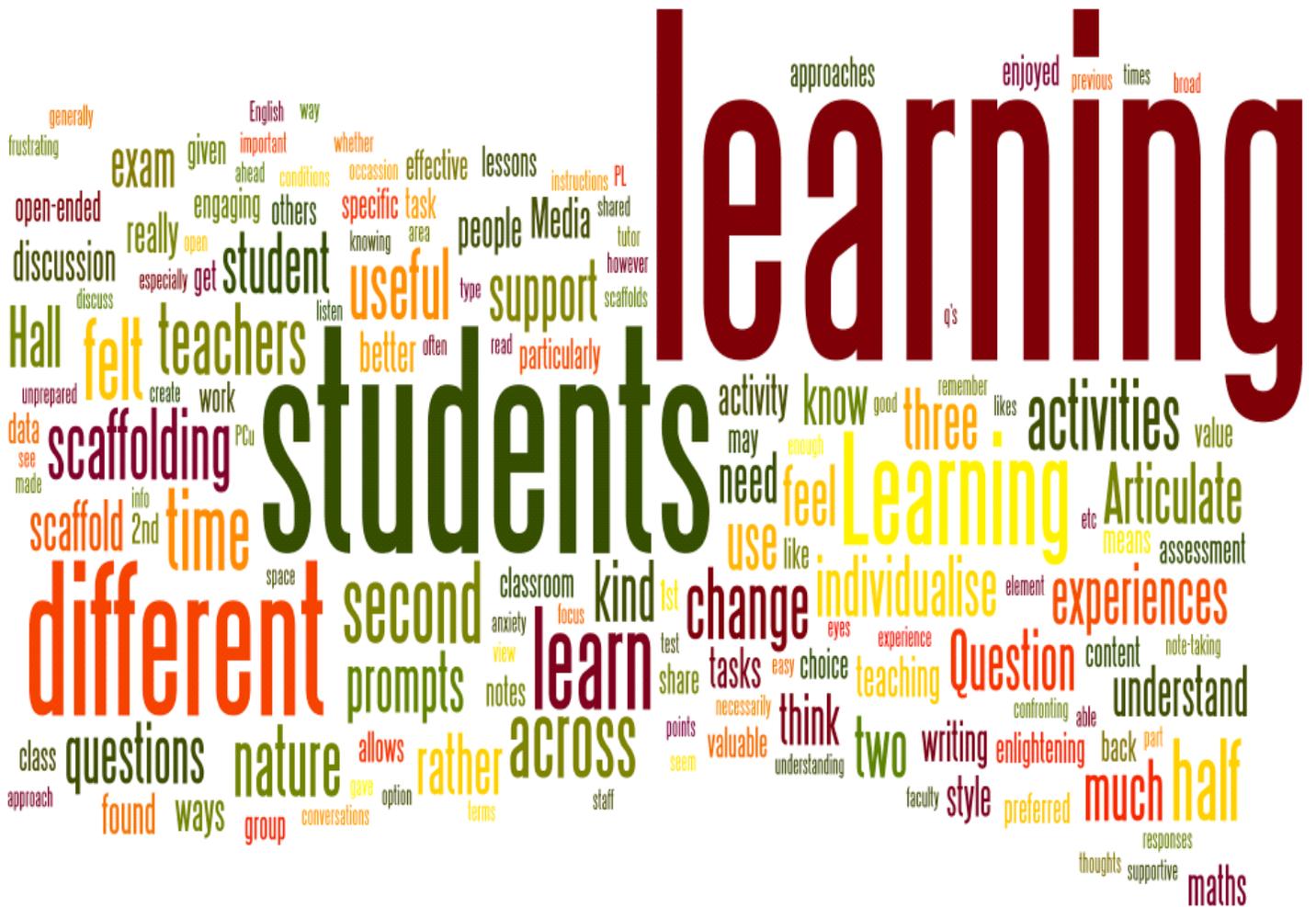


BRANCHES



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The purpose of our parental Christian School is to educate our children to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for a life of responsible stewardship in God's Kingdom.

From the Chairman....

Chris Hoff

Welcome back to all!

The summer has passed quickly, and the recent cool weather serves as a (somewhat melancholy) reminder that autumn is approaching. Just a few days after you receive this, a new and exciting school year will begin. We hope that students, teachers and administration alike had a refreshing summer, and have renewed energy.

