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Grand "Re-Opening" of the Library - Linda Postma, Media Center Coordinator

October 1, 2010, marked the date of the grand re-opening of the newly automated Calvin Christian School library. Many people worked many hours doing the following:

- Taking inventory
- Wiping off books
- Applying barcodes to each book, and
- Entering each book into the new computer system.....9,524 times!

The eighth grade class and Mrs. Elifson's students cheered as Mr. Groen used the "big" scissors to cut the yellow ribbon. Treats were distributed and students checked out some of the new books. "This is just like the public library," an eighth grade student pointed out.

A contest was held to guess how many barcodes had been applied to the books in the library. Kenise Gaston received a prize for guessing 9,543 which was only 19 numbers off the correct answer: 9,524. Hard to believe we have that many books in our library! [Editor's Note: THANK YOU to Mrs. Postma, Mrs. Clevering, Mrs. Boerman, and the many, many other people who spent countless hours in our library this summer to make this automation a reality!]

Students Lead on Chapel Committee

"I would like to see a spirit of love among the students in the Middle School this year," spoke Daniel Herman at the first Middle School chapel of the year on September 29. Daniel is one of eleven students that are part of a newly-formed group at Calvin called the Chapel Committee. This committee was formed to give students an opportunity to take some ownership for chapels and for the spiritual growth of the Middle School. Potential members filled out an application that included questions about their spiritual walk with God as well as questions about the gifts they could bring to the committee. After the applications were evaluated by the Middle School teachers, the following students were chosen: Sydney Clayborn, Alexander De Young, Benjamin De Young, Chanel Easter, Alexis Genous, Nick Hall, Daniel Herman, Karlen Mulder, Jana Simon,

Chad Vander Zee, and Aleaha Williams.

They generally meet during Study Hall or during lunch. During the first chapel, they introduced themselves with a sentence of what goals they had for the spiritual growth of the Middle School. They also taught students a song based on Ephesians 2:8: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith." Some of the students led the singing while others led through sign language. They helped illustrate Calvin's theme for the year Reflecting Christ's Forgiveness by acting out the parable from Matthew 18 about the Unmerciful Servant.

The Chapel Committee also challenged the Middle School to donate money for Calvin's annual Auction. They encouraged each Middle School student to do extra chores around the house to earn \$3.00. With that money, they were able to sponsor and as-



Chapel Committee

semble a fishing package, a basketball package, and a Chicago Bears' package for the Auction!

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Alisa Bonnema Balances the Books



Alisa Bonnema is not a stranger to Calvin Christian School. Not only is she a parent of Cole (7th grade), but she has volunteered in the office, is co-chair of the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale, served on the Board of Directors as the Treasurer, and is now serving as Calvin's bookkeeper. An accountant by trade (she also works for Dreyer, Ooms and Van Drunen during tax season), Alisa was the perfect person to fit into this role. She says her favorite subjects at Shepherd High School and

Trinity Christian College, both in Palos Heights, Illinois, were Math (good thing!) and English. She and her husband, Mark, their daughter, Alexis (junior at Illiana CHS), and Cole attend Peace Christian Reformed Church in South Holland where they currently serve as small group leaders. She formerly served as the Sunday School coordinator and on various committees.

Alisa enjoys reading, scrapbooking, crochet, board games, camping, and puzzles. She is cur-

rently working her way through the Elm Creek Quilts novels by Jennifer Chiaverini. Her favorite Scripture text is Philippians 4:4-8: "...Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." She says, "When I am anxious or worried, these verses remind me that the incomprehensible peace of God is mine for the asking."

First Grade Releases a Friend!



First grade students watched with eager anticipation and excitement as a monarch butterfly came out of his chrysalis. This transformation was the culmination of their

Monarch butterfly unit in Science. There were whispers around the room, "Shhhhhh! A butterfly is coming out!" One butterfly even flew to the Word Wall and planted

himself right on the word chrysalis. What a smart butterfly!



Grandparents' Day 2010

The eighth grade students shouted a cheer in appreciation of their grandparents during the afternoon program that capped the Grandparents' Day Celebration at Calvin Christian School on October 1. More than three hundred grandparents (or significant loved ones) came to visit their grandchildren and see their classrooms that afternoon. After meeting in the gym for coffee and treats, they had a short time to visit classrooms and be introduced to their grandchild's teachers and friends.

