



# Newsreel

#1, August 2018

**AGENDA:**

Tuesday, Sept. 4	First Day of School (JK -8) Opening Assembly (2:30 p.m.)
Friday, Sept. 7	BBQ from 6 – 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 8	21st Annual Golf Tournament

**FYI:**

- We are excited to begin another school year. The following are the class designations for the 2018/2019 Year. Welcome to:

**Grade**

JK & SK

Grades 1 and 2

Grades 3 and 4

Grades 5 and 6

Grades 7 and 8

Principal

Resource

Office Manager

Custodian

Bus Driver

Bus Driver

**Teacher**

Mrs. Teresa Culp

Mrs. Rachel Ajiel

Mrs. Marianne Cooney

Mrs. Paula Parker

Mr. Ian Adams, Mrs. Betty Hovingh

Mr. Ray Verburg

Mrs. Betty Hovingh

Mrs. Candace Burnett

Mrs. Robin Abel

Gail Delahunt

Terry Gibson

- As you know, we now own our own buses. The routes are currently being worked on and the routes will be emailed soon. Please have your child(ren) at their bus stop 5 minutes early. It will take a couple of weeks for exact times to be realized. Please be patient as we work out any kinks that may arise. If you have any questions or concerns once you have received the information please don't hesitate to call the school.
- Your board member will be contacting you towards the end of the month if he/she hasn't already done so to invite you to the annual BBQ. If, after reading this Newsreel, you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask him/her or call the school.

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- Please read the **Newsreel each week** to see what your child has been doing in class and what spelling words and memory work he/she has to learn. Check for due dates. Students need to work on projects and reports well ahead of the due dates. Encourage and teach good study and homework skills. Every student should do their best. Their best is determined by the gifts God has given them. God has given us all different gifts to use in different ways. Many assignments and activities at school include opportunities for different gifts to be used.
- In addition to the recycling, reusing, and composting that we have been doing at school we would like to encourage the students to bring **litter less lunches**. Please keep this in mind when planning your child's lunches. Also consider using a refillable water bottle. The challenge is to cut our waste down in honour of God's creation.
- **Our school is perfume-free**. Students, volunteers, staff, committee members, and parents, please refrain from wearing perfume, aftershave, or other perfumed products to school. This applies during the day, when attending assemblies and meetings, and during the evening when you are at school.
- We are a **NUT-free** school. This applies during school hours and to meetings held at night. No foods containing any kind of nuts or nut products are to be brought onto our playground, into the building, or on the buses. Please continue to read the labels of the foods that you buy since ingredients do change. If the label says that it *may contain* traces of nuts, it should not be taken to school.
- Please check the attached **chart of school supplies** to see what your child needs to bring to school. Please follow the list when you are buying supplies for your child(ren). Label as many of the items as you can, especially gym clothing.
- Don't forget, **every student needs** indoor shoes with non-marking soles so that they can also be used in the gym. Proper footwear is to be worn for playing sports. Socks are to be worn for gym class. We do allow the wearing of sandals and flip flops outdoors at school, but please note that if your son/daughter is planning to participate in sports and gym then proper footwear must be worn. If a teacher is concerned about your child's safety, your child may be prohibited from participating.
- Please note the **requirements for gym clothing**. Grades 3 through 8 are to wear a gray T-shirt (only very small logos permitted) and black shorts. Please label the clothing with the student's name. Students wear the gray T-shirt and black shorts for PE from the start of the year. These should stay at school in a bag labeled with the student's name.
- Students in grades 3 through 8 will receive a student **agenda** at school. The agenda is used to help the student keep track of homework and helps the teacher communicate well with parents. Students will be using their agendas daily and they should be kept in good condition. Please note that the agenda goes home each day so that the parents can check to see what their child has for homework, or for important notes from the teacher. Completion of homework and returning the agenda, books, and homework to school the next day is very important.
- Below you will find the **School Day Schedule**. Please note that there will be a gradual entry when the students arrive at the school. Beginning at 8:30 a.m., students may come into the building and go to their classroom. They must come in the front door and may not go to the playground. Students who arrive before 8:30 a.m. are to wait outside the front door. Students on the bus, will enter the school when they arrive.