It takes a Village to Raise a Child

I suppose no group of students would be more excited than the gaggle of Kindergarten children that will fill two classes again this year. They have heard stories about school, dreamed about what it would be like, and treasure the newfound independence. With God's blessing, each of these children will be trained in our collective school system for 13 years. Upon graduation, each of these children will have been trained as disciples and ambassadors of Christ, charged with their own office in God's master plan. Over this time many influences will shape these children - at home, in the church, with family and friends, as well as many sources outside our covenant community. We hope and pray CCES will serve an important influence in inculcating a Reformed worldview that enables children to interpret the times and school disciplines with discernment.

CCES is also a complex social environment, where children learn to interact with one another, and with authority. Encouraging children to practice godly virtues such as humility, love, peace and patience in this environment is a real challenge. We pray that the staff, students, volunteers - and most of all parents - will be supplied with discernment, strength and wisdom.

Welcomes!!

First of all, we offer a hearty welcome to our new Special Education Assistant, Marie Bosma. Marie graduated from Credo High, has a degree from Providence College in California, and is a member of the United Reformed Church in Abbotsford. Marie aspires to be a teacher, but needs to fulfill a few requirements to be certified in British Columbia. It is a blessing that such a qualified candidate is available as SEA support in the intermediate grades, especially Rachel Vanderhorst in Grade 7, and we praise God for his gracious providence. Marie - no doubt this year will be exciting for you, and we are confident that you will be a great addition to the school.

Four new families have enrolled their children beginning this September. In addition to new families announced in the past (VanDyke and Vanderveen), we also welcome Bob and Cindy Huttema and their children, who have recently moved from Coaldale to Aldergrove; we also welcome Bob and Yvonne Onderwater and their children back to CCES.

Finally, we also welcome families who may have been members for some time, but are sending their first child to

school. We invite you to become heavily involved in school activities (if you are not already), from volunteering in various capacities, to serving on the Board and its committees.

Other Staff Events

The summer also proved eventful for staff (present and former), as Stephen and Jessica Chase were blessed with their son Josiah, and David and Tessa Siebenga were blessed with a son named Nathan. May God bless you as you fulfill your baptismal vows. At the time of writing, Leslie Scholtens and Paul Kang are anticipating their fourth child, and we pray for God's blessing upon delivery. And finally, Jessica Dokter was married to Kevin DeBoer over the summer and returns as Jessica DeBoer

Summer Projects

Summertime is the busiest part of the year for the maintenance committee, and a number of 'refresher' projects were completed in time for the new school year. The anchor project this summer was renovation and minor enlargement to the staff room. We trust that this room will become more functional for staff. We offer a big thanks to the maintenance committee for their diligence.

It is also good to extend thanks to those that attended the summer work-bee on August 25, including those that supplied equipment and vehicles. Attendance was better than previous years, and quite a bit was accomplished including landscaping projects and replacing the light fixtures in the gym. Thanks also to Fritz and Corrie DeWit for preparing the school over the summer.

Cooperation with William of Orange

In the March 2012 edition of *Branches*, we noted that CCES and William of Orange (WOCS) are exploring opportunities to cooperate as an interim solution to enrolment and/or financial challenges that both schools face. At the May 2012 membership meeting and June 2012 Branches, the Board solicited volunteers that may be willing to attend WOCS for an interim 2-3 year period, until a longer term solution is put in place (based upon the efforts of the Joint Fraser Valley Strategic Planning Committee). We again ask that families give this request prayerful consideration. Possibilities for cooperation with WOCS will be a priority for the Board this fall, as planning for the 2013-2014 year begins in earnest. More specific information on this will be forthcoming soon, including possible financial incentives.

Other Board Matters

In addition to the matter of cooperation with WOCS, the Board has a number of other challenging matters on its plate this year, as well as the more routine matters. Soon we, and the various committees, will begin to meet regularly. It is our prayer that the Lord will guide each of us, and grant us the wisdom to govern this school in a way that pleases Him.

From the Principal....

Heres Snijder

Transformed

September is already here! For the last two weeks, teachers have been in and out of the school building to prepare for the school year that lies ahead. Currently, they are still meandering around items that will eventually find their way back into the newly renovated staffroom. A new floor, kitchen cabinets and counter, along with a new painting job adds to the excitement of a fresh start to another season of learning and teaching. A big thank you to several volunteers and tradesmen who have contributed to this renovation project - and a tip o' the hat to the Development Committee: directing Golf-a-thon money to this project is a tangible and daily reminder of your selfless support to the school.

