



WORDS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year our school theme is **“Mission Possible: Being God’s Agents of Change.”** Our God is God over all things. That is the Biblical truth that must gently whisper and boldly resound in every part, every thread of our Christian school. All things belong to God! This world is His kingdom – He’s building it every minute of every day, and He invites us, His people, to join Him in His kingdom building.

Throughout the year we will look at ten different ways that we can be Kingdom agents in God’s world. We will study how to be community builders, God worshipers, justice seekers, servant workers, beauty creators, creation enjoyers, order discoverers, earth keepers, idolatry discerners, and image reflectors. We call these “Biblical Throughlines” and describing our roles with these titles has challenged us to understand who God wants us to be and what He wants us to do. They describe, exactly and profoundly, what we should “be” as a result of our Christian schooling. We began with how to be community builders which means that we worked to be active pursuers and builders of communal shalom. Our school will be a community of grace where we walk and work together in a spirit of shalom. This edition of the newsletter highlights some of the ways that we saw evidence of community here and beyond the walls of King Christian School.



On a personal note, as I have stepped into the role of principal for this school year, I am ever so grateful to be welcomed into the wonderful supportive community which exists at King Christian School! I am so looking forward to seeing God at work in all our lives as we take on the “Mission Possible” challenge.

Donna Veenstra
KCS Principal



WE ARE A COMMUNITY... THAT SERVES

RESOURCE THRIFT STORE

Our class' mission to be Community Builders was to make an art piece for our school's thrift store volunteers as a way to say thank you for all that they do to help our school. We made three "Thank you" posters and we got the great news that our whole class could go to the Thrift Store to deliver our posters and some treats for the volunteers. We helped the volunteers by sorting at the back of the store, tidying up the front of the store and taking turns at the cash register. We had a blast and going to the Thrift Store reminded us that our school community is so much more than the people we see at the school every day. We are thankful for our greater KCS community!

Mrs. Rumble

Grade 6



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The primary students "worked" for their parents so they could earn money to buy items to fill Christmas boxes for Samartian's Purse. They filled forty one boxes for children who would otherwise not get a gift for Christmas.





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JK/SK CLASS TRIP

Did you know that a bee has 5 eyes? This was one of the interesting facts that the JK and SK students learned this fall when they visited Homestead Orchard in Georgina. Students learned about how bees make honey and students picked Empire apples straight from the tree. Thank you to Farmer Larry and his crew for a great trip.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY...

THAT LEARNS



GRADE 4/5 POETRY

MY POEM

I'm happy
I'm glad
I'm hopeful
I'm loud
I'm thankful
I'm proud of myself for doing my
best work
I like it when it is peaceful
I'm not gonna feel sorry
Nor am I gonna feel sad
I'm not gonna be afraid or frightened
on a blue day
I'm not confused
I have lots of hope so
Now I know that I am just right!

Silah S.

BEING HAPPY

every day I wake up and say
let's have an amazing day
so I get out of bed and say
what are we doing today
and my mom says
I'm delighted to say
that we are going out today
and I say where
and she says there
to get some pears
and I say yay!

Eva S.

BEING HAPPY

I am thrilled when I play soccer
I always feel confident and glad
that I am not a mocker
It's lots of fun to deak around everyone
but never stop to talk
you always have to run
I can always count on my team
I think some of the other teams ' ears
start producing steam
I always feel eager to say ha ha
but don't
you would be a mocker
and that is not how you are supposed
to play soccer

Janelle W.

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY... THAT ENCOURAGES

CROSS-COUNTRY

We had an amazing cross-country meet this year. The students were excited, very encouraging to all athletes, and ran their very best.

The midget girls and senior girls both got **first place** in the team event, the midget boys and junior girls got **second** and the senior boys came **third**.

In the midget individual race, Macy KL got a **silver** medal, Claire W. **bronze**, Branson M. **5th** and Evalina S. **9th**.

In the junior individual, Keira KL got **bronze**, Tomy R. **7th**, and Leo S. **8th**.

In the senior individual, Amy W. took the **gold**, Taryn V. **4th**, Naomi C. **7th**, Matthew C. and Julia R. **9th** and Emma S. **10th**.

Excellent effort from all athletes. Thank you for all your dedication in practices. Also thanks to Amy for leading most of the practices and helping with warm-ups. Thanks to the parents who came, helped cheer, supervise and take pictures. There was a real sense of community building. A fantastic running season!

Mrs. Wright



WE ARE A COMMUNITY... THAT CELEBRATES FAMILY

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Beginning in Kindergarten, we teach four simple things to live by: love God, take care of each other, our school and our world.