An all-school program awaited grandparents in the gym following their visits. It included performances from each of the nine classes at Calvin, kindergarten through grade 8 (pre-kindergarten students welcomed their grandparents the day before). The classes performed musical numbers, recited Scripture passages, read poems, and even played games. Sixth grade students invited their grandparents to participate in a game about what they had learned in Colossians called *Are You Smarter Than a Sixth Grader?* Both generations together praised God with the song *All Creatures of our God and King* – September's Hymn of the Month.

Thank you to all of the grandparents who showed their love and interest in their grandchild's education here at Calvin Christian School.



Harvest Thrift Center's.....

Not So Extreme.....Makeover -By Terri Stallinga

Fire engine red? Sunshine yellow? How about a nice sage green? It's not often that the Harvest Thrift Center gets a fresh coat of paint, but that is just what happened earlier this summer.

the Housewares Dept. have never looked so spiffy! And the list would not be complete without a mention of Mr. Marv Lyzenga, Furniture Dept. volunteer, and his painting prowess on the office walls.

Comments from volunteers ranged from, "Wonderful! What a difference!" I love the

about that.)

When asked about his willingness to volunteer his time and talents at the HTC, John replied, "It is good to be a part of the service



Thanks to Mr. John Klompmaker, Jr. High Bible teacher at Lansing Christian School, (captain), and Mr. Milt Van Drunen, Jr. High History teacher at LCS, (first mate), along with New Hope Christian Reformed Church members, Mr. Tim Jansma, Mr. Bobbie Mendoza, and Mr. Glenn Schaap, the back hallways, bathrooms, baler room, and

colors," to "I find it is quite uplifting." Gert Stallinga, Jewelry Dept. Head, chimed in, "It really brightens up the place," while Sue Lagestee, chief volunteer of the Housewares Dept., exclaimed, "I love it, but I'm slightly concerned about being the first one to make a smudge mark on the wall with a cart." (As of this printing, she no longer has to worry

and sacrifice given toward Christian education at the Harvest Thrift Center." Thanks, again, guys! The place looks terrific! By the way...if your curiosity is peaked....just a little....about what new colors the walls are sporting....well, I guess you'll just have to stop in and visit real soon.

Pre-Kindergarten Uses All Five Senses

at Bellaboo's -By Ms. Donna Terpstra, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher

Pre-kindergarten students had a fabulous field trip visiting Bellaboo's (a children's play and discovery center) in Lake Station, Indiana, in September. Bellaboo's was the perfect place for all of us to use our five senses, the very thing we've been talking about in the classroom. We began our visit listening to nursery rhymes and solving the mystery of who ate the missing cookies. The Bellaboo's director then led us to the water room - oh, boy, did we love that room! On to the Bellaboo's kitchen where we followed directions and made a cooking project that looked like a pig but did not smell (or taste) at all like a pig...it was really very yummy! Then on to the exercise room where we had fun feeling and crawling through the ball pit, climbing stairs, going through tunnels, and sliding down chutes. There was

so much to do at Bellaboo's: some of us served pizza in the pizza parlor, others shopped at the grocery store, some dressed up in fabulous clothing, and others set up housekeeping in the kitchen. We counted and classified shapes in the manipulative room and enjoyed playing with blocks and trains. Before we knew it, it was time to return to school. We thank God for the five senses with which He has blessed each of us to explore His world and places like Bellaboo's where we can have fun doing it!



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Denise Crum Skillfully Answers Phones and Questions

One of the most important tasks in a busy school office is answering questions and helping parents and students. In the short time that Denise Crum has worked in the Calvin office, she has filled that role with enthusiasm and expertise. She, and her husband Amos (an over-the-road) truck driver, have three sons: Julian (age 15), Jalen (age 13), and Jorell (kindergarten at Calvin). They are very active members of New Community Church in Park Forest, Illinois, a sister church of Lorimer Baptist Church in Dolton. She and Amos participate in the Worship Team and their older sons play in the youth band. Denise enjoys all genres of music and loves to sing and dance. She's always singing in the office. When she was younger, she had dreams of being in a band as a singer or drummer. She gets to make that dream a reality not just on Sundays mornings but also when she and her kids play "Rock Band" on their XBOX 360. "Music really makes me happy," she says.

