

# Connect Newsletter



“God’s Children Making the World A Better Place”

May 2015

## IMPORTANT DATES

### You are Invited

*Fine Arts Night (display of all grades art work and senior projects): May 19, 5:30-8pm at Secondary Campus*

*Spring Society Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 7pm at Secondary Campus*

*Secondary Spring Band Concert: May 27, 7pm at Emmanuel CRC.*

*Stampede Breakfast: Friday, June 5, 7:30am at Secondary Campus*

*Grade 9 Celebration: Wednesday, June 17*

*21st Annual Golf Tournament: Friday, June 19 at The Links of GlenEagles*

*Grade 12 Graduation: Thursday, June 25, 3pm at Bethany Chapel*

2014-15 THEME VERSE:

1 Timothy 4:12

Welcome to Connect, our newsletter for supporters like you! We covet continued participation, involvement and prayers from past parents, alumni and supporters of CCS. Connect is a private newsletter published by the Community Relations office of the CSCE. It is intended for the greater Calgary Christian School community and focuses on the results of past endeavors and opportunities for new involvement.

## Education Through Art

Mrs. Janelle Reitsma, Secondary Art Teacher

Colourful paint pallets, inkblots on the table and paper scraps on the floor; these all linger in the Art Room at the end of a busy day. This left over mess is exciting, for it is evidence of a successful day of creativity and exploration, and students using their God given gifts!

I believe that through Art education, a deeper understanding of God develops. Students are encouraged to study the details of life; to see lines and texture, the color and shape in the elements of life that surround them. They begin to recognize how small parts belong to a whole and that all parts matter! They begin to see that God was immeasurably creative when designing this universe, and that they in turn are blessed with that creativity.

I am excited when I see art helping to give voice to students, allowing for personal self-expression. This expression can be healing and supportive. Communication through the visual arts helps to nourish the emotive side of students, and this is so very important as they wade through the increasing stresses of growing up!

To teach Art in a Christian school,

where God can be given the glory and where He is recognized as the original source of all creativity is a blessing to me.

Come and celebrate CCS student art work on Tuesday, May 19 from 5:30 to 8:00pm.



## Caught Being Good

Mrs. Uittenbosch, Elementary Principal

This year as the Elementary School Staff, we have looked for evidence that students have internalized the Teaching for Transformation through-lines and the fruit of the Spirit.

Our desire is that students will consciously make an effort to honour God through their behaviours, and that they will know that we recognize the great things they are doing. It is a shift of focus from watching for behaviours that negatively impact our community, to ‘catching’ the more positive behaviours. Each month during one of our chapel times we celebrate and recognize our “Caught Being Good” students. This has been a journey for all of us, but one in which we have witnessed positive change.

## Raising Expectations ... and Money for CCS

“The Spring Fundraiser program was light and entertaining, yet purposeful and faith-filled!”

We launched our Annual Drive back in October and hosted our Spring Event Dinner and Auction “Game Time” in March. It was a fun evening and the casual atmosphere of wearing jeans and a jersey added to the success. To date, we have \$102,000 in donations! Our goal is to raise another \$30,000 at our Annual Golf Tournament in June. This means we need to raise \$13,000 to reach our goal for this school year. We are confident with the support of our Community we will be able to achieve our target! If you would like to contribute to Calgary Christian School, the Annual Drive is ongoing and you can donate online or at either campus. Please contact our Community Relations Office for further details at 403.242.2896 ext.362.



## The Maple Leaf and the Tulip



The Elementary Choir had the honour of singing the Canadian National Anthem at a VIP event on May 5th. Because of our Dutch history, Calgary Christian School was invited to participate in a special evening at The Military Museums on the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland. A temporary exhibit at The Military Museums in The Founders' Gallery, is now open and tells the story of Canadian involvement in the Liberation of the Netherlands.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Service trip to Belize

On March 25 – April 2 we took a group of 25 students and 10 chaperones to continue construction of the YWAM Multipurpose building along with building relationships with the Raymond Sheppard Primary Nazarene School and the people of Belize.

A couple of highlights included a fun day for students from the Nazarene School (hosted at the YWAM base), where games, crafts, Easter egg hunt and even a slip and slide (which was a hit with everyone on a very hot day) were enjoyed by over 140 students!

Completion of the floor for the second story on the Multipurpose building was a big accomplishment and it was ready for the concrete pour days after we left. Since then, the floor has been poured and they are getting ready to close in the main floor and will hopefully be able to utilize that space soon.

We also had the opportunity in handing out shoeboxes through Samaritan's Purse at the YWAM base and it was touching to see the faces of these kids light up with the gifts that they received. Having filled shoeboxes here in Calgary, it was an incredible experience to see the completion with the delivery! This same day a group of students and chaperones travelled north to Flowers Bank to help in a children's home with painting, clearing bush and even painting a rather large concrete bus stop, where they have since painted a mural on for the community to enjoy. We were also fed a lunch of Tilapia (raised right at the children's home), rice and beans. Quite the experience for those who have never had the full fish (head to tail) served on their plate!

Our trip was successful with the help of our hard working students, chaperones and many supporters who helped make this mission a success. Our team was stretched to do hard things and trust each other, step beyond our comfort zones and grow in Christ.

## Classroom Request

A classroom in the Elementary school is looking to replace their area carpet for something newer and less itchy. If you have a carpet approximately 9' x 12' that is in good condition and would be willing to donate it, we would gladly receive it! Please contact the school at 403.242.2896 ext. 329

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