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## Calgary Christian School Grade One Newsletter

We have already come to the end of our first month of school! We've managed to make it through a lot of firsts. We've gone on our first field trip. We've written on the first pages of our journals. We even had our first indoor recess! Then there is all the repetition... practicing lining up, reading and re-reading words learned, washing hands and washing hands again (just to be safe!), putting shoes on and taking shoes off several times a day! It is great to be on this journey with your children. God is truly at work in each of our lives, challenging us to serve and love others as we use our gifts for Him all the while building community with each other!

Thank you to all of those who have already volunteered to help out in various ways using Sign Up Genius. Generally times can be quite flexible. Speak to your child's teacher to customize your volunteer time. They may have special requests and it is great to keep checking the website for opportunities. Your help is definitely valued!

**SIGHT WORD PRACTICE:** Some students have received sight word cards for practice. Thanks for spending time reading and reviewing the sight word cards that come home during the week. This is truly helpful and beneficial to your child. It quickly becomes evident when children and parents are putting in the practice time at home.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Jeremiah 29:11  
"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
(We also practice memory verses at school with the children.)

**Home Reading!** Your child will soon begin our Home Reading program. Home Reading is the **ONLY** regular homework that happens at CCES in Grade One. It's incredibly important work. There's just no way that your child's teacher can read for 15 minutes every day with your child, so daily practice at home with an adult is critical for reading development.

When you join your child's class at school or on a field trip, please be aware that any photos you take during the time with the children **may not** be posted on-line on a blog or social networking site. This is to comply with FOIP regulations. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe!

PLEASE return ALL hike donation envelopes by **Oct 9** in order for your child to be eligible for the prize draws.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on  
Thursday, Oct 11 (4-8pm) and  
Tuesday Oct 16 (4-7pm).  
Please watch for information coming home  
for further details.

## Important October dates:

- 3rd Pizza Day (pre-orders only –  
check <http://calgarychristianschool.com/christian-elementary/hot-dog-and-pizza-lunch> for more information)
- 3rd Student banking day
- 5th **SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS DUE**
- 5th **HIKE ENVELOPES DUE BACK TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWS**
- 8th Thanksgiving Day, **no school**
- 9th PD Day, **no school**
- 10th Hot Dog Day (pre-ordered)
- 11th Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- 12th Food drive items due
- 12th Spirit Day “Wear as many colours as you can!”
- 15th Photo re-takes
- 16th Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm
- 17th Hot Dog Day (pre-ordered)
- 17th Student banking day
- 18-19th PCCE Teacher's Convention, **no school**
- 24th Hot Dog Day (pre-ordered)
- 26th Booster Juice special lunch (pre-ordered)

Growing with  
your children

Susan Bowen  
Darlene Dykstra  
Grace Ermtter  
Jahnaya Johnson  
Monika Pagenkopf

We are happy to welcome  
two new students to our  
Grade One community:  
Aseph in IB  
Fabiana in IPD.

Welcome to CCS!

## Blessed by God to be a blessing.

Grade three is excited to be doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive (non perishable, dry goods only) this fall as our community service project. The goods we collect, as a school, will go to the Food Pantry operated by Emmanuel Church next door. These items will then be distributed to families needing assistance in our neighbourhood. The students suggested this idea as a way we can tangibly help shape God's world.

Please have your donation at the school by Friday, October 12.

Suggestions for food and supplies currently needed:

- pasta sauce, pasta, and noodles
- canned fruit, canned veggies
- tea, coffee, juices
- peanut butter, jam
- canned meats of any kind
- rice
- personal hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap)



Thank you for your support in this work of love.

On Friday, October 12, it's  
**WEAR AS MANY COLOURS AS YOU CAN DAY!!!**

Celebrate God's gift of colour to us and  
wear as many colours as you can!