

**June 12, 2009**  
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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Weekly Thought:** Wisdom is the wealth of a great leader.

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Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. *Proverbs 3:13-14*

**Standardized Testing:** The results for the CAT 3 Norm-referenced testing have just been returned. The results are very impressive and we are well pleased. Congratulations Calvary staff, students and parents. We have much to celebrate!

Being the end of the school year, the staff will not have sufficient time until September to analyze the results more carefully. At that time, an action plan will be developed in order to sustain our areas of strength and to address areas of curriculum, pedagogy and individual student needs, in order to progress and excel further. The current test results will give us a valuable reference point of achievement and will assist us in determining progress when we compare them to next year's results.

The Canadian Achievement Tests (CAT) measures achievement in the basic skills generally taught in schools across Canada. CAT is a set of tests in components of reading, language and mathematics. Students tested with CAT can have their results compared with those obtained from large, representative samples of students from across Canada. Their results can also be compared to curriculum expectations. It's a good test to track achievement over time.

The class averages for Language, Reading and Mathematics will be displayed below and the students individual test results will be attached to the report cards and distributed on June 24, 2009.

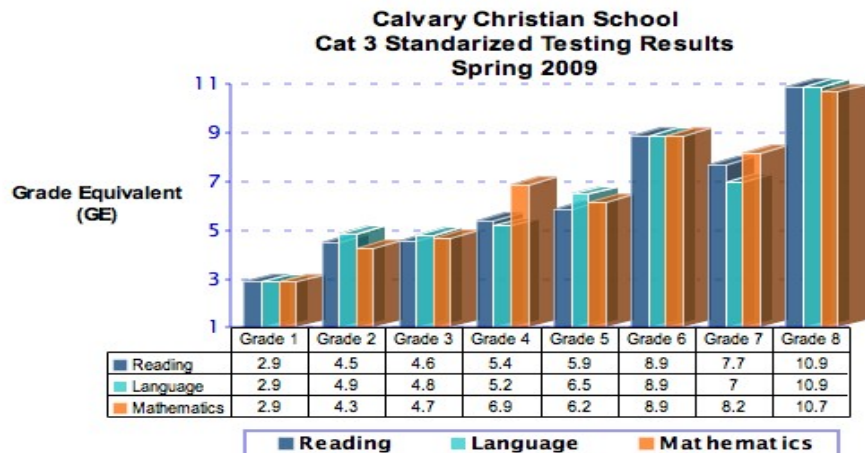
The results are displayed as a Grade Equivalent (GE).

The grade equivalent provides a comparison of achievement by

students from different grades on a common set of questions. Let us take the example of two students in the Spring of Grade 6 (6.7 or after the 7 month of the grade 6 year). Ken's test score in

Language is 6.3. This means that his performance is what you would expect from a student after three months of grade 6, that is, slightly below where he should be. Naomi, in the same class, scores 8.5 in Mathematics. This means that she is doing as well as a student after 5 months of grade 8 would do on this test. However, this does not mean that Naomi is doing grade 8 work and should be moved up to the grade 8 program.

The advantage of the grade equivalent (GE) is that it shows students' progress from year to year. For example, with a GE of 3.8 at the end of three, Jason is average but by the end of grade 4, in which he misses a lot of time, his score has only increased to 4.5. Jason has an excellent year in grade 5 and his average GE is now 6.0. On the other hand, the grade equivalent can be confusing. If Jason's score is 6.5 at the end of grade five (better than many grade six students), then he may think he should be moved directly to grade 7, almost certainly not a good idea. The grade equivalent reflects relative performance on the curriculum measured. Jason's performance was measured on the grade five curriculum not the grade seven curriculum. One can have no confidence in how well Jason would perform in grade 7 because he has probably not been taught the concepts and skills of the grade 7 curriculum. Similarly, a sixth grade girl may be at the ninth grade level in Reading without having the maturity to tackle adult books.



Finally, please note that though these tests do give valuable information, they are limited in scope. The results demonstrate a piece of the educational puzzle. There is much more to our educational program that is not tested for. For example, writing and communication skills, research, science, components of math and language arts, history, geography, Bible, music, health, P.E. French, computer skills, character development, spiritual, social, emotional, and behavioural development, organization and homework completion, projects and class participation etc. I think you get the point.