- School Day Schedule:
  - 08:30 – Entry Bell
  - 08:40 – Morning Meeting
  - 10:10-10:45 – First Nutrition Break
  - 12:45-01:25 – Second Nutrition Break
  - 03:25 – Closing Meeting
  - 03:30 – School Day Ends
- **Nutrition breaks** will be at 10:10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Please remember to send an equal amount of food for each break. Each student should have a bottle of water that they can keep on their desk.
- The telephone directory is being prepared. If you have any changes, please let the office know by August 31. If you haven't already done so, all committees must let the office know the names of their officers and members on the committee.
- As maturing Christians, CCS students are to be continually striving to be their best. The teachers will **explain** all the expectation for living together in community to the students on the first day of school. When a student's behavior does not match the expectations, parents may be informed when necessary. Please communicate any questions or concerns so that we can work together to help the students grow.

**The guidelines can be summarized as follows:**

- Student behaviour in the classroom, in the school, on the bus, and on the playground is to show respect for God, other students, for the staff, for the bus drivers, and for visitors.
- Engage only in activities that help to develop a positive and caring atmosphere and builds others up.
- When students use school property or the property of others, it is to be used carefully and stewardly.
- Specific rules for inside and outside of the classroom are to be followed.
- Homework agendas provided by the school are to be used in grades 3 through 8. Work is expected to be completed on time and students are prepared for their work every day.
- The general rule for the **student dress code** is modesty and neatness. This means: wide- straps on sleeveless tops; high necklines on tops; no words/slogans on pants/shorts; positive words/symbols on shirts; underclothes not visible; abdomen and back areas remain covered during activities; shorts are longer than finger tips; and skirts reach above the knee or longer. The girls may wear some lightly coloured and lightly applied make-up in grades 7 and 8. Piercings are to be modest and limited to the ears. It is at the discretion of each teacher to determine if a student needs to change his/her clothing. A good rule of thumb is - if in doubt, don't wear it!
- If, after reading the information in this Newsreel, you still have questions please call the office or a Board member so that we can help you.

<p><b>Dates to Remember:</b></p>
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- The school year begins on Tuesday, September 4. Please join us for our **opening assembly at 2:30 p.m.** Let's join together as we begin the year by inviting God's blessing. We hope to introduce the new families and the JK and SK students.

- Come one, come all! You are invited to **Community Christian School's Annual Barbeque** on Friday, September 7 from 6 - 9 p.m. Come and have food, fun, and fellowship. Welcome back the staff, CCS supporters and friends and introduce yourselves to new parents. We are inviting the school's neighbours who throughout the school year get to listen to our noise and throw balls back onto our playground. Be challenged to talk for a few minutes to a few people you do not know or have not talked to recently. Let's make everyone feel included! **Remember to bring a salad and dessert.** Please bring a lawn chair. Donations will be gladly accepted to help cover the costs.

- **Community Christian School 21st Annual Golf Tournament**

Mark your calendar – Saturday, September 8, 2018 – for a great day of fun & fellowship at the 21st annual CCS fundraising golf tournament. The tournament will be held at the Elmira Golf Club at 40 Eldale Road in Elmira. Registration is at 11:00 am, along with the Chipping & Putting contests; BBQ lunch at 11:30 am; the shotgun start is at 12:30 pm. For a cost of \$120.00, you will receive lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart, supper, awards. Also included for the day are prizes for longest drive & closest to the pin. Men's, women's & mixed teams are all welcome. Contact Steve Deweerd @ 638-7766, Steve Slot @ 638-3913 Teresa Rumph @ 638-3505 or Patrick Lauzon @ 226-818-2222. A registration form is attached. **Please register by August 24!**