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Dear Calgary Palliser Secondary Schools:

On behalf of Calgary Christian School, I am writing to extend an invitation to this year's **Fourth Annual Marit Cup** that includes an **organ donation challenge**. The Marit Cup is a student vs. teacher hockey game that honors Marit McKenzie, a Calgary Christian student who passed away suddenly from a pulmonary embolism in 2013. Before her death, Marit became passionate about organ donation and the David Foster Foundation, who helped one of her closest friends receive a liver. A video produced by the David Foster Foundation captures this beautiful story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwOYNEf8g8o>.

In spite of these efforts, CBC news Canada reports "...organ donors are desperately needed in our province; Alberta is among the lowest number of registered organ donors in our country." That's why this year; Calgary Christian is challenging Calgary Palliser Secondary Schools to **GIVE LIFE**, a campaign to raise awareness for organ donation. Should your school participate you are eligible to have one or two of your high school students and/or teachers to play in the game, and your Grade 7-12 students attend the event!

**The Marit Cup will take place at 10 AM on March 28, 2017 at Winsport's the Markin MacPhail at Canada Olympic Park.** We're excited that two people Marit gave life to will be at the game: the teenager with her heart will play; and Mark Klassen, who has one of Marit's kidneys and pancreas will be there. Our goal is promote organ donation by sharing Marit's compelling story! Interested people can also donate directly to the David Foster Foundation.

This school challenge to raise awareness for organ donors will run from March 13-17, 2017. Should your school accept this challenge you will be expected to create a **GIVE LIFE** campaign and track the number of people connected (friends and family members count). In order to count toward your school's total each person must talk to their families to let them know that they would like to donate their organs. Organ donation only happens after someone has passed. Only people over 18 may register at [www.ultimategiftalberta.ca](http://www.ultimategiftalberta.ca). Everyone who registers must ensure their loved ones know their intentions to donate. As incentive, your school's **GIVE LIFE** campaign Manager and the student who came up with your school's creative campaign will each receive a \$250 scholarship for post-secondary upon High School graduation. Winners will be determined by your school administration.

High School Students or teachers who wish to play in the game and schools who wish to attend must apply by written essay or video submitted to the email below by March 17. Playing in the game is a \$100 minimum donation to CCS. Proceeds over expenses will be given to the David Foster Foundation.

I thank you in advance for your time and effort. If you have any further questions, please contact us through our school Chaplain, Layne Kilbreath at [lkilbreath@calgarychristianschool.com](mailto:lkilbreath@calgarychristianschool.com). We know that together Calgary Palliser Schools can make a difference in our city!

Sincerely,

Student MK – on behalf of the Calgary Christian High School Student Council

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"We will teach them the wisdom of the Lord"  
Psalm 34:11