**Graduation:** We are looking forward to celebrating with you at **Graduation on Tuesday June 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** Please have your children here by 6:15 p.m. dressed in school uniform and have them report to their classroom to meet their classroom teacher.

**Grades 6/7 students must arrive by 6:00 p.m. in order to have their band instruments tuned.** All students, JK and grades 1-7, will be seated together during the ceremony at the front with their teachers. They will be participating in the celebration to make this event more special for our graduates.

Please note that refreshments (finger foods) will only be served to the graduates and their guests prior to the ceremony. Beverages will be available for all others after the ceremony. I recognize that 6:30pm is early for most and do appreciate the extra effort put into accommodating our schedule. Thanks for your partnership. See you at Graduation.

**Non-uniform:** Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last day that students will be required to wear school uniforms. There is no cost for this privilege.

**After-School Supervision:** Due to the graduation festivities, the after-school program will only be offered until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Also, there will be no after-school supervision on the last day of school. The year-end BBQ begins at 12:15 p.m. All students should be picked up from the school by 1:15 p.m. Sorry for any inconveniences. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Track and Field**

We had several students do very well at the recent ACSI Junior Track and Field meet. Congratulations to Olivia LoPiccolo – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bantam Girls Softball Throw; Davis Stambolich – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bantam Boys 1500 metres; Justin Iantorn – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bantam Boys 400 metres and 4<sup>th</sup> in Bantam Boys Long Jump; finally Courtney Yavtucovich – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Girls 200 metres. Way to go!!

### **Treats for sale:**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon, the grade 8 class will be selling freezies or popsicles after school. Bring your loonies and quarters for a frozen treat! Money going toward our graduation.

### **Play Day!**

On Friday, June 19, students will be participating in the “Calvary Olympics” play day. Activities will start at 10:00 and wrap-up with our very own medal ceremony at 12:00. Everyone should wear comfortable clothes (shorts and tee-shirts) and running shoes. Wear lots of sunscreen and a hat! Bring a change of clothes. . .you may get wet! The S.L.T. has been working hard to plan our play day; it should be a great event. See you there!

### **Fair Play Sports Camp:**

Register now for this year’s Summer Sports Camp being held the week of **August 17th to 21st!** Early bird rate is \$155 if registered before May 26th. Cost is \$165 after that date. This includes snacks, lunch and your very own camp t-shirt. You’ll have a blast learning skills in soccer, basketball, martial arts, baseball and so much more... Ask anyone who came last year and they’ll tell you how much fun it is. For more information or to download a registration form, log onto [www.nashvilleroad.ca](http://www.nashvilleroad.ca) and click on Fair Play Sports Camp!

Charissa Yavtucovich

***Church Administrator & Camp Director***  
**Nashville Road Community Church**



### **News from the SWAP team:**

Our SWAP, for this year is over all of the parents that are waiting on back orders they should be in by June 19<sup>th</sup>. We still have some Tim Horton gift cards available. Please just talk to Ms. Hedley and you will receive the same day. Thank you.

### **Graduation:**

JK Parents are asked to bring finger foods for the SK reception which will be held in the Fireside Room and Grades 2-4 Parents are asked to bring finger foods for the Grade 8 reception which will be held in the

Chapel. Thank you to Deborah Lefave who will be helping with the decorations.



June	Events	Note
15 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>	Exams	Grades 7 & 8
19	Play Day	10 - 12
19	CCS Awards Assembly	2:30 p.m.
22	African Lion Safari	Grades 1 to 3
23	Medieval Times	Grades 4 to 6
23	Graduation Ceremony	6:30 p.m.
24	Last ½ day – Year end – BBQ	12:15 p.m.

## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

### JK – MRS. MORRIS

#### Junior Kindergarten

##### Highlights for the upcoming week...

**Monday:** P.D. Eastman’s book, Are You My Mother?

**Tuesday:** P.D. Eastman’s book, The Best Nest

**Wednesday:** Completing our journals today.

**Thursday:** Please return your library book for inventory.

**Friday:** Playday, a.m. Awards, p.m.

**Monday:** Celebrating Mary’s birthday with a complimentary lunch.

**Tuesday:** Watch for the return of spare clothing, blankets etc... in the backpack today.

Grad. tonight! J.K. students are practicing a poem that they will be reciting this evening.