During a church meeting, Denise found out about Calvin Christian School needing a part-time receptionist, so she applied for the position. After interviewing and seeing the school, she says, "I saw what a beautiful, loving environment the school had. The love and respect that is shown toward everyone (it's amazing). I felt it more as a family and not just a school. I knew that regardless of me receiving a job offer, I would definitely enroll my youngest son in the kindergarten program. I'm so blessed God provided me with both [employment and education for our son] and I'm able to be a part of this family school!"

Denise's favorite subject has always been

math....especially Algebra. She loves algebraic expressions. She helps and tutors her older children with their homework and says, "It drives them crazy when I can figure out the problem before they do and I always yell 'I still got it!'" Food: "Honestly, I just love food. I love trying new and different recipes and dishes from different cultures. My latest is Sushi... California Rolls with Wasabi sauce....YUMMY! I am ready for my next food adventure! Any suggestions?" She is a true sports mom as her kids are involved in football, basketball, softball, and track. Soccer and wrestling are soon to be added to the family sports list. She loves books and movies, especially movies based on books. She says, "I enjoy mysteries, suspenseful dramas. But comedies and SCARY MOVIES are my favorite. I make it a point to read the book before seeing the movie. I am a big Harry Potter fan and plan to be at the midnight showing of "Deathly Hollows." It was the best book of the series. Since I spend a lot of time in the car with all the kids' sports events, I typically do audio books, and have recently started downloading them on my IPOD and Zune."

Denise's favorite Scripture verse is Matthew 6:34: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will worry about itself, each day has enough troubles of its own." "I believe that every obstacle that is set before me and my family is a blessing. It is a lesson God wants me to learn from and is meant for me to seek His guidance and TRUST in His direction. Even though I do still worry, I know He will never leave not forsake me. I should always be faithful in Him and live one day at a time for His glory!"

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Denise Crum at left with her sister and son, Jorell, at Grandparents' Day.



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Academic Excellence and the Tremendous Importance of Reading

At Calvin Christian School (CCS), we have increasingly seen a strong link between reading outside of school (reading for pleasure) and educational achievement. In order to encourage reading, we have sought to greatly increase the expectations for students in the area of outside reading this school year. Please consider with me the following evidence for setting this direction at CCS. In the Spring of 2010, I conducted some school level research on the topic of reading. The Battle of the Books is a long-standing tradition for fifth and sixth grade students at Calvin Christian; it is open to everyone, involves reading a list of 50 books, runs most of the school year, ends in a competition, and is completely voluntary. Last year 10 students set out to read the required 50 books. The other 36 students, who were eligible, opted not to try to read the books. Later, out of interest in this topic, I compiled the average Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) scores for each of these groups of students. The "readers" had an average ITBS composite at the 89th percentile. The "non-readers" had an average ITBS composite at the 53rd percentile. Personally, I



"Take the step of requiring your child to read a book for 30 minutes a day and prepare to be amazed!"

was amazed to see a spread of 36 percentile points. This was a major motivator for me to investigate this topic further.

In the summer of 2010, I was referred to a study led by Mariah Evans, University

of Nevada, Reno, published in January 2010. The study is titled, Family scholarly culture and educational success: Books and schooling in 27 nations (the full report is available for purchase online at www.sciencedirect.com). Dr. Evans and her colleague discovered that a scholarly culture in the home (as indicated by a home library of 500+ books) leads to an average increase in educational achievement of 3.2 years (2.4 years in the U.S.). Basically, students who like to read enjoy school, and those who enjoy school do well in school. The study says it this way, "...scholarly culture provides skills and competencies that are useful in school, and reflects a preference for an enjoyment of books and reading that makes schooling congenial, or enjoyable." The abstract of this study (available for free online at www.sciencedirect.com), reads, "Children growing up in homes with many books get 3 years more schooling than children from book less homes, independent of their parents' education, occupation, and class. This is as great an advantage as having university educated rather than unschooled parents, and twice the advantage of having a professional rather than an unskilled father. It holds equally in rich nations and in poor; in the past and in the present; under Communism, capitalism, and Apartheid; and most strongly in China. Data are from representative national samples in 27 nations, with over 70,000 cases..." (Copyright 2010).

The following is a true story that I have permission to share with you. In the fall of 2009, before I read the study cited above and before I did the Battle of the Books mini-study at Calvin, there was a student in Calvin's middle school whose parents were concerned about his low reading comprehension scores on the ITBS. They asked me what to do, and I explained that the best way to improve reading comprehension is by reading. The parents talked and decided that their son would need to read for at least 30 minutes before he could go on the computer each night. At first he read for exactly 30 minutes and then went straight to the computer. After only a few months, he began to enjoy reading so much that they can now hardly tear him away from the books.

