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My passion is to support every opportunity at King Christian School that invites students into learning and ignites their passions to live in and impact the world in Jesus' name. The invitation is for everyone because it takes a community working together to achieve this. It means providing programming and development for staff that promotes the best learning and engagement for students. It means ensuring that each child is treated as a unique image-bearer of the King of Creation and as such has

a place planned for them in the world. It means building life-long relationships and life-long learning. It's my honour and joy to work towards these goals as we serve the King at our school.

*Miss Sherry Bokma,
Principal*

INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT.

From the tiny little chicks that appeared early this spring to the packets of soup that will be shipped around the world, students at King Christian School are engaged in authentic and powerful educational experiences as they uncover the treasures found in God's amazing creation. They are also learning how to be a blessing to those around them and in our global community.

In this issue we are looking at ways that during this school year students have been encouraged to develop interests and ignite passion in all areas of life, never forgetting that all that they do is for the glory of God.



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Letter From the Chairman

Dear KCS Family,

It took its time to arrive but spring is finally here!

Upon its arrival it reminded me about one of the things I enjoy most about serving on the Board; I get to see first-hand God working so directly in every aspect of the school. Through every situation or challenge that comes up, God always answers prayer. Sometimes He makes us wait as we waited for spring but He always comes through and proves himself faithful.

This has been and continues to be a busy season for the Board. We are working on ways to promote and grow our school and to help sustain it for future generations to come. There are currently a few areas of need where the Board is looking for new members for its committees. These include:

- Capital Campaign Committee
- Finance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Transportation Committee

We ask that if you feel you can contribute in any of these areas that you would contact the school or a current Board member and we will get you involved this spring.

We are thankful for a successful first year in our new facility and as always we are thankful for all of the staff and volunteers that continue to work to keep King Christian the great school that it is.

Sincerely,
Matthew Santorelli,
Chairman, KCS Board of Directors

INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Worship

Building a relationship with God is of utmost importance at King Christian School. Each day begins with devotions and end with prayer. Throughout the day, students are pointed in the direction of their Creator and Saviour. The Bible is the foundation on which all subjects are taught and all the staff desires to make the Bible come alive for students. For example, one of the classes went out to the parking lot and used chalk to illustrate the Bible verse: "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." In other classrooms, stories are made into plays or students can respond to them through art and music.

I am passionate about the stories of David, Saul and Solomon. I like how David took care of sheep and then he became king.

Aaron Zarza

Something that I learned this year was learning to hear God through worship in class, and having God's presence feel like it was filling the room.

Madeline Morphy

I appreciate we can worship God whenever we want and do not have to be ashamed about it.

Abigail Scholten

It brought me joy when our class led the chapel.

Jaden Birch

One thing I remember about learning this year was that you can hear God's voice through music and journaling.

Evan Terpstra

Each month, there are at least two Fridays where the school gathers to worship together. Classes take responsibility for leading the school and this year the focus has been on encouraging our God-given abilities to be self-aware, passionate, courageous, imaginative, adaptable, curious and to always persevere. All of these are necessary to live in the fast-paced, rapidly changing world that we live in. We have been blessed to have several pastors from local churches take part in our chapels as well. We are thankful for their presence not only in the life of the school but all that they do outside of the school to help our community live lives for the Lord.



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INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Community

This year we have invited many to join us on our learning journey. From those close to home – like parents and grandparents to around the world with the Christian gleaners or Pastor Rajendra Yellamelli Kumar from India, students' eyes have been opened to new experiences.

- Grade five and six students were tangled in a web of world trading routes. Students learned about imports, exports and the interconnected nature of our global community.

- Pastor Rajendra Yellamelli Kumar visited from India to share about the work that he and his ministry team at SAC Ministries in the India are doing. He speaks the good news of the gospel to approximately 80 million people through his television program. The ministry also seeks to reach out to the country's widows and 20 million orphans, as they have a home for 200 children where they provide food, shelter and lots of love. Malcolm Ross, a retired teacher from our school, has been working with the pastor and this ministry.

- Students in grades five through eight this year took some responsibilities in the kindergarten play area. Each day of the week, a different class sent helpers to their playground. They encouraged the little ones to play and had to use some problem solving skills to help the children get along with one another.

*I am passionate about helping in the kindergarten pen.
The pen is so large! It is good so the little kids
can run around.*

Julia Robinson

- The grade 8 class went to the Christian Gleaners in Cambridge where they helped pack, sort and package soup packages to be shipped around the world to developing nations. Our school community went gleaning for carrots back in the fall and in the spring the grade eights visited the processing facility to see what happens with the produce that has been collected.

