

Some words about the **Celebrating Racial Diversity Parent Team:**

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As we had planned for some time, this October, we were finally able to re-start the Celebrating Diversity Team now called, the Celebrating Racial Diversity Parent Team. This was in response to a course that I took from Calvin University called Faithful Anti-Racism.

So far, the team has met twice to get to know each other, and discuss how we have felt like outsiders. Future meetings will focus on what we can do to ensure everyone belongs at CCS.

During our meetings we've heard both beautiful stories about the community in our school, and other stories about how our community has not reflected the image of Christ. We've also heard that our differences go beyond race to theology and sexuality. Subjects that will need to be addressed too.

Please pray for our group as we move forward. We want to keep partnering with Christ as he brings more heaven to earth at CCS. A place where every nation, tongue, and tribe know they belong!

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When looking at the fabric of Calgary Christian School, we see that we are blessed to be a culturally diverse community. To ensure that every family is welcomed and included at CCS, there has been a racially diverse team gathered, which includes staff and parents from both campuses. This group's goals are to build relationships with each other, talk about how families are embraced at CCS, and make recommendations to ensure that every family has a voice. In order to foster an environment of vulnerability and trust, there is a time of prayer and the sharing personal experiences, spoken within the context of this poem:



**It will be our brave space
together, And We will work
on it side by side.**



AN INVITATION TO A BRAVE SPACE

Together we will create brave space
Because there is no such thing as a "safe space"
We exist in the real world We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world.
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow.
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know.
We will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be
But It will be our brave space together,
And
We will work on it side by side.

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