**Wednesday:** It’s a half day!

**I appreciate your generosity and cooperation** with our **snack schedule.** **Thank you** for delivering a healthy variety of snack foods, donating small paper cups, napkins and more throughout the school year!

**Congratulations,** your child has completed their JK and first year at CCS.

May you and your family experience many of God’s blessings during the summer months.

### SK – MISS STAM

**Bible:** We will be reviewing the different Bible stories we’ve learned. We’ll also be talking about what God has done for us this past year.

**Memory Verse:** Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body. Proverbs 16:24.

**Language:** We will continue to review our special sounds and word wall words. We will also be making a Memory Book of our year in SK.

**Spelling:** That was the last test! Congratulations, you will all do well next year if you keep studying.

**Math:** We are reviewing many of the concepts we’ve learned throughout the year.

**Social Studies/ Art:** Shhh! It’s a surprise for D-A-D...

**Graduation Practice:** We will be practicing for the Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday afternoon. It’s an important practice so please make sure your child is here.

Please return all **library books** promptly.

### GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

Where has the year gone? I cannot believe it is already the last newsletter of the year. The Grade One class has grown tremendously this year. They have experienced great success in their academics and I want to thank you all for the countless hours you have spent reading with your children and keeping them accountable for their daily homework. What may seem like time consuming tasks, such as filling out daily reading logs and checking agendas, really has made a substantial difference in your child’s reading and learning success. Thank you for your support and your diligence in these areas. Enjoy your summer and keep on reading!

**Bible:** This week we will continue to focus on the fruits of the Spirit. We will talk about the Holy Spirit and how we can bear the fruits of patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control in our own lives.

**Spelling:** List 32

**Math:** Chapter 13: “Sailing On”.

**Creation Studies:** All About Apples! We will use the remainder of our time to learn about apples. We will have fun identifying all the different types of apples that God has made and we will take a close look at the journey an apple goes on from a seed to the grocery store shelf. We may even have some time to make some yummy apple treats...

**Phonics & Language:** Tongue twisters! We will challenge ourselves to read, say, and write tongue twisters.

#### **Reminders:**

1. On the morning of Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the CCS Play Day. Please have your child wear/bring sunscreen and a hat. Also, please ensure that your child has a change of clothes as some of the games will involve water and we may get wet! This will be a non-uniform day.
2. Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm the CCS awards ceremony will be taking place. Parents are welcome to join us!
3. Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> is our class trip to African Lion Safari!

4. Your child will be singing in the junior choir at the graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If your child will not be present, please let me know.
5. Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> are non-uniform days.

**Have a wonderful summer, God Bless.**

## **GR. 2 – MRS. MAJOR**

Our final full week of school will be full of activities and “finish up” jobs.

\*Please be sure to bring all library books back to school on Monday.

**Math:** Review Week

**Language/Reading:** We are completing our final activities in our “Case of the Sneaky Strangers” novel study.

**Spelling:** Our final grade two list is comprised of “wr”, “wa”, “war”, “or” and “ar” words. Please see the spelling duo tang and the list below: Written, wrap, wrong, wrinkle, wrestle, washing, water, warn, warm, award, reward, doctor, pastor, Creator, colour (Canadian spelling), tore, score, store, shore, before, explore, collar, dollar, wore, worn.

**Science:** We dig up the compost bag we buried two weeks ago and see how God has designed decomposition/ compost as a responsible way for us to eliminate waste from garbage dumps. Students are going home today with a “Helping the Earth at Home: A Family Checklist” page. Please take some time as a family to do this fun assessment together.

**Art:** Something “sweet” for Father’s Day. Sorry, we can’t say more ☺.

**Gym:** Outdoors as much as possible. Please bring a hat and wear sunscreen.

Have a fun weekend everyone.

## **GR. 3 MRS. STRICKLAND**

**Bible** – We are finishing our unit on Daniel. Our Bible verse test will be this week on FRIDAY! It will be glued into the homework book.

**Math** – We will be working with fractions this week. We are learning how to add fractions and how they can be equivalent.

**Spelling** – This will be our last test this week! Instead of doing our review unit, I have decided to allow the students to make the spelling list this week. Each student will pick one or two words to go on the list. We will do activities in class. The test will be on Thursday this week.

**Reading-** We will be completing our novel *Pilgrim Boy* this week. We have enjoyed learning about another country.

**Language** – We are finishing up our books in language this week. We are also finishing our books that we have created.