When students were asked what they took away from this experience, they had this to say:

I think the mission of the Christian Gleaners is very important because it is what God calls for. He wants us to make a difference in the world.

Graham VanHalteren

What impressed me is that they made so much food for people in different countries and they care so much. I like how the people work hard.

Haley Hollander

They are feeding people in different countries that we often forget about when we eat meals that most people would think of as a feast.

Hannah Horlings

The thing that impressed me the most about it was how many people you could feed in just getting donations-. In not even a full day of work our class made enough packages to serve 100 000 people.

Noah Vander Kooi





INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Numeracy

For some simply hearing the word “math” conjures up a sore stomach or a headache. At King Christian School, educators are finding ways to ease anxiety and to make real life connections to learning. The grade five/six class had a Blokus tournament as a culminating activity for their transformations unit in math. A lot of strategy was employed during this good-natured competition.



Hearing other people explain different learning strategies has been helpful, especially during the time we did math talks.
Madeline Morphy

What has brought me joy this year is learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions.
Amy Wright

This year my learning has been helped with being more a team player – especially in math. I am so used to working by myself by this year we did a lot more group work.
Gavin Clarke

I was really excited about learning more about fractions and decimals. Using chocolate bars and candies to help me with my fractions was awesome!
Jesse Dixon



INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Literacy

From a child’s first start in school, letters, sounds, words and rhyme are all a part of the fabric of God’s gift of communication. Students of all ages are engaged in meaningful activities to help them learn to read, write and speak.

While kindergarten students build letters and words with blocks and paint, older students compete in the Battle of the Books. They read a variety of literary works and answer questions in competition with students from other schools. It is almost a year-long commitment for the junior and senior teams to practise for this event. Their hard work and perseverance paid off with a first place finish for the senior team and third place for the junior team.

During Christian Education Week, the school hosted a book fair where the community was invited to come to the school to purchase books of all kinds. The new library area was the perfect spot to set up for the event and each class took a turn to visit. Students in the primary grades rotated from classroom to classroom doing activities related to an ocean theme.

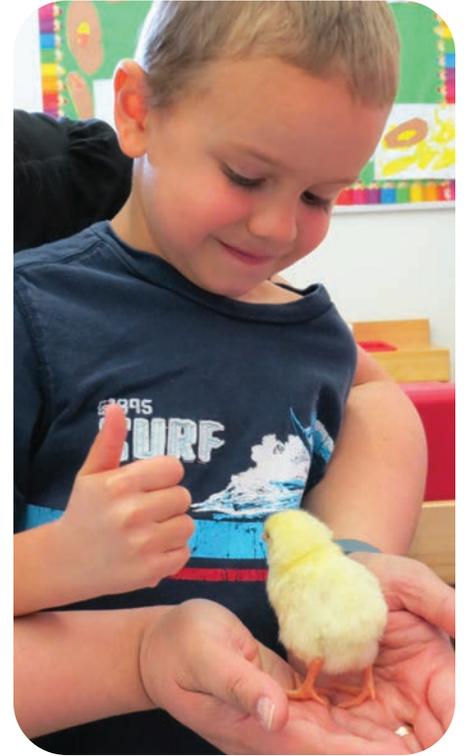




INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — *Creation*

Children of all ages are eager to explore the world around them and see the wonders that God has made. A playground without a play structure for the majority of the school year invited the opportunity for new ways of play and exploration. Students dug elaborate tunnel systems, caught frogs, insects and a lot of baseballs and basketballs. Some even built a teepee as they were inspired from their social studies unit in the grade 4/5 class on First Nations' people. Inside the school, students watched chicken eggs hatch, caterpillars turn into painted lady butterflies and seeds in plastic bags turn into bean plants. Adventures outside the school building to places like the Toronto Zoo and Ste. Marie Among the Hurons further inspired their knowledge of God's handiwork in creation and the history of the people who are part of the country we call home.





*Working together on a First Nations project, making teepees, bows and arrows, learning about indigenous people and presenting our learning to the class was a lot of fun.
Joseph Maasarani*



INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Art

Mrs. McKinley's grade one and two class has been observing beans and plants and how they grow as part of a unit called The Earth: God's Garden. Students applied what they were learning to be a blessing to their mothers and grandmothers for a special gift for Mother's Day. They made art with bubble paint that looked like the hydrangeas that they had been studying.

Elsewhere in the school, the new art/science room was used by many classes to learn the fundamentals of art. Paper mache, painting, and much more was done in this designated space for creativity.

*Getting to do art in the art room
has brought me joy this year.*

Victoria Habenschuss

Worship filtered into our visual arts this year. Using pastel, paint and our hearts for worship, students created pieces that express their love for God and God's love for us.

