

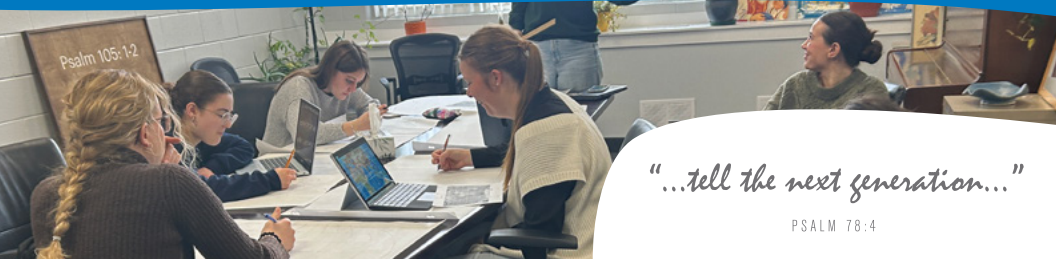


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CANADIAN REFORMED TEACHERS COLLEGE



CCRTC NEWS WINTER 2024



"...tell the next generation..."

PSALM 78:4

from the principal

CHRISTINE VAN HALEN-FABER



FOSTERING A VIBRANT, ENGAGED, AND CONNECTED STUDENT COMMUNITY

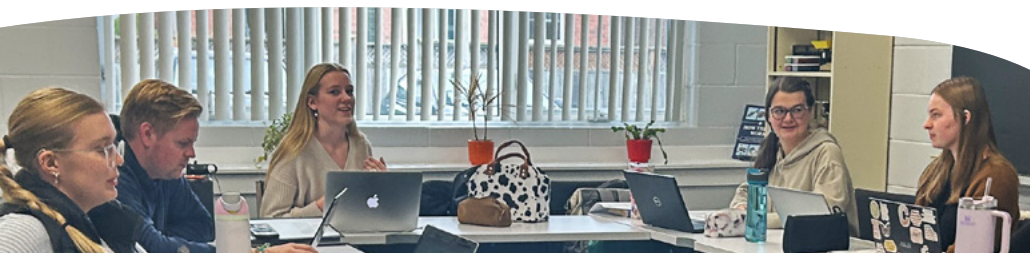
A drop in temperature, the first significant snowfall, the sound of Christmas carols, the reality of culminating assignments and exams all indicate that the transition from the Fall Semester to the Winter Semester is coming ever closer.

When reflecting on the past semester, we give thanks to God for his providential care over us. Not only in the day-to-day activities at the College but also in special ways that make us sit up and take note. We rejoice in the fact that during the past weeks Menco Wieske experienced God's nearness in a special way: Having experienced sudden and frightening symptoms, he was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré Syndrome. We are grateful that the initial treatment was effective and pray for patience during the time of recuperation. At times like these it is wonderful to experience the communion of saints, knowing we are carried by many prayers. Menco is deeply appreciative of the many expressions of support he has received from far and near!

As the semester draws to a close, we may look back on successful practicum placements in which our 32 students learned a lot. Faculty members had the opportunity to visit schools, supervise teacher candidates, and experience firsthand the faithful teaching that takes place on a daily basis. What a tremendous blessing.

Although we had hoped to be able to provide you with positive news about Phase 2 of the accreditation journey, we need to ask you to continue to walk patiently beside us. The good news is that in the first weeks of January we will have another meeting with the Ontario College of Teachers. We are ready to submit our application and ask you to support us in the process.

May our God continue to bless the work of our hands, so it may stand to his glory (Ps. 90).



Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College (CCRTC) is blessed to have a small group of dedicated students, representatives of their respective programs and years of study, and a faculty liaison who form the CCRTC Student Council.

During the Fall Semester, well-blended teams have participated in organizing hot lunches and thematic dress days, some CCCs (a.k.a. "Covenant's crazy competitions" in which teams compete while showing their prowess in both skills and knowledge), as well as a number of culminating seasonal activities that include sharing the Christmas message through song in the neighbourhood. In the new year, among other things, we look forward to spending an evening with the residents of Ebenezer Villa. Needless to say, all of these activities heighten school spirit and camaraderie. On a more academic note, the Student Council also elects a student representative who participates as a full member of the Academic Council with the intent of supporting the administration and faculty in the development of the College.

Kendra, Ilse, McKenna, Hannah N., and Mr. den Hollander: We thank you for the way in which you so capably and enjoyably "foster a vibrant, engaged, and connected student community, . . . in a manner that is consistent with CCRTC's foundational and approved statements of purpose."

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2025

Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College invites applications from prospective students for the 2025-2026 academic year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2025

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from the FINANCE COMMITTEE



As we approach the end of another year, we are reminded of God's faithfulness in sustaining the work of Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College.

This year, CCRTC faced significant financial challenges with income falling short of what is required to meet operational needs. While we continue to implement prudent measures to manage expenses, we find ourselves relying heavily on the generosity of our community. To ensure we can continue fulfilling our mission, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might support CCRTC at this time. Your contributions directly impact Reformed education, making it possible for the College to offer robust teacher training programs grounded in our shared faith. To make a year-end donation, please visit our website or contact our office directly. Every gift, no matter the size, is appreciated.

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support. We pray that the College may continue to aid in training and equipping the next generation of teachers to stand firm in God's promises.



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