Indeed, it is cause for gratitude that staff members are back - safe and sound, even though we have changed! Jerry Scholtens has become grandpa again! Stephen Chase is proud and thankful father of Josiah and Jessica Dokter has returned as Mrs. deBoer: congratulations to you all!



articulates before he dies, is that God's children will see his glory." (page 18)

Attractive Bible League student planners help teachers and students to stay focused on this crucially important theme: 'the Bible verses chosen for the Verse-of-the-day selections all have to do with leading a Christ-centered life, a transformed life, a life that pleases our heavenly Father. Think about caterpillars: they are at best plain looking creatures. Then they crawl into a cocoon and are transformed into winged wonders! God is at work doing that kind of transformation in YOU!' As Credo strives to be a Christ-centered school, these planners will serve us well fulfill this mandate. You are encouraged to make good use of this communication tool. As well - please pick up the phone, or visit the school in person, if there are any issues or developments pertaining to education that you wish to discuss with teacher or principal: THIS SCHOOL IS YOUR SCHOOL!

New staff members

A Special Welcome to our new staff members this year: Kim Boersema (Kindergarten), Natasja Van Rhee (Grade 5), Alyson Bosch (Grade 2) and Marie Bosma (Special Education). Marie was awarded a .8 position as Special Education Assistant. She has recently completed her teacher training at Providence College in Pasa Dena, California. We are very happy to have all of you join Credo! May God bless you as you interact with students, staff and supporters in the Credo community!

This is also Nathan Boersema's first year as Vice Principal at Credo. As our school continues to increase in size and with a view to many rapid developments and changes in the field of education, to have a capable educator like Nathan as vice principal is a most welcome addition. God's blessings to you this year, Nathan!

Transformed into His Likeness

... And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The year's theme is taken from 2 Corinthians 3:18. Jos Douma (2012) notes that ...'the Westminster Shorter Catechism, a confession from the 17th century, describes the same reality in the answer to the question: "What is the chief end of man?" by answering: "Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Enjoying God. Delighting yourself in the glory of the Lord. Beholding the glory of the Lord with a beaming face. This is our destination! Our destination is not that we live a nice life here on earth or that we are successful here. Our destination is that we behold the glory of the Lord. This has value for eternity and thus will also continue once we have died. Listen to this prayer of Jesus: "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you have loved me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:24). Thus, Jesus' deepest desire, the affectionate longing he



Below, please find an updated teacher assignment chart, along with adjusted class sizes. 'Class size' and 'Pupil Teacher Ratio' have been topics of ongoing conversations at staff, Education Committee and Board levels. No doubt, with the burgeoning student population, your sustained (prayerful) involvement is also needed this year. New Kindergarten class: A special 'Welcome to Credo!' to all students in Kindergarten class this

Branches

year. This is a big moment in time for these children - and parents - and Mrs. Onderwater and Boersema are committed to assisting your students in making this significant transition.

New students: A special welcome is extended to the Huttema, Onderwater, Vanderveen and VanDyke

families.

We are looking forward to your presence, involvement and input, to get to know you better, and to build community with your children Adrian, Amy, Robyn & Caitlyn Huttema; Regan & Vienna Onderwater; Torah & Elijah VanderVeen and Reuben & Carl VanDyke.

Grade	# of students	Teacher
KA	13	J.Onderwater
KB	12	K. Boersema
1	23	M.McDougal
2	23	A.Bosch
2/3	18	S.Chase
3	21	N.Boersema & J.Onderwater .2 fte
4	26	J.Scholten
5	26	L.Vanspronsen & N. VanRhee
6	22	J.deBoerr
7	24	R.Vanderhorst
SEA/TA		
		D.Huttema
4		K.Meints
2/3, various		E.Boot
1		A.VanSpronsen
2/3		J.Spoor
Intermediate SEA		M. Bosma
Principal/ Music (4-7)		H.Snijder
Vice-principal		N. Boersema
Total enrollment	208	

September is a good time to have a look at the Handbook!