*One thing I remember learning about this year
was hearing God's voice through painting.*

Jasmine Wilcox

Guilds, which students from grades six to eight participate in during the winter months, involved photography, computer animation, robotics, healthy eating, knitting and paper crafts. It was a powerful opportunity to explore new areas of interest for students and to use them in a God-honouring way.



King's Run
**Saturday,
 June 11th
 2016**
5k Fun Run & 1k Walk

INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Performance

A key skill for the 21st century is to be able to present in front of an audience. Students at the school are given several opportunities to do this during the school year. Countless hours of preparation are put into a Christmas program that brings music and theatre together. The entire student body works together to tell the good news of the birth of a Saviour and the significance of that event. Songs are sent home for children to memorize lyrics and many of them have been heard singing the songs long after the final performance is given.

Students also have time with their parents in early spring to spend some one-on-one time with them sharing what they have been learning in their classrooms. These are known as student-led conferences and many children look forward to having time with their parents and helping them to see the things that they are excited about.



INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Music

Students of all ages are passionate about music. Singing, recorder and band are all a part of the curriculum of the school. There have been several occasions when the bucket band, recorder and instrument band have all even played together. It is wonderful for the community to praise God together!



One thing I remember learning about this year is the clarinet it is a lot of fun to be able to play an instrument and be able to read the notes.

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INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. — Technology

The class of 2016 met the class of 2028 when the kindergarten class ventured to TD Christian High School for a day of robotics with some “friendly giants”, also known as the Grade 12 Engineering Block class at the school. They helped build and program robots made from Lego Mindstorms kits. It was beautiful to see the two groups of kids interacting and learning from each other.

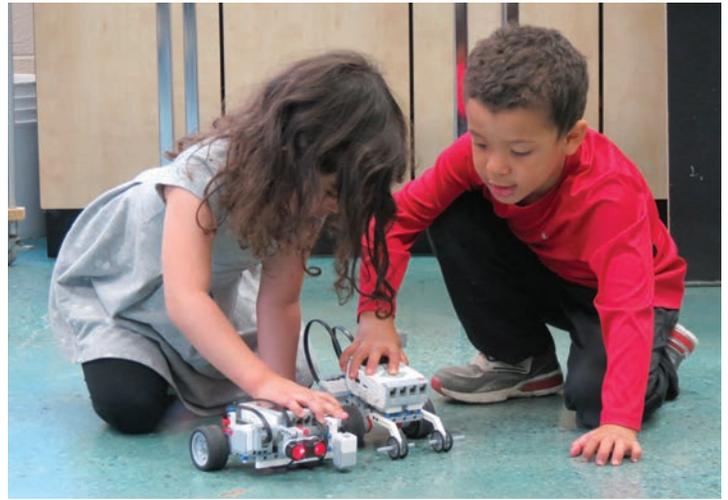
Several classes within the school have also been working together as reading/technology buddies. They have worked on projects together and even made a book for their mothers for Mother’s Day. The title of the book was, What Can You Do To Make Your Mom Smile?

Here are some of the responses:

*I can give her hugs and kisses. I can help her.
I can tell her jokes and sing her songs.
I can dress up in fancy clothes.*
Nathan Sparrow

I can play nicely with my toys and my sisters. She smiles when I go to bed nicely and when I get off the bus and tell her the great day I had. My mom smiles when I smile.
Emily Hollander

I can make her smile when I give her hugs. I can clean the dishes and not fight with my brother or sister. I can dance for her. I play with her.
Evalina Sutherland



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INVITE. IGNITE. IMPACT. – *Physical Education*

Students learn from the very beginning that we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God. We are called to use our bodies in a way that brings glory to God. A large playing area has been helpful to ignite interest in sports of all kinds. The recent addition of a play structure has encouraged risk taking, muscle strengthening and lots of smiles and laughter.

*Something that I have enjoyed this year is watching the equipment go up.
I can't WAIT to go and try it out!*
Lydia Evans

Badminton, volleyball, soccer, cross-country, track and field and basketball teams have competed well against other schools in a variety of tournaments.

A highlight for many is the all school skate, which took place this year at the Bradford Leisure Centre. It was wonderful to see children and adults skating together, helping one another out when they fell or needed some support.



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June 10
....Bring a Friend to School Day

June 11
....King's 5 K Run/1 K Walk

June 17
....Grade 8 Graduation

June 20-23
....Grade 8 Ottawa/Montreal trip

June 24
....Last day of School

August 31
....Ice cream social

Sept 6
....1st day of School

Sept 14-16
....Grade 5 Fair Glen trip

Oct 1
....HarvestFest

Oct 14
....Grandparents' Day

Nov 23
....Membership/Society meeting

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