



**2023-2024  
THEME:**

*Come into His*  
**PRESENCE**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we head into winter it is heart-warming to look back over the fall term at King Christian School and see how God is working. Our theme this year is 'Come Into His Presence' and this has inspired our chapels to focus on cultivating our faith in Jesus through prayer, reading of scripture and worship. Students spend time daily with their classes learning truths from the Bible and uplifting each other in prayer. We feel the importance of discipling our children to be the Christian leaders of tomorrow. The foundation is being laid brick by brick as we complement what children are also learning at home and at church. What a privilege to serve God's kingdom in this way!

The fall term included sports and excursions. Students of all grades enjoyed the Fun Run and many participated in our school's cross-country team. Students in grades 7 & 8 had the opportunity to play soccer and volleyball and to compete with other Christian schools in our association. Classes visited farms and outdoor environmental areas to enjoy beautiful fall weather in God's creation. In October, Grandparents and Special Friends Day gave students a lovely opportunity to celebrate



with generations of faithful family members. In November, The Merry Market gave our students opportunities to make Christmas crafts which were featured at the market for parents and grandparents to purchase. Finally, this Christmas season has been a wonderful time of celebration at King Christian School. Our annual Christmas program, "The Christmas County Spelling Bee" celebrated the entire gospel message and brought to light the many wonderful names of Jesus. Students also entered into a number of community outreach projects that have brought blessings to others including Sick Kids Hospital, Blue Door Shelter, The Helping Hand Food Bank, and The Elden of Bradford Retirement Residence. They are learning about how wonderful it is to serve others during the Christmas season.



As you and your family enjoy the blessings of friends and family this Christmas, know that your support of King Christian School is valued and appreciated. May you experience the joy of the season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,  
**Bonnie Noble**  
*KCS Principal*



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# GRANDPARENTS &

# SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

On Friday, October 13th, Grandparents and special friends gathered at KCS for a wonderful day to honour the significant role they play in students' lives. Each class performed a song/poem/skit for the grandparents, followed by classroom visits and lunch together throughout the school. The day was a blessing - much like a grandparents' love!



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# JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

The JKs have enjoyed learning and singing about God's creation..."He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"! A highlight this year has been celebrating diversity and focusing on the students' family heritages as we move through the alphabet. So far we have learned about the countries and cultures of Canada, Armenia, Ghana, India, Italy, and Jamaica. It's been meaningful to have family members in to share special foods and traditions, and to teach us about new places and people. We are learning that God loves all the people in His world -- we do too.



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# SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

A highlight in senior kindergarten each Thursday afternoon is our cooking class. Everyone is enjoying learning how to create something delicious that begins with the letter of the week using a recipe. For example, this fall we made apple crisp for the letter Aa, lemonade for the letter Ll, grilled cheese for the letter Gg and rice crispy treats for the letter Rr.



# GRADE 1 & GRADE 2



The Grade 1 and 2 classes went to Rounds Ranch this fall. We had an amazing time exploring the life cycle of pumpkins, visiting the petting zoo and picking our very own pumpkins. Grade 1 is studying the seasonal changes and its impact on living things. We walked through the pumpkin patch to examine how pumpkins grow.

Grade 2 is studying animal growth and changes this year. We got to learn the names of father, mother, and baby animals of llamas, goats, sheep, donkeys, chickens, rabbits, and cows. Students were able to interact with some of these animals and feed them.

This trip allowed for community building to happen in small groups across both classes. In the afternoon, students were able to participate in fun activities such as: corn mazes, ziplining, playing in the Western Fort, riding in the Barnyard Boxcars, finding the cow stations in the Moo Maze, and zipping around on pedal cars.

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## GRADE 3

The grade 3 class has learned so much about strong and stable structures. We see God in both natural and built structures. The students have built various structures and tested their ability to support a load and stay in one place. There is always so much encouragement for both successes and failures.



# GRADE 3/4



The students were excited to try new ethnic foods in health. We learned that when we try foods from different countries, we can find new ways of eating healthy foods. We tried foods from Egypt, Russia, The Netherlands, Guatemala and Serbia. The students were brave as they tried them and shared what their favourites were. Not all were super healthy, but many were very delicious!

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# GRADE 4



The Grade 4 class enjoyed an afternoon of making ornaments for parents and community members. The students used cookie cutter templates to create the shape of the ornament and then chose either pine needles or intricate snowflake imprints to create a textured look on their ornaments. Students used acrylic paints to add a touch of colour. Each student wrote a Christmas card to pair with the ornament to spread the good news of Jesus' birth to the recipients.