There are many 'best practices' in place at CREDO, handily compiled in the **Parent Student Handbook**. The purpose of this handbook is to inform parents, students and others involved in the operation of the Credo Christian Elementary School, about its organization and its programs. Through this means we hope to erase any confusion or misconceptions about requirements as well as inform students and their parents what is being taught and what student expectations ought to be. It is expected that parents communicate these to the student. This Handbook explains many of our policies, procedures and expectations. **Suggestions for improvement are always welcome!**

Of the many 'best practices', please be reminded of the following that have immediate relevance, right from day one.

Credo is peanut-free!

Please remember that CCES has students who are allergic to peanuts. Please do not pack peanuts or peanut products in your child's lunches: a peanut-allergic reaction could be fatal.

Yard Supervision:

Would you be interested to volunteer with noon-hour

supervision? Please contact the principal if you are able and willing: teachers very much appreciate a few extra 'spare' minutes!

Rain and recesses:

Grade 4-7 students will be outside for recess, also when it rains. Could you please send your son and daughter to school with weather appropriate attire, also on rainy days.

School closures:

Should the school be closed due to inclement weather or adverse road conditions, this information will be relayed to the radio station CKNW 980. This info will also be posted on Credo's Website. Please note that you will not receive a phone call in the morning.

School hours:

School starts at 8:40 am!

Moving about:

Please be reminded that roller blades, wheelies, scooter shoes, shoes that leave black marks are not allowed on the school premises.

Electronics:

CD players, MP3 players, cell phones, digital cameras etc., are to be left at home, unless the teacher has specifically

included these communication devices in a lesson or project. ***This is also important to remember for school related field trips.***

School emergency protocol:

For each month of this year an emergency preparedness drill is scheduled, in preparation of a fire, earthquake or a lock-down. School emergencies can be tragic and traumatic. For that reason CCES makes every effort to anticipate emergencies in a pro-active manner.

Opening Assembly

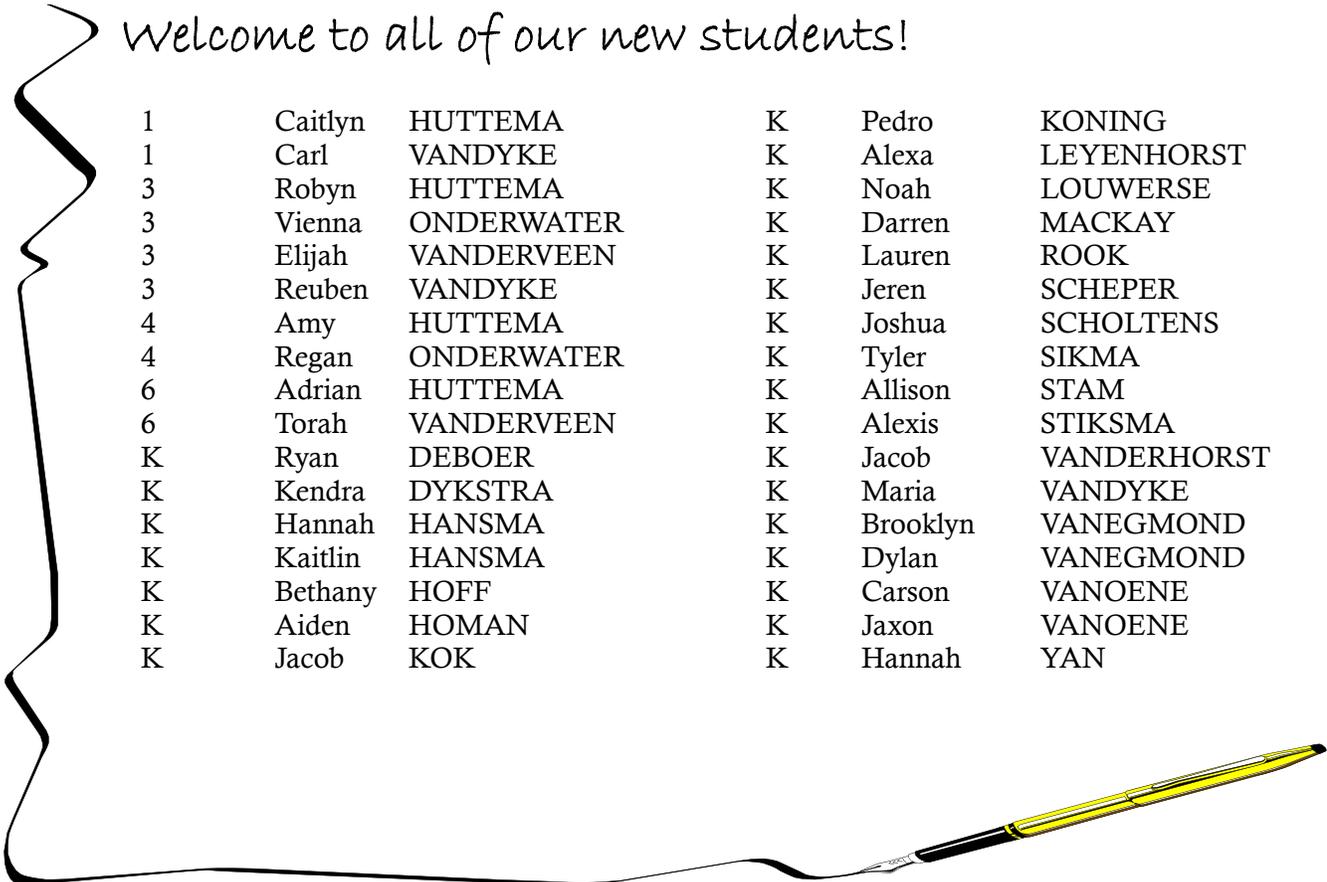
Staff is looking forward to your presence on September 4 at 10:00 am to start the new school year in song, Scripture reading and prayer, to commit this new season of learning together to the LORD and ask for His indispensable blessing.

