a building which had caught on fire a few weeks before we arrived. Working in sweltering heat with no shade the boys did an awesome job and completed this project by the end of the week! We also worked on an office building that had been eaten by termites. We were able to get all the drywall up and the first coat of mudding done, as well as helping with painting, grounds maintenance and making up care packages.

Some highlights of the trip: the work we were able to accomplish; spending time with the children at the orphanage; relationships that were built with each other as well as with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Belize; swimming in the river; butchering a cow; horseback riding; our time of praise and devotions each night; the outdoor church service on Sunday morning and of course the time we spent at the ocean.

Scott Hickling and I would like to thank everyone who participated in this venture. Thanks for your prayers, gifts, support and for trusting us with your children for eight days. I know that Scott and I came away with a deeper appreciation for missions. We have so much to be thankful for and we have so much here in Canada that we almost can't help getting caught up in the materialism of our culture and forget about those who are truly in need.

Here are a few thoughts from our students:

"This trip has opened up my eyes to the countries that suffer in things that other countries prosper. I got to experience things that I would never even think about experiencing. I got to serve in ways that would never cross my mind..."

"I think that being able to help somebody who was absolutely down and out was a real large blessing for me personally and again it helped me put some perspective on my own life and how much I have and subsequently take for granted..."

"In North America we have so much, so you would think that would allow us to focus more on the important things like God, and others. Instead all the things we have distracts us and causes us more stress...We need to shift the focus from ourselves and start putting God and others before us..."

"For me Belize is one of those experiences that really changes you whether you want to be changed or not..."

Scott and I, and the rest of the team, truly believe that the trip this year was a life changing experience for all involved. It was our desire to see your child grow in their walk as a Christ follower, and we were blessed to see that first-hand. ~ Phil Bonk

ITALY AND GREECE TOUR



Twenty grade 12 students and three teachers made the journey to Italy and Greece over Spring Break. We were treated to tours of Biblical and historical significance in Rome, the Vatican City, Florence, Sorrento, the ports of Brindisi and Patras, Delphi and Athens. God blessed us with safety, warm weather and great times of fun and fellowship as we experienced this beautiful part of His creation. On behalf of Christine Bakker, Mike Chrest and myself, I would like to thank the students for being such strong ambassadors of Jesus Christ, and to the parents for allowing us to share in this incredible experience with your children. ~ Mrs. Uittenbosch

For those interested in experiencing Service Learning, the following trips are planned for Spring Break 2010:

- Belize:** High School students in Leadership and Construction (contact Scott Hickling)
- France/Spain:** Grade 11 students; emphasis is on language and culture (contact Mike Chrest)
- Italy/Greece:** Grade 12 students; emphasis is on Biblical history and culture (contact Mike Chrest)

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ELEMENTARY



- **SECOND LAST FLIPT CHAPEL!** Come join us for the May Flipt Chapel where we will see how Jesus wants us to stand up for what is right....**STOP AND STAND**, that's the flip! Friday, May 8, at 12:40 pm in the Elementary gym.
- **Garden Day:** Thursday, May 21 is a wonderful opportunity for the Elementary students to serve in the gardens of CCS doing a variety of tasks: watering, weeding, cleaning out last year's dead growth, and general clean-up. What a blessing for the students and teachers to have this amazing resource available! Each class will be assigned a task and extra volunteer hands would be welcome throughout the day, please see the volunteer forms in your child's classroom newsletter.
- **Elementary Sports Day!** **When?** Friday, June 5 **Where?** Elementary School Grounds **Why?** To promote team building and friendly competition! Sports Day events will begin at 9:00 am and finish at 12:00 noon. It is important that each child dress appropriately for the weather: sunscreen, hat, change of clothes (for water activities), and running shoes. Lunch will **not** be provided, so please send a *lunch!* Please consider volunteering for this fun day (see notes in Volunteer Opportunities!) and we will be in touch with you! It promises to be an exciting, community building event! If you have any questions, feel free to contact anyone on the planning team: Bonnie Kissack (bonnie.kissack@pallisersd.ab.ca), Joline Olson (joline.olson@pallisersd.ab.ca), Glenda Jullion (glenda.jullion@pallisersd.ab.ca) or Serena Berno (serena.berno@pallisersd.ab.ca).

PLEASE NOTE: PAT dates for Grades 3 and 6 and 9 are incorrect on the school calendar and in the Handbook published in September. An UPDATED calendar is posted on our website at calgarychristianschool.com

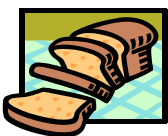
SECONDARY CAMPUS

CCS students are reminded that they are expected to dress appropriately, with emphasis on neatness, cleanliness and modesty. Standards of dress present our persons and Christianity to the community and thus should not promote that which is contrary to Christian values, threaten decency or present a distraction in the classroom. The administration has final authority over what is acceptable. Please note the following guidelines from the Parent/Student Handbook:

- ~ Non-marking shoes must be worn at all times.
- ~ Sunglasses and hats are not permitted.
- ~ Grade 7-9 students are required to wear the CCS t-shirt and shorts for physical education classes (gym strip).
- ~ Skirts, skorts and shorts may not be any shorter than 12 cm above the knee.
- ~ Shirts: boys must wear at least a short sleeve, and girls must have at least 5 cm of the shoulder covered; inappropriate slogans/designs will not be permitted; shirts must be buttoned; any top must be long enough that during any range of motion, no skin in the midriff/cleavage will be showing.
- ~ No underclothing should be visible at any time.