**Special notes** – Please send your child’s backpack everyday for the next two weeks. We will have lots of things going home. It has been a wonderful year.

## **GR. 4 – MISS HALLYBURTON**

**Memory Verse:** The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **Psalm 23:1-4**

**Language:** The Dictionary; The Writers Friend

**P.E.:** This week in gym we will be outside playing baseball. Please bring a water bottle and a glove if you have one.

**Bible:** Judges

**Math:** This week the class will be studying transformational geometry. They will be describing location and movement on a grid.

**Social Studies:** Concluding our study of the question; “Why is there conflict between First Nations peoples and Canadians today?”

## **GR. 5 – MR. MCKENZIE**

Here’s what we have going on in our final full week. Grade 5 has been asked to play three recorder songs at the SK and Grade 8 graduation on the evening of Tuesday, June 23. What a great opportunity to acknowledge our graduates as they move on to the next stage in their lives. In addition, our full school play-day is Friday, June 19. Our theme is the Olympics and we have several events that involve water. Please send a change of clothes for your child that day. In the afternoon on that Friday is our annual awards ceremony. We’d love to see you there.

**Math** – examining patterns in numbers and probability  
**Spelling** – Lesson 33 test will be on Wednesday, June 12

**Grammar** – continuing to look at pronouns and their use in writing.

**Literature** – looking at a variety of short stories in our readers

**Phys. Ed** – skills relating to baseball, plus strength and flexibility exercises.

**Social Studies** – finishing our examination of the components that make up a town and applying them to create our own town in the Yukon.

**Science** – looking at analyzing and assessing consumer products

**Music** – remember to practice 3 times per week for 15 minutes each time.

**Bible** – continuing to examine “A Man After God’s Own Heart”, David. God bless

### GR. 6 – MISS AGNEW

Well, we did it! Grade 6 has come to an end and we are just 8 school days away from summer vacation. It has been a wonderful year and I have very much enjoyed teaching each and every one of you!

We have just a few activities to finish up next week . . .

We will complete our Bridge to Terabithia projects.

We will finish our last Grammar unit on prepositions and conjunctions.

We will do a year end Math review team challenge.

Remember, play day is on Friday!

Remember, last Scholastic Order is due Monday!

On graduation day, (Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>), grades 6/7 students will need to be at school no later than 6:00 pm in order to have instruments tuned before grad. All students must wear their school uniform for that evening.

Grace& Peace!

### GR. 7 – MRS. NUNN

Exam week:

Monday: French 9:00 – 10:40

Geography 1:10 – 2:45

Tuesday: Study day

Wednesday: Science 9:00 – 10:40

Math 1:10 – 2:45

Thursday: No school

Friday: Play day (10am-12) and awards assembly (2:30pm)

Grade 7 students need to stay after the math exam on Wednesday for a graduation walk-through. Please do not have your child picked up early that day. Monday they can leave after 2:45.

On graduation day, (Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>), grades 6/7 students will need to be at school no later than 6:00 pm in order to have instruments tuned before grad. All students must wear their school uniform for that evening.

It’s hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of the school year already! I have had an excitement-filled 6 months with the grade 7 class.

As some students are leaving Calvary and going off to new schools, I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer and also a wonderful year next year, wherever you may be.

I pray God richly blesses you as you travel the path He has set for you. Blessings!

### GR. 8 – MR. EASTON

**Science** : Exam Wednesday.

**Math**: Exam Wednesday.

**Geography**: Exam Monday.

**Also, Please remember:**

**We need to stay after our second exam on Thursday to practice for graduation.**

### FRENCH – MADAME VEREECKE

**Grade 1’s** will be playing with cars, trucks and dominoes to re-inforce vocabulary, numbers and colours.

**Grade 2’s** will continue to learn vocabulary for their homes, focusing on their door and keys.

**Grade 3’s** continue to practice buffoonery in their clown unit. Grammar focus is on “he is” and “she is”.

**Grade 4’s** will make their own tropical island this week, as we wrap up a great year of French language learning.

**Grade 5’s** are working on their endangered animal project, as we finish off our last unit of the year.

**Grade 6’s** will be finishing their unit on marine animals and will be designing salt water aquariums on paper.

**Grade 7’s** have their final exam on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 8’s** have their final exam on June 15<sup>th</sup>..

*Nous avons fini! Youppi!*