Communicate

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time if you have any questions, concerns or great ideas that may keep this school moving from a good school to a great school!

Welcome to all of our new students!

1	Caitlyn	HUTTEMA	K	Pedro	KONING
1	Carl	VANDYKE	K	Alexa	LEYENHORST
3	Robyn	HUTTEMA	K	Noah	LOUWERSE
3	Vienna	ONDERWATER	K	Darren	MACKAY
3	Elijah	VANDERVEEN	K	Lauren	ROOK
3	Reuben	VANDYKE	K	Jeren	SCHEPER
4	Amy	HUTTEMA	K	Joshua	SCHOLTENS
4	Regan	ONDERWATER	K	Tyler	SIKMA
6	Adrian	HUTTEMA	K	Allison	STAM
6	Torah	VANDERVEEN	K	Alexis	STIKSMA
K	Ryan	DEBOER	K	Jacob	VANDERHORST
K	Kendra	DYKSTRA	K	Maria	VANDYKE
K	Hannah	HANSMA	K	Brooklyn	VANEGMOND
K	Kaitlin	HANSMA	K	Dylan	VANEGMOND
K	Bethany	HOFF	K	Carson	VANOENE
K	Aiden	HOMAN	K	Jaxon	VANOENE
K	Jacob	KOK	K	Hannah	YAN



You are cordially invited to join us for our
Opening Assembly

Tuesday, September 4, 2011 10:00 a.m.
in the Langley Canadian Reformed Church

Our School Theme for 2012-2013 is
Transformed into His Likeness

Credo Aid Update....

It's hard to believe another school year is starting already. A new year always brings some changes and this year is no different. Our prayer is that we all have an enjoyable year in fellowship together. Here we go!

- A big thank you to our outgoing members, Ang dB and Lisa V. We thank you for your dedication to the board, and pray that you enjoy your time off.
- A hearty welcome to the two new members Leanne Leyenhorst and Loretta Saide who have stepped up to fill the missing spots.
- We have a new president! Thanks to Evelyn Schep for volunteering to fill this position.

With the school year just starting, there isn't much to report on so it is a good time to give some information regarding last year and specifically about the certificate program.

- Total funds raised from regular fundraising last year was \$18,500
- The certificate program alone raised approximately \$14,000
- There are about 40 families who participate in the post dated cheque system.
- 90% of the certificate profits come from those post daters.

Armed with the above information the certificate team is on a mission to increase those who participate with post dated cheques by at least 10 this year, and maybe even match or beat the total money raised in all other fundraising.

So.....

**Give 12 post dated cheques
for \$250 or more and get a
FREE Tims/Starbucks card!
Get your cheques in by Sept 30,
and you'll receive your card.
It's as simple as that, and honestly who doesn't love
FREE?**

Here are some things current post daters are saying:

- "It's SOOOO easy, I never have to think about it, knowing the rep will remember to pass me the certificates at the right time."
- "It makes for easy banking and budgeting knowing exactly what I have to spend"
- "Nice knowing I am contributing to the school with free money, without any work"
- "The school gets guaranteed money now, otherwise I would forget"
- "I don't know why everyone doesn't do this....."

