



2024-2025  
THEME:

Salt  
&  
Light

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our 2024-25 school year is off to a great start! We welcomed several new staff members and many new students to our school community. What a beautiful bond we have as members of the body of Christ! Our shared passion for the gospel message is something to be cherished and enjoyed.

The theme this year at KCS is  
“Salt and Light.”



Students are learning about the Sermon on the Mount and the powerful teachings of Jesus about being blessed. At each chapel service we explore one of the beatitudes through song, Bible teaching and special guests. For the month of November, our scripture verse from Matthew 5:4 is, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”



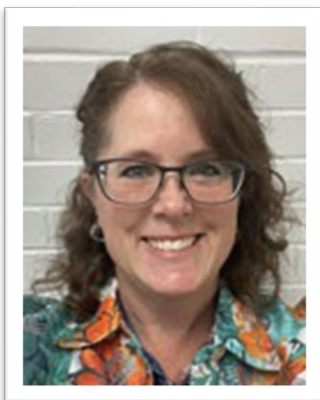
We welcomed Tish MacDonald on November 1st, Program Director for 'Honour Them Well', an organization that supports and honours veterans who have served as well as those who are currently serving. Students learned how they can honour and encourage others. On Remembrance Day, our chapel focused on remembering those who died in the service of our country and expressing gratitude to God for the blessing of democracy, peace and religious freedom.

As the classes at King Christian School apply the learnings of our spiritual theme, Salt and Light, the opportunity to be salt and light is enacted. This fall the opportunity to support the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child allowed our students the opportunity to provide gifts to children in need around the world. We will be pursuing other service projects such as this to help children focus on loving our neighbours and being a blessing to others in order to shine the light of Jesus all around.



In October, the educators at KCS attended the EDVANCE Annual Gathering at Redeemer University. This year's theme was 'Pursuing Joy.' The KCS team benefited tremendously from both the professional development and from the spiritual development offered through the conference. Our school will be digging into digital well-being on an ongoing basis through the work of JOMO (the Joy of Missing Out). This work, based on the book by the same name by Christina Crook, will be aimed at staff, students, and parents.

Upcoming webinars for parents will take place on November 26, January 28, March 25 and May 27 (7 - 8 pm EST). The issue of technology is something that must be approached with wisdom and discernment. Please join us! A big focus for KCS in the fall is preparing for the Christmas Program. This annual event provides every student in the school with the opportunity to tell the true Christmas story through dialogue and song. This year the students will be performing the *Children's Christmas Musical* entitled, "*The Mystery of the Manger - It's the Gospel Truth!*" We hope that you will join us on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:30 AM or at 7 PM to enjoy this wonderful presentation.



Blessings,  
Bonnie Noble  
KCS Principal

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## JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

A highlight of the week in JK is always **Kinder-Cooking!** For Letter **Ff** week, each student brought in a different kind of **[fruit]** and we marveled at God's creativity. Then we all worked together to cut up the fruit and share in a **[fabulous] [feast]** of "Friendship Fruit!"

– Mrs. Carolyn Semeniuk



## SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

The **ABCs of the Bible** curriculum (a companion to My First Study Bible), is used as a framework for our Bible studies in SK. **LI** is for Lydia, Leia and Luke responding to a lesson about Lazarus.

– Mrs. Lisa McKinley



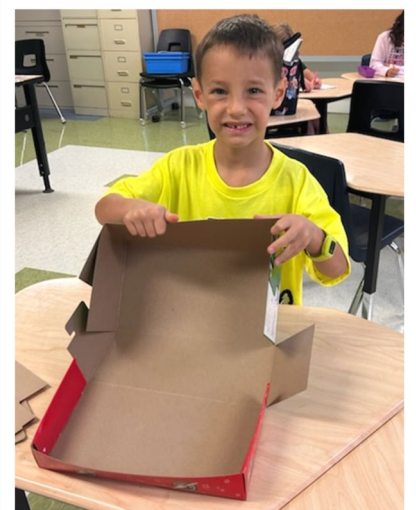
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# OPERATION CHRISTMAS SHOESBOXES

## GRADE 1/2

The Grade 1 and 2 classes were so excited to head up Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year! They had the opportunity to deliver and fold all the boxes to other classes in the school. Students went around from class to class and promoted this special campaign. The classes watched videos about Operation Christmas shoeboxes and learned about where they get delivered around the world. Once all the shoeboxes came in, the children were able to count them all up and record how many the school collected. 220 shoeboxes!! What a special opportunity to bless other children who are in need and show God's love through a shoebox filled with blessings.