A year went by and, as the late Paul Harvey used to say, here is the rest of the story.



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Recently, we received our ITBS results back for this school year (Fall 2010). In one year's time, this student improved his Vocabulary from the 34th to the 62nd percentile, his Reading Comprehension from the 55th to the 86th percentile and his Total Reading from the 46th to the 75th percentile! I don't need to tell you that these increases are significant. In the previous five years, his Total Reading scores had varied, up or down, by an average of 7.5 percentile points per school year. An increase of 29 percentile points in one year is simply amazing. His composite scores (overall ITBS) improved from the 65th to the 78th percentile, which more than doubled his typical composite variance from year to year.

These results are even more impressive when you compare them to the rest of the class. On average, the students in this class improved their Reading Total by 2 percentile points from last year to this year. This includes the score of the student we are discussing, which means the scores for



Academic Excellence and the Tremendous Importance of Reading...*Continued*

the group would have been basically steady or consistent without his marked improvement. The range in Reading Total for this class this year is from the 40th to the 99th percentile. So, in the area of reading, this student went from the bottom of the class to the middle of the class in only one year! My goal is not to place undue emphasis on class rank, but simply to illustrate that reading for pleasure can have a tremendous impact on a student's academic success.

So, what are the implications of all this information for parents? Simply stated, fostering a love of reading in your home is probably the greatest single thing you can do to ensure academic success for your child. The research indicates that this will translate to higher test scores and a higher rate of graduation from college and graduate school.

What are some ideas for how to reach this goal? Consider reducing the number of screens in your home by removing screens from a child's bedroom, etc. Consider limiting computer time, monitoring mobile phone use, and relegating TV to weekends or special days. Try taking your child to the public library on a weekly basis and checking out books as a family. Think about providing reading goals, reading aloud to your younger child, and setting an example of reading for pleasure when you are together in the evening or on weekends.

How does this connect with structured homework? Although homework is very important and we greatly appreciate parent



support in this area, I am not indicating that parents should expect their children to read and re-read their textbooks on evenings and weekends. Here at Calvin Christian we aim for 10 minutes of homework per night per grade level, so a typical fourth grade student should have 40 minutes per night. This includes the time that is spent on homework in Extended Care. Beyond these 40 minutes a night is when I am suggesting that parents encourage pleasure reading with books from the public library, books from the school li-

brary, or books that are purchased. Take the step of requiring your child to read a book for 30 minutes a day and prepare to be amazed!

Ryan Groen
Principal

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Jessica Pyper Has a Passion for God's World

Grand Rapids native, Jessica Pyper, joins Calvin's staff this year teaching Science, Math, and Computer Applications to Middle School students. Her high energy level, infectious smile, and pleasant demeanor have already endeared her to the staff. Jessica attended Potter's House Christian Elementary School, Grand Rapids Christian High School, and Calvin College. The two subjects she loves are math and science. She says, "I have a passion for both of these areas because I desire to further explore God's world, and I love to discover God's diversity and order through His creation." Ever since she was young she had the desire to become a teacher. Both her mother and aunt were strong examples of how rewarding teaching can be. She has always loved learning and helping others to learn and to explore God's world.

[What led you to CCS?] "This question is a simple one....God led me to Calvin Christian School. I did not have many job opportunities in Michigan. I never would have imagined I would teach in a different state or city other than Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mr. Groen contacted me, I toured CCS, I interviewed, and, obviously, God chose for me to move away from Michigan and begin my teaching career in South Holland. I feel comfortable at Calvin – all the students, teachers, parents, and staff have warmly welcomed me into the community. My hope is that my students will learn to have a great apprecia-



Jessica Pyper on right.

tion and love for God, life, and God's creation (nature, people, etc.)."

When Jessica was asked about her favorite things, she responded....**Food:** "I LOVE FOOD! My grandma Pyper makes a really good Wilted Lettuce Salad and I enjoy steak with A-1 sauce and chicken pitas from Mr. Burger." **Hobbies:** Taking pictures (especially of nature). **Books:** Bible, Harry Potter, Where the Red Fern Grows, Crazy Love. **Games:** Scatter-

gories, Guesstures, Slamwich, WAH! **Scripture passage:** "I have two favorite Bible passages and they both have to do with God's great love. 1 Cor. 13:1-8 and Romans 8:38-39 both share that no matter how many times we mess up, nothing can ever separate us from God's unending love. The love that we experience here on earth is not even comparable to the amazing, unending love that God has for each one of His children." [Amen to that!]