Students who do not adhere to the dress code will be asked to cover up and if they continue to disregard the dress code, they will be sent home to change.

- **MS parents:** Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be held on May 14 from 9:00 to 4:00. Please contact the Secondary Office to make an appointment.



- Congratulations to all the students from CCS who participated in the Calgary Youth Science Fair over Spring Break: Taylor Bourque, Leon Bolle, Esther teLinde, Justine Keefer, Tori Rose, Paolo Fisico and Abby Buchmeyer. Special congratulations to Taylor Bourque (Grade 7) for her outstanding achievement! Her project, "Yeast - A Bread Baker's Best Friend" gained top marks in all judging categories, a gold medal, and a prize from the Chemical Institute of Canada for the highest scoring secondary project relating to chemistry.

- Congratulations once again to **Nathan Oostenbrink** for making it all the way to the **Finals at the Provincial Level** of the Canadian Geography Challenge in Edmonton. Well done Nathan!
- The Grade Nine Transition Celebration will be held at **Emmanuel CRC at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 25**. A reception will be held directly after in the Elementary School gym. Everyone welcome!

CCS Music Notes:

- CCS bands and choirs will be participating in Music Monday, which is a national initiative to have students right across Canada perform at the same time. There will be a **public concert by the HS** from 12:00 to 12:30 pm **and by the MS** from 12:30 to 12:55 pm on **Monday, May 4**.
- The Senior High Band and Choir are traveling to Ontario from May 11-17 to participate in Musicfest Canada as well as performing at Holland Christian Homes in Brampton, Toronto District Christian High, Hamilton District Christian High and Immanuel Christian Reformed Church in Caledon.
- The Grade 7 and 8 bands will be traveling to Red Deer to participate in the Alberta Band Association Festival on May 20. The Grade 9 Band will be traveling to Red Deer to participate in the Alberta Band Association Festival on May 19.
- All plant orders are expected around the long weekend in May; we will contact you with pick up times! Thank you for your ongoing support of the music program at CCS!
- **The final band concert for all CCS bands will be on Friday, May 29 at the Rozsa Center at the University of Calgary.**

SECONDARY CAMPUS cont...

- **Stampede Breakfast** will be hosted by the Secondary staff and students on June 26 from 8:00 to 9:30 am. All CCS families are invited to attend to enjoy some great food and fellowship.
- **Scheduling and academic counseling with Mr. Kupery** for HS students and parents of will take place in June, with the week of June 8-12 reserved specifically for students (and parents) that are entering grade 10 in September. The weeks following will be open to all parents wishing to discuss academic courses, planning for graduation and/or planning for post secondary education. Please call the Secondary Office to make an appointment.
- **HS Senior Projects** On **May 22**, the grade 12 students will present their projects for marking. There is **no school for students in Grade 10 and 11** that day. Please join us on **May 26** to view the projects as they will be on display in the Secondary gym following our End-of-the-Year Celebration (Fine Arts displays from ECS to Grade 12 will also be available for viewing).
- **Find the High School Exam schedule on the calendar on page 4 of this issue of Bridges!**

Please attend!

CSCE SPRING SOCIETY MEETING SECONDARY CAMPUS THURSDAY, MAY 7 at 7:30 pm
Society package and Board nominee information will be posted at calgarychristianschool.com by Friday, May 1.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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- **15th Annual CCS Golf Tournament at the Links of GlenEagles June 19, 2009** - Registration has begun for this consistently sold-out event, so get yours in quickly to guarantee your chance to tee off in support of Calgary Christian School! Personal and corporate sponsorships are welcome at every level, please contact the Development Office or Jason Kupery to find out how you can get involved, to receive an additional registration package, or pass along a potential sponsor!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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- **Readers and Scribes:** Please consider assisting our students with their Provincial Achievement Tests and end of term exams by volunteering to read and/or scribe. Dates for the Elementary Campus are May 12, 13 and 14 and June 16, 17, 18 and 22 (mornings). At the Secondary Campus, volunteers are needed June 17, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 24 in both the morning and afternoon.
- **ES Sports Day:** Friday, **June 5**. Volunteers are asked to return the form included in their child's classroom newsletter.
- **ES Garden Day May 21:** Each class will be assigned a task and many volunteer hands would be welcome to help out with weeding, pruning, and general clean-up in the gardens at CCS; a sign-up is included with your classroom newsletters.
- **CCS Golf Tournament June 19:** volunteers are needed prior to and during the event.

Contact the Volunteer Office for further information and details for these and other opportunities!

PARENT ACTION COUNCIL

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! FINAL MEETING TUESDAY MAY 5, at 1:30 pm at the Elementary School Campus.

We will be discussing the possibility of some different approaches to existing events. Your input will be invaluable as we consider changes to enhance our school community for our students, staff and volunteers.