A highlight of our school year is the day we host our grandparents and special friends. There are always some tremendous opportunities for learning



for everyone from our littlest learners to our wisest and most life-experienced community members. Grandparents visited from all over Ontario and shared some special moments with their grandchildren.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY... THAT WORKS TOGETHER

HARVESTFEST

Laughter and big smiles were found all over the school as the community came together for Harvestfest. It was a wonderful time of face painting, caramel apples, farm fresh produce, home baking and a wide variety of auction items. The kids loved bouncing outside on the inflatable farm equipment in the fresh fall air.

Many thanks to an incredible of army of volunteers who made this special event happen. Around \$25,000.00 was raised for Christian education at King Christian School.



GAGA PIT



Thanks to a generous anonymous donation a Gaga Pit has been installed by the several members of KCS' senior class.



These students learned valuable new skills as they worked alongside the capable Mr. Geertsema and KCS community members Harry Kooy and Kevin Verkaik to build this new piece of playground equipment.



WHAT IS GAGA?

Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY... THAT PLAYS TOGETHER

SOCCER

On Thursday, October 4, King Christian School's Soccer team traveled to Tree Nursery Sports Park for the annual TD North Soccer Tournament. The day was frigid and a little damp as our athletes took to the field for their games against Barrie, Orillia, Alliston, and Orangeville. This year, KCS came away with 1 win, 1 tie, and 3 losses. Still, it was a great day, in which our team learned a lot about ourselves and what it takes to compete in soccer.

Much thanks goes to the parents who took time out of their schedules to bring our athletes to and from the tournament.

Mr. Geertsema



A FUN AFTERNOON AT KCS

If you were asked what happened in a school day, would you answer Gaga Ball, Minute-to-Win-It games, Lego building, handprint making, parachute activities, puzzles and random encouraging notes posted on desks throughout the school?

One Wednesday afternoon all of these were true at KCS and some very valuable life lessons were taught through these experiences.

The oldest students in the school developed important leadership skills as they took command of the

event planning and directed all of the afternoon's activities. Students of all ages demonstrated problem-solving skills and learned about how to work together as a community. Above all else, the student body had fun together, creating lasting memories and building strong relationships.



WE REMEMBER...

REMEMBRANCE DAY CHAPEL



We are a community that remembers those who have fought for our freedom. Our Remembrance Chapel was led by the Grade Seven and Eight class. Here are a few poems that they wrote for the chapel.

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They fought for our freedom
How could they have known
That what they did is what we needed
To help us live on our own

They didn't know what it would mean
When they took up this task
They thought it wouldn't take affect
Until all their years had passed

They will always be remembered
No matter the possible case
We must tell their stories
In this wonderful race

Allison K.

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Devastation, Desolation
Trenches filled with
Exhaustion and devotion
Metal monsters point their guns
Distant rumbles as they run
Hopelessness sets in
Remembering loved ones
Through the chaos
Will tomorrow come?
Or is this goodbye

Hayley H.



When you went to war, it was a sad time
For all of us who love, soldiers that might die
Prayed for those in war
Faith
Love
Hope
Everything will be okay
You had to go
To make our country free
Thankful for the soldiers
Every single day

Amy W.

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We pray for the soldiers
Doctors, nurses, pilots, and chaplains
We pray for everyone
Who came back and who didn't

We remember them dearly
And wish that this didn't happen
They fought for our freedom
To keep us all safe

We pray that wars will stop
So that no one else has to die
And that no one has to suffer
Like those who suffered before us

Victoria H.

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On one frightful day long ago
There was fire and dust mixed with snow
The battle was done
By the crack of a gun
We honour the lives that we owe

There once was a great war with tanks
Some brave men would fight in the ranks
They said goodbye to their wives
And gave up their lives
We will remember and give thanks

David S.



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LOOKING AHEAD...

December 19, 2018

Christmas Concert
1:30pm

December 20, 2018

Christmas Concert
7:00pm

December 21, 2018

School Skate
1:15pm

December 24, 2018

- January 4, 2019
CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 11, 2019

Chapel
9:00am

January 25, 2019

PD day - NO SCHOOL

January 29, 2019

Kindergarten Info Evening
6:30pm

February 8, 2019

Chapel
& *Gr. 8 Graduation Pictures*
9:00am

February 14, 2019

Winter Carnival
1:00pm

February 15, 2019

PD day - NO SCHOOL

February 18, 2019

Family Day - NO SCHOOL

A Tree Lot CHRISTMAS
JOINING JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Presented by King Christian School

Please join us for one of the performances:

Wednesday, December 19, 2018
at 1:30 pm

Thursday, December 20, 2018
at 7:00 pm

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