Classes of 1960, 1980, 2000 Reunite

Alumni from the classes of 1960, 1980, and 2000 were welcomed to Calvin for a reunion celebrating their graduations from fifty, thirty, and ten years ago. Although a light crowd, the group of graduates enjoyed mingling with their Calvin Christian friends and reminiscing about their elementary school years. Most of the attendees enjoyed wandering the halls, seeing what had changed. Did you know the gradu-

ates of 1960 didn't have a gym when they attended Calvin? They didn't have sports until high school, and even then, they had to cartwheel down the hallway!



Next fall, Calvin will invite the classes of 1961 and 1986 to celebrate their 50th and 25th Class Reunions. If you are a graduate from 1961 or 1986 (or if you know someone who is), please send updated contact

information to the school via mail, e-mail (aoldenkamp@calvinschool.org), or facebook (Calvin Christian School alumni). See you there!



“Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones, but Color Will Never Divide Me.” - Kenyé Askew, Class of 2010

“We are stronger together than apart.”

At Calvin Christian School, I was introduced to an ethnicity other than my own which is African-American. There are two distinct races at this school: black and white. I was brought into the mindset of other individuals and became fast friends. You can obviously see the love for God and others. As Galatians 3:28 states, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Calvin Christian has taught me love for all races through interaction with different students, through instruction in the classroom, and through service projects.

When I started my experience here at Calvin two years ago, I was astonished by the atmosphere. People seemed to get along even though they were of a different race. During my seventh grade year at Calvin, we

participated in a service project called Feed My Starving Children.

“As Christians,
we were united
for a greater
good so we
could help those
in need.”

In geography class we have had open discussions about our feelings toward racism. Instead of our comments breaking us apart, it brought us together. We are free to talk to teachers about our problems with others and we are able to say it openly. During science class labs we are learning to work together and hear others' views so we can solve a problem.

Being here at Calvin has opened my views to others' feelings. When I walk these halls, I see people laughing and bonding just as if they were the same race. We are stronger together than apart. This shows me God's creation and how we are all equal. As Romans 10:12 states, “For the same Lord is for all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.”

This Christian environment has brought me happiness and understanding about God's people.

“Some may think that we are divided by the color of our skin, but we are united in the way that we are all children of God.”



We bond over the Bible and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. In the end, we'll all come together just as we're supposed to be. Sticks and stones may break my bones, but color will never divide me.

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Fall Sports

- Heather Ritzema, Athletic Director



The 6th/7th grade girls' volleyball team finished their regular season with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses. The season was a great success and the girls learned a lot about the game of volleyball and how to play as a team. One notable season highlight was earning Second Place at the Southwest Tinley Park Tournament. Members of the team include: Kathryn Boerman-Cornell, Mekalah El-Amin, Brianna McNeal, Asia Miller, Aaryana Moore, Gina Novotny, Ahlaya Pierre-Louis, Deborah Smith, Hilary Van Drunen, Ashley Wiltjer, and Heather Wiltjer.

The 8th grade girls' volleyball team finished their regular season with a record of 6 wins and 6 losses. The girls were able to improve their volleyball skills throughout the season and as a team we focused on encouraging our teammates and working

together on the volleyball court. Highlights from the season were starting off with a 4-1 record and earning Third Place at the Southwest Tinley Park Tournament. Members of the team include: Sydney Clayborn, Chanel Easter, Alexis Genous, Paige Gouwens, Karlen Mulder, and Jana Simon. Thanks to the 6th and 7th grade girls for helping out the 8th grade team throughout the season. The girls' volleyball teams were coached by Heather Ritzema and Jessica Pyper.

