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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week is all about spirit here at Cathedral School. The Student Council has organized a fun-filled week of activities, special dress-up days, trivia, and Staff vs. Student contests in softball, volleyball and basketball. To cap off the week, we'll host our annual CCCS Talent Show this evening and the lineup of talent is outstanding!

Our grade 8 UVic Science Challenge team showed us what real TEAM WORK and clear thinking can accomplish as once again (four years in a row now) they ended up on the podium! Well done students, and well done to all our Science-loving students. You can read more about it from their Science Teacher, Lara Salchert in this newsletter.

Congratulations again to Nuvra and her grade four classmates for focusing on positive action in support of the Fort McMurray fire victims. They surpassed all expectations with that 'little' bake sale. Well done!

Please be sure to read my update about School security on page 4. We continue to invest a lot of resources as we lobby for real solutions to the current situation and I ask you to help out by continuing your own efforts on behalf of the School. Be sure to listen to [Dean Tucker's sermon](#) from last Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, or read the print version here: [Christ Church Cathedral - May 15 Sermon](#).

Please continue to write your own letters and emails to our politicians. We have attached a pdf to this newsletter email that contains contact information for local and provincial politicians. If I may suggest, please focus your letters at the Provincial level as it is the Province that has ultimate responsibility for the situation. Ministers Coleman, Bernier, Anton, Morris, Virk and Premier Clark all deserve to hear your views about how the situation at Tent City is affecting us all.

Stuart Hall

## **Weekly Calendar** For detailed listings, see: <http://cathedralschool.ca/about-cccs/school-calendar/>

Thursday, May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talent Show tonight 6:00pm</li> </ul>
Friday, May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pro-D Day. Lux Mundi is available</li> <li>Staff Appreciation Luncheon</li> </ul>
Monday, May 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Victoria Day. School is closed. Lux Mundi is not available</li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VISAA Track Meet at UVic</li> <li>Fruit &amp; Veggie Drop-off (day 1 of 2)</li> <li>Grade 2 French Play 12:00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday, May 25 Chapel Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fruit &amp; Veggie Drop off (day 2 of 2)</li> <li>Grade 1 French Play 12:00pm</li> <li>Parent Info Session - ATHLETICS 5:00 - 6:00pm</li> <li>Deadline for sponsorship of the CCCS 25th Anniversary Event</li> </ul>
Thursday, May 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten French Play 12:00pm</li> </ul>



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<http://eepurl.com/b1JTgX>

## News, Upcoming Events & Important Information:

### Let's Talk Science Challenge



This year's team did a fantastic job placing second with a score of 178 points after competing against over 30 teams from the region to include Chemainus and Nanaimo. The entire team did a fantastic job and they should be extremely proud of their accomplishments, as I certainly appreciate how hard they have all worked these past few months in preparation. The competition from Royal Oak Middle School was extremely tough this year, but our team put in an amazing effort and were a formidable team.

What impressed me most about this team was their ability to remain calm while working under pressure, the strong teamwork displayed when problems were encountered, and their ingenuity and perseverance during a difficult design challenge. Instead of giving up in frustration when things weren't going their way, they worked together and made things happen, successfully completing a very tough design challenge. I could tell that even the judges were rooting for them as they were impressed by the level of teamwork demonstrated in combination with the complexity and creativity of their design. I know that the students had high hopes of winning again this year, but I think they accomplished much more than that by demonstrating exceptional teamwork, strength of character, and excellent sportsmanship. They did a phenomenal job representing the school today and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

~ Lara Salchert



**June 3—RSVP Deadline for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Evening:** Please contact the office or order tickets online by June 3<sup>rd</sup> to RSVP for the CCCS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 10pm. An invitation card and letter regarding sponsorship opportunities was sent home with each family last Thursday.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the school office or online through our [website](#) by clicking on the image of the invitation. We hope many of our current parents will attend

this special, "once-every-quarter-century" event and support our school! We will be drawing for a prize from the names of the first 100 tickets sold. **The prize is a stay at the beautiful Inn at Laurel Point.** We will be conducting other draws during the evening of June 17<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to get your tickets soon. Those who have already purchased tickets are already included in this draw.

### A Message About Tent City from Stuart Hall

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in incidents related to drug use around the school. Tent City is the common factor in each of these incidents. Dean Ansley Tucker stated in her sermons last Sunday, things have changed at Tent City. Many of the leaders at Tent City who were focused on building community and maintaining some norms of behaviour have moved into transitional or permanent housing. Tent City has *devolved* as Dean Tucker put it, and it is time for a change. You can hear the Dean's full sermon [here](#), and I encourage all our parents to make the time to hear her words. As part of her sermon, the Dean read a poem, written by one of our grade four students, titled "If a Dragon Moved Next Door." We have included that poem in this week's newsletter. Following the incidents, I wrote to Minister Coleman, Premier Christy Clark, other MLAs, the Mayor and Council, and the executive of the Federation of Independent Schools Association and strongly requested that significant resources be focused on this problem immediately. I have a meeting with the CEO of BC Housing next week and will be painting a very clear picture of the current situation as well as our desired outcome for the future of Mount Edwards Court. The Province is showing signs that the magnitude of the situation deserves attention and have assigned a security guard to patrol around the school at pick up and drop off times. Meanwhile, we remain vigilant about student safety, hyper vigilant actually, and continue to adjust our practices in response to activity in the area to ensure the safety of our students. I hope I don't have to eat these words, but I remain confident that our collective calls for action and continued pressure on the Provincial government will result in a resolution to Tent City soon.