- Mrs. Julia Clouter & Mrs. Pamela Vander Kooi



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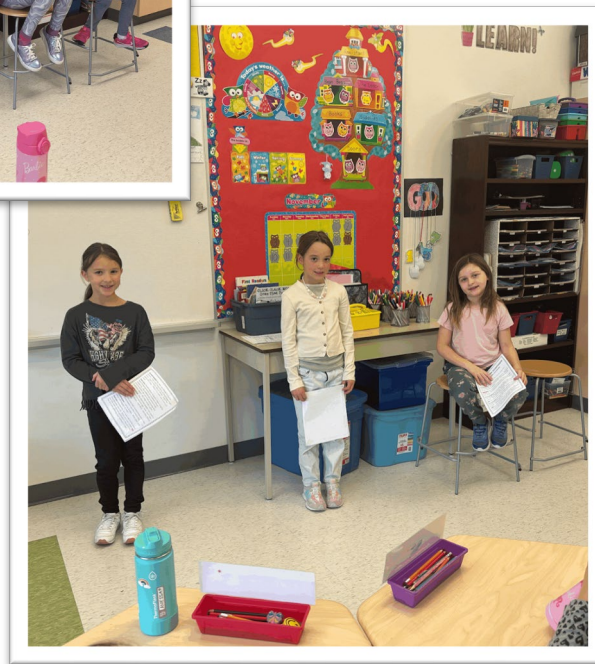
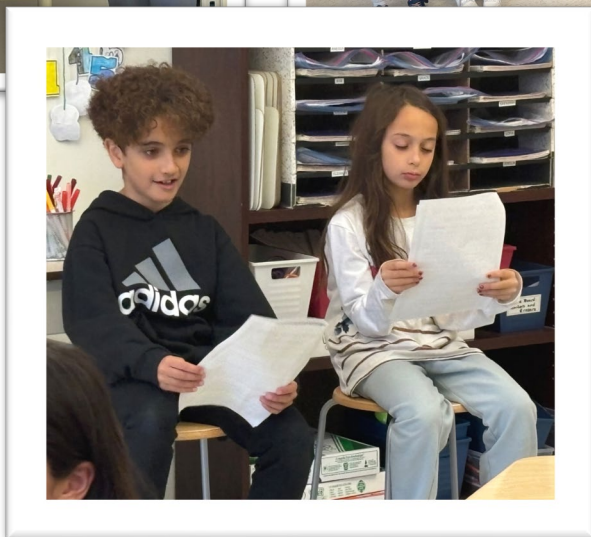
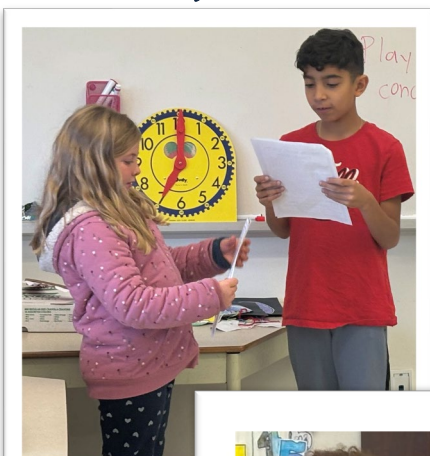
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# GRADE 2/3

It's been busy in the grade 2/3 class in the first term. We started the year by looking at the Fruit of the Spirit in a unique way. The students learned Bible stories where the fruits were evident and really enjoyed doing short skits to further understand each fruit. The students love any chance to be a part a play whether it's in Bible or in the language block. They are willing to perform when given the chance.

- Mrs. Lori Wright



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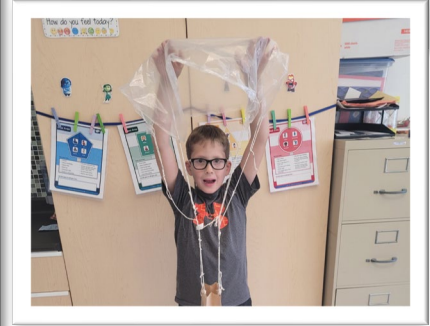
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## GRADE 3/4

This term, one of the highlights for the students was the EPU (Egg Protection Unit) challenge. The students had to build a structure that would protect an egg as it fell from the height of the ceiling to the floor. The students were put in groups and given a bag of the same supplies. They were to build the structure from these materials. October 21, we tested out the EPUs by dropping them from the ceiling height onto plastic covered floor. Only 2 broke! One oozed a bit and the others survived! I was proud of all the effort all the students put into this project and can see them building their cooperation skills a bit more each week.

- Mrs. Andrea Veldhoen



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## GRADE 4

What great fun we are having in grade four!