The soccer team finished their regular season with a record of 7 wins and 7 losses. After starting off the season 1-3, the soccer team won five out of the last nine games and took Second Place at the Protestant Reformed Tournament. The soccer team proved to be the top team in their division by only suffering one loss against Southwest



Tinley Park during the regular season. The team went on to defeat Southwest Tinley Park two consecutive times with scores of 2-0 and 3-0 with the final game advancing them to the semi-finals in the end of the season tournament. Members of the team include: Kenneth Caston, Nathan De Young, Isaiah Easter, Noah Ebbens, Adam Galloy, Daniel Herman, Dillon Herman, Keenan Luther, David Marshall, Bryan Meyer, Christian Peevy, Jerrod Sims, Drew Smits, Ben Tiemersma, Justin Townsend, Chad Vander Zee, Jon Veurink, and Jeremiah Wiltjer. The soccer team was coached by Jeremy Ritzema and assisted by Mark Tiemersma.

Thank you to all of the athletes and coaches for your time and hard work this season. Congratulations to both the soccer and volleyball teams on a job well done!

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Summary of Ministry Needs 2010-2011

A campaign to support the present and future ministry of Calvin Christian School where we are helping children achieve academic excellence and grow in faith in order to answer God's call to transform the world.

Calvin Christian School Mission Statement

Calvin Christian School exists to provide an excellent Christ-centered education to children of believers. In support of parents and in cooperation with Christian churches, Calvin will provide this education from a Reformed perspective. Meaning, we help such children see God's creation through the perspective of God's Word, understand God's redemptive and providential work throughout history, and live lives of Christian service that exemplify love for God and love for their neighbors.

Calvin Christian School Vision Statement

We are a diverse group of Christians working together to help children achieve academic excellence and grow in faith in order to answer God's call to transform the world.

How Are We Doing?

It's important for us to receive feedback on how well Calvin Christian School is meeting its mission. Would you take a few minutes and respond to the following two questions?
What evidence have you seen that Calvin is meeting its mission?
Do you have suggestions for how Calvin could better meet its mission?

Your input is invaluable as we continue to be the best we can be as we reflect on "Are we who we say we are?" Just e-mail Kathy Huizenga in the office with your response (khuizenga@calvinschool.org).
Thanks for your help!

Our Present

Commitment to Academic Excellence.....	\$300,000
<i>Teacher compensation, Textbooks, & Professional Development</i>	
Tuition Assistance	\$30,000
Increased Role of Technology	\$20,000
<i>SMART technology, LCD Projectors, Teacher Training</i>	
	\$350,000
Pledged or Received to date:	<u>\$101,817</u>
	Remaining: \$248,183

Our Campus

General Facilities Improvements.....	\$16,000
Facilities Renewal (Capital Campaign)	
Replace roof over main building, gym hallway, etc	\$110,000
Replace boiler	\$45,000
Gymnasium air conditioning and heat	\$35,000
Replace ceiling and hallway tiles	\$10,600
Update main office	\$3,400
	\$220,000
Pledged or Received to date:	<u>\$102,075</u>
	Remaining: \$117,925

Our Future

Foundation.....	\$30,000
<i>Investments in sustaining the mission of CCS</i>	
	\$30,000
Pledged or Received to date:	<u>\$2,120</u>
	Remaining: \$27,880



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Major Gift for Campus Needs

Warm classrooms and a roof that sheds water are necessary for Calvin Christian School to accomplish her mission. For this reason, Calvin Christian School is seeking to raise funds to provide for these important needs. Currently, we have a boiler that is cracked and a roof that leaks. The boiler and roof need to be replaced in order to continue to provide a dry and warm school for students.

We are excited to announce that Calvin Christian School recently received a \$100,000 gift to address these needs. The goal is to match this \$100,000 so that we can continue to provide for a suitable facil-

ity to accomplish Calvin's vision of helping children achieve academic excellence and grow in faith in order to answer God's call to transform the world.

By matching this \$100,000, every gift is effectively doubled. When you give \$10, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or more...your gift will be matched by this \$100,000 gift. Please see the list of campus needs in the **Summary of Ministry Needs**. Every gift to campus needs helps Calvin Christian maintain a suitable facility to meet our mission of providing an excellent, Christ-centered education to the children of believers. Please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to

participate in this important process of facilities' renewal at Calvin Christian School. All gifts are tax deductible and will be receipted accordingly. God has blessed each of us so that we can be a blessing, and your support would truly be a blessing to Calvin Christian School.

In Christ,
Ryan Groen
Principal

Memorials

In Memory of John and Minnie Iwema

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Swart Lansing, Illinois

In Memory of Helen Knudsen

Mr. and Mrs. Sid De Boer Lansing, Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Van Noort family Dyer, Indiana

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