**Bake Sale Fundraiser for Fort McMurray:** Thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale fundraiser for Fort McMurray. We raised close to \$500!

**Talent Show:** It's TONIGHT! Pizza, chips and pop will be for sale prior to the Talent Show. Curtain time is 6:00pm.



**Spring Fair Wristbands** will be sold tonight at the Talent Show for the advance sale price of \$20.00



**Last Fruit & Veggie Collection Dates of the year:** Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> are the last opportunities to donate fruit and veggies to St. Vincent de Paul. We have 404 lbs collected thus far. It sure would be nice to double that number for our final drop-off. Our donations are very much needed and appreciated by those in need in our community. Thank you for your support!

**Deadline for Sponsorship of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event:** Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is the final day to sponsor the CCCS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. You or your company will be recognized in various ways, depending on the level of sponsorship. Please contact Stuart Hall to discuss this opportunity.

**VISAA Track Meet—Tuesday, May 24:** For participating students in grades 3 - 7. Held at UVic.

**Parent Info Session— Wednesday, May 25: Athletics** is the theme for this session. Please sign up in the office

**Spring Fair—Saturday, May 28:** Don't miss it! See details in the PSG Post.



***We are looking for some tasty treats for the bake sale!*** Information about the bake sale and the supplies for packaging your treats are being sent home with the students this week. Please drop off your baked goods on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to the school kitchen or office. All students who bring in a plate of baked goodies will be entered in a draw to win a \$20 Gift Card from Toys R Us!

#### **Aga Khan World Partnership Walk 2016**

The AKFC is having its annual **World Partnership Walk at UVic on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** For more information, click the link. <https://www.worldpartnershipwalk.com/en/walk-cities/victoria>

**ABC (Anything But Cars) Week—May 30 - Jun 2:** We challenge you to get to school in a green way! The class with the most tallies (earned by getting to school in a green way) will win a prize! New this year, on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the last day of ABC week, the Green Team will be hosting a Green Parade! That is where anyone who wants to participate meets at **Government House at 8:00am** with their form of green transportation (bike, scooter, walking, skateboard, etc.). We will parade down Rockland Avenue to the school.

**Cambridge Uniforms Fitting Day—Wednesday, June 1:** Sign up in the office for your fitting appointment 2 - 6 pm

**Small Christian Schools Track Meet (hosted by CCCS)—Friday, June 3:** Students must arrive on time as events will not be delayed for latecomers. Please note that all students are to be dropped off at the University of Victoria in the morning. Students in full-time Lux Mundi care may return to school on the school bus.

**Spring Concert—Thursday, June 9 at 6:00 pm :** All grades will be performing in the Cathedral.

**Beach Day—Friday, June 10:** Beach Day at Willows Beach

**Summer Program Registration:** Registration forms for the Lux Mundi Summer Program are available in the office or from the school website. There are still a few spaces available but time is running out.



**Summer Camps: Technology / Multi-Sport / Theatre Camps. Sign up soon** to ensure these camps will not be cancelled due to low enrolment. See the Quick Links on the [website](#) for details on each camp. **Camps without sufficient enrollment will be cancelled two weeks prior to the start date.** Please contact the office if you are interested in these exciting day camps for your son or daughter. These camps are open to everyone, not just CCCS students, so spread the word to your friends with children who may be interested.

### Piano Morning Mini-Camps with Mrs Erickson this summer!



This summer Mrs Erickson will be holding two piano mini-camps at the school. The camps are for ages 5 - 10. The goal for the summer piano camp is for students to enjoy exploring music through the piano. For students new to piano, it's a great place to start. For students that already have music experience this environment helps to reinforce their existing knowledge and build on it.

Each fun-filled morning will include learning piano music as well as lots of music games and activities. Sign up for one camp or do them both! Each camp will have a different theme. Each camp is limited to 10 students, so be sure to register early...

July 25 - 29 9am - 10:30am. \$115 for the week and includes a Piano Camp T-shirt

August 15 - 18 (M - Th) 9am - 10:30am. \$90 (4 days) includes a Piano Camp T-Shirt

To register please email Mrs Erickson at [music@cathedralschool.ca](mailto:music@cathedralschool.ca) to request a registration package.

## IF A DRAGON MOVED NEXT DOOR

by Aidan Mallet

If a dragon moved next door,  
I'd buy him food from the store.  
And include him in our games,  
And shelter him when it rains.

But if that dragon chose to roar,  
I'd have to lock and bolt my door  
And fireproof my wooded floor  
For his flames would burn me....and I'd be no more!

And if this happened, I'd be sad,  
Because that dragon isn't bad.  
That dragon is just breathing his nature,  
And trying to be mature...

Though we are still friends, without a doubt,  
I am now forced to keep him out.  
Perhaps it's time he moved away,  
So we can come back out and play.