This term, the grade 4 class learned all about the importance of soil for daily life. Students learned how to identify the layers of soil, the types of soil and which type is best for growing plants. The students learned ways to help the environment through composting our food scraps, which provides the plants we grow and eat with the nutrients needed. Students researched the variety of microorganisms that help decompose the compost waste to create nutrient rich soil. Our classroom set up a vermicomposter to experience the process of composting first-hand!

- Mrs. Brijette Gruber



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hardware! Call if unsure!



#### FIXTURES

The shop needs new fixtures. Like  
a bike rack, bookshelves, or  
better organization ideas. If you  
like to build things, please ask a  
board member how you can help!



#### SHOP

Show support by shopping at  
the thrift store! There are  
amazing items coming in every  
week.



#### TALK TO FRIENDS

Tell your family/ friends and your  
church about volunteering and  
supporting KCS in this way.



#### ASK YOUR CHURCH

Will your church let the thrift shop  
post in their bulletin or online.  
Spread the word about what the  
re-Source is about.



#### PRAY

Keep the store, the school and  
volunteers in your prayers. Pray  
that extra help and volunteers can  
be found to continue the  
operations of the shop for many  
years to come.

## GRADE 5

The Grade 5's carried on a school tradition of going to **Fair Havens** for a three day adventure! Fair Havens is an outdoor Christian education center. The Grade 5's participated in many fun activities that bonded us as a group! We began by releasing a Monarch butterfly into the wilderness, put on some harnesses and climbed the high ropes and concluded the day with canoeing on the beautiful water! The Grade 5's spent every day outside enjoying God's beautiful creation as well as spending their time working, creating and building with their fellow peers. We engaged in cooperative team building activities the next day, learned about the European fur trade and finished each evening off with a campfire and delicious s'mores! The Grade 5's absolutely loved this trip. Each moment shared a unique opportunity to learn and grow together, while being outside! What a great way to start the year! Each student has been asking to go back!

- Miss Taylor Copson





## GRADE 5/6

A highlight from Gr. 5/6 this fall was our “**Out of the Box**” art project. Students were given a plain and simple box. With this box they had to create something useful or invent something. Students came up with great ideas like “The Blanket Box”, stuffy house, dog house, Go-Karts and a functioning vending machine. The students used inquiry and mathematical skills while making these “Out of the Box” designs, created informative slideshows and presented their projects to the Gr. 1 to 4 students at KCS allowing for great leadership experience as well. It was a fun and interactive experience for all!

- Mrs. Caroline Van Dyke



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## GRADE 6

As part of our Teaching for Transformation learning, grade 6 students supported an area church as the church hosted a Thanksgiving meal for migrant workers in our community. The class created Happy Thanksgiving posters for the church to display during the meal. – Mrs. Kate Hagen



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# FALL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

## GRADE 7/8

On September 17, 2024, the Grade 7 and 8 students of KCS had an unforgettable day at **Willow Spring** for the **Fall Leadership Retreat**. This special outing was filled with energy and excitement as students participated in kayaking, archery, dodgeball, gaga ball, basketball, and crafts.

The day also included moments of reflection and connection during fellowship chapel, where we focused on our roles as senior students and the importance of leadership within our community.

We were truly blessed to have this time to bond, build friendships, and strengthen our sense of responsibility as the oldest students at KCS. A day of growth, fun, and teamwork set the tone for an amazing year ahead!

- Mrs. Wendy Lohrentz



No cash expected. Special consideration based on funding of roofing project.



# REMEMBRANCE DAY



This year, Mrs. Lohrentz' class took a leadership role with the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. Students read poems and excerpts during the ceremony. As a class they sang 'Highway of Heroes' while the images of fallen soldiers being transported down Highway 401 were projected on the screen behind them. Each class prepared a wreath and while a hymn played, two students from each class brought forward the wreath for display at the front of the gym. KCS was honoured to welcome family members to the Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th. The theme of gratitude continues to surface at our chapels. We reflected upon our religious freedom that was made possible due to the sacrifices of many men and women. In short, November 11th is an important day for our school community and we look forward to making it even more special in 2025.





# FUN RUN FUND-RAISER

## PIE FACE

King Christian School's first big fund-raiser is the **Fun Run**. This year's run on October 4th was a huge success. Beautiful weather, excited runners and loads of community sponsorship resulted in a perfect day. Top fund-raisers were selected to participate in **Pie Face**. How it works is that two educators from the KCS team sit together at a table. In front of each educator is a small plastic hand with a pile of whipped cream on it. The top fund-raising students are then invited to tap the dice dome until - surprise! One of the educators gets whipped cream in the face! Everyone enjoyed this fun culmination to our big event. Altogether the Fun Run brought in over \$30,000. Thank you to our supporters!



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