- Remember to place your orders for the ongoing Grocery and FundScrip program gift cards; order forms are attached and available on the website! This is an easy and effective way to support the students and staff at Calgary Christian School!

Please contact us anytime with ideas and suggestions: parentcouncil@csce.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Click on the 'Articles and Information' file on the 'Documents' tab at calgarychristianschool.com to read an excellent article from School Liaison Counselor Marcia Hogg titled *Working Through Anger*.
- **Parents who Pray** meets every Tuesday from 9:00 -10:00 am at the Elementary Campus in room 206 - please join us! Prayer requests are welcome at any time by contacting Karen Burgis at 403.247.8627 or kdb1@telus.net. **May 5:** Grade 12 students and teachers Danielle Barthel, Margaret Numan and David Westra; HS Resource Staff Christa Andreassen and Eleanor Fritschy; **May 12:** Grade 2 students and teachers Heather Thompson and Terri Turner; Transportation Coordinator Winnie Smith and the bus drivers; **May 19:** CSCE Board of Directors and Palliser School Division Board of Trustees; **May 26:** Grade 3 students and teachers Sharon Bolink, Jane Nieuwenhuis and Ruth Reitsma; ES Resource staff Wendy Abma; Computer and IT staff.
- Outdoor Education students will be holding a **Bottle Drive on Friday, May 8**. Please drop off any contributions before and after school; students will be collecting in the neighbourhood surrounding CCS after class.
- Please consider contributing to Vanessa Mertz's **Senior Project** by making a donation by May 8 to assist her in sharing basic mountain biking skills and techniques to under-privileged children in Calgary. Vanessa is looking for contributions of good quality bikes and cash to allow her to share her passion and experience; please contact her for more information by email at vanessa.mertz@gmail.com.



May 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2 HS Awards Ceremony 11:30 am
- June 3 Banking Day
- June 5 HS Year-end BBQ
- June 19 Golf Tournament, GlenEagles
- June 25 MS to Calaway Park
- June 25 Grade 9 Celebration
- June 26 Last day of school (noon dismissal)
- June 26 Stampede Breakfast
- June 26 MS Awards Assembly
- June 26 Grade 12 Graduation

High School Exam Schedule

Students are to be in their exam room at 8:45 am for all AM exams; at 12:45 pm for all PM exams. Students are required to remain for a min. of 1/2 the allotted exam time; most exams are scheduled for 2 hours.

- June 15 AM English 30-1/30-2 part A
- June 16 AM Soc Studies 30/33 part A
- June 18 AM Pure Math 30 part A
 - Applied Math 30 part A
 - English 20; Science 14
- PM Pure Math 30 part B
 - Applied Math 30 part B
 - Social 10
- June 19 AM Biology 30 part A
 - English 10
- PM Biology 30 part B
 - Social 20
- June 22 AM Physics 30 part A
 - Science 10
- PM Physics 30 part B; Bio 20
- June 23 AM Chem 30 part A
 - Pure Math 10
- PM Chem 30 part B
 - Chem 20
- June 24 AM Pure Math 20
- June 25 AM English 30-1/30-2 part B
- June 26 AM Soc Studies 30/33 part B

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun
				1 MS Chapel 12:40 pm Emmanuel CRC	2/3
4	5 Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Parent Action Council 1:30 pm Elementary Campus SLEC Meeting 4:30 pm Secondary Campus	6  Banking Day	7 SPRING SOCIETY MEETING 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	8	9/10
11	12 Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES CDC Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	13 HS Chapel 11:25 am Emmanuel CRC SOC meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	14 MS NO SCHOOL FAC meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	15 NO SCHOOL	16/17
18 NO SCHOOL	19 Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES CSCE Board Meeting 7:00 pm Secondary Campus	20  Banking Day HS Chapel 11:25 am Emmanuel CRC	21	22 Gr. 10 & 11 NO SCHOOL Senior Project Marking Day MS Chapel 12:40 pm Emmanuel CRC	23/24
25	26 Touring Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm Parents Who Pray 9:00 am ES Senior Projects Presentations BBQ Dinner Fine Arts Night ECS - Gr. 12 Secondary Campus 6:00 pm	27 HS Chapel 11:25 am Emmanuel CRC	28	29	30/31

ES—Elementary School (ECS-6)
MS—Middle School (Gr. 7-9)
HS—High School (Gr. 10-12)

CDC—Community Development Council
SOC—School Operations Council
SLEC—Student Life and Education Council

FAC—Finance Advisory Committee
PAC—Parent Action Council



Calgary Christian School

Celebrate with us!



Tuesday, May 26
Dinner at 6:30 pm
CCS Secondary Campus

Be sure to join us in celebration of our Grade 12 graduates, enjoy the artwork on display from all students from ECS to Grade 12 and enjoy a time of fellowship to celebrate the end of the school year!

All families are welcome to enjoy dinner and games, view the Senior Projects to see how our graduates are living out their faith and learning in our Community and appreciate the Creativity of all our students with the Fine Arts displays.

For further information or questions, contact Catherine Feenstra in the Development Office
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