## Thrift Shop | Bradford

The Resource Thrift store is located five minutes from KCS at **118 Holland Street East, Bradford**. The store is run by volunteers and the money raised goes directly to support KCS.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP:



#### VOLUNTEER

More volunteers are needed! Get started by filling out a volunteer form at the re-Source Thrift Shop.



#### DONATE

Clothing, toys, books, housewares, small appliances, DVDs, CDs, VHS records, cassette tapes, electronics, jewelry, pet supplies, hardware, etc. Call if you're unsure!



#### FIXTURES

Sometimes 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 – Perfect for kids clothes, toys and sports wear.



#### 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 operation of the shop for many years to come.



# GRADE 5



## Fair Glen | September 20–22, 2023

Grade 5 enjoyed a wonderful 3-day trip to Fair Glen this fall. The activities required them to work in teams to accomplish things like low ropes, high ropes, canoeing, and trading to name a few of them. Some of their favourite memories were the delicious food, the cabin time, playing in the dark, the campfire, and the shark pit. We are thankful for the parent drivers, chaperones, and the Fair Glen staff who made this trip possible.



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## GRADE 6

The grade 6 class had a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve members of our community in East Gwillimbury. The class created wrapped shoebox gifts for a transitional housing program headed by the Blue Door organization located off of Hwy. 11. One of the residences is called Passage House and it currently houses 18 men who are without permanent housing. The shoeboxes contained items such as winter gloves, socks, a chocolate treat, hot chocolate, and a notebook and pen. The class did a wonderful job of wrapping and packing these gifts.



## GRADE 7

The grade 7 class has been busy discussing the gift that we have been given in Jesus Christ. We desire to be disciples of Jesus and use our time, gifts, resources and prayers for building the Kingdom of God. This term we decided that we wanted to invest our time and efforts into donating to a local charity. We spent lots of time researching a number of different organizations and decided to donate to Sick Kids charity in Toronto due to the positive impact they have had on a number of families in our community at KCS. With lots of help from parents, the grade 7 class organized a bake sale to raise funds. We ended up making 100 dozen cookies and raising \$1,650. We feel blessed by the community of grandparents and parents that came out to purchase items from our fundraising table and generously partner with us on this outreach project.



# GRADE 8

The Grade 8's have had the amazing opportunity to work on their leadership skills by being reading buddies with the JK class. We work on sight words, reading, and listening skills, all while having fun! The Grade 8's have truly embraced this time and are building great relationships with the littlest people in our school community.



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# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

In early November, during our music periods, students took some time to remember and honour our veterans by writing Postcards of Peace. I had the privilege of dropping most of these postcards off at Sunnybrook Hospital Veterans Wing. For 75 years, Sunnybrook Hospital has provided care to the courageous men and women who served our country in the name of peace and freedom.

As I have done in previous years, I have sent two dozen or so postcards to a close friend and veteran, retired United States Army Colonel Warren Price, who served during the Vietnam War. If you were at our Remembrance Day chapel last year, you may remember Mr. Price spoke in a video message to the school.

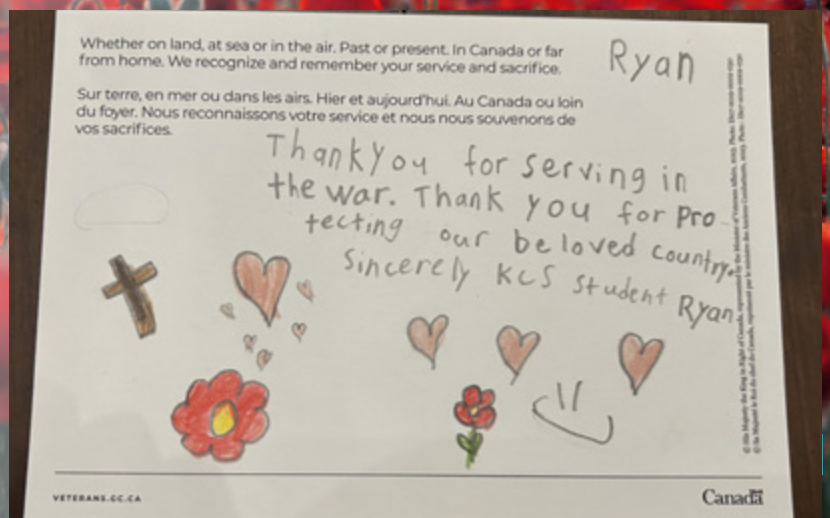