So jump on board, help us reach our goal of 10 more post daters, and get a free coffee card to reward yourself with! Will YOU be one of them?

Looking forward to a great year!
Credo Aid Board

ARE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS DELIVERING ON THEIR PROMISES? ATTENTION!!

**CARDUS is coming to Langley!
SEPTEMBER 20- DARVONDA NURSERIES, 7 pm
RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW: <https://www.cardus.ca/store/3360/>**

What is this about?

If Christian education is worth doing, it should be measured. This is about you having an opportunity to learn that Christian Education is SO worth doing. During this event, research findings will be shared that will seek to answer how well our schools deliver.

Who is Ray Pennings?

He is the project leader and Director of Research of CARDUS, who will show and tell how Christian Education is delivering on goals of

- Academic excellence
- Spiritual formation and
- Cultural engagement

YOU SHOULD COME TO CARDUS!!



Credo Aid
CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

GROCERY STORES – ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Superstore (5%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
 _____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____
 _____ x \$250.00 = \$ _____

Save On Foods (8%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
 (Pricesmart) _____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____

IGA (reloadable)(5%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
 Safeway (8%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
 _____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____

COFFEE AND TREATS

Tim Horton's (5%) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____
 Starbucks (5%) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____
 _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Esquires (10%) _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

RESTAURANTS

Available in \$25's:
 Domino's (10%) Old Spagetti Factory (5%)
 Olive Garden (7%)
 Earls (7%)
 The Keg (7%)
 Kelsey's Multibrand (3%) (Milestone's, Kelsey's,
 Montanna's, Second Cup)
 Moxie's (10%)
 Red Robin (7%)
 The Boathouse (7%)
 White Spot (7%)
 Boston Pizza (5%)
 Wendy's (3%) and Subway (5%) also available in \$10

SPECIALTY STORES

Available in 25's
 American Eagle (5%) La Senza (7%) Staples (3%)
 Best Buy (2%) Petro Canada (2%) Future Shop (2%)
 Canadian Tire (3%) M&M Meat Shops (3%) Shoppers Drug Mart(3%) Toy's R Us (2%)(or \$10)
 Mark's Work Wearhouse(7%) Sport Chek (4%) Winners (7%)
 Old Navy (7%) Chevron (2%)

Available in \$20's – Chapters (10%), Roger's Video (7%)
Available in \$50's – Spa Utopia (7%)

DEPARTMENT STORES

Available in \$25 and \$100's
 Sears (2%)
 Hbc (3%) (The Bay,
 Zellers, Home Outfitters)

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Available in 25's and 100's
 Home Depot (2%)
 Home Hardware (3%)
 Rona (3%)

Please use this space to write your orders for specific stores (other than grocery/coffee):

Send your form to the school (marked Credo Aid) or phone Shauna Stam 604-514-9805

CCES SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012/2013

September	4	first day of school	
	12	School photos (13th for Kindergarten B)	
October	4 & 5	CTA Convention	no school
	8	Thanksgiving Day	no school
	31	school membership meeting	
November	12	Remembrance Day holiday	no school
	30	Pro-D Day	no school
December	4	Report Cards	
	5 & 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences	
	21	last day before Christmas Break	
	24 –Jan 4	Christmas Vacation	no school
January	7	school reopens	
	25	Combined Pro-D Day	no school
February	11	Family Day	no school
March	12	Report Cards	
	14	Students/Parents Conf.(evening)	
	15	Students/Parents Conf.(all day)	
	18 -29	March Break	no school
	29	Good Friday	no school
	31	Easter Sunday	
April	1	Easter Monday	no school
	2	school reopens	
May	3	Public Speaking Contest	
	9	Ascension Day	
	17	Pro-D Day	no school
	20	Victoria Day	no school
	19	Pentecost	
	29	school membership meeting	
	31	Sports Day	
June	25	Grade 7 graduation	
	26	last day of school, closing, report	



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Fee Structure 2012-2013

Membership	110.00
Kindergarten	255.00
Elementary (1-3)	460.00
Elementary (4-7)	480.00
Junior High	620.00
Senior High	6 700.00

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And **we**, *who* with

unveiled faces all

reflect the Lord's glory, *are being transformed*

into his likeness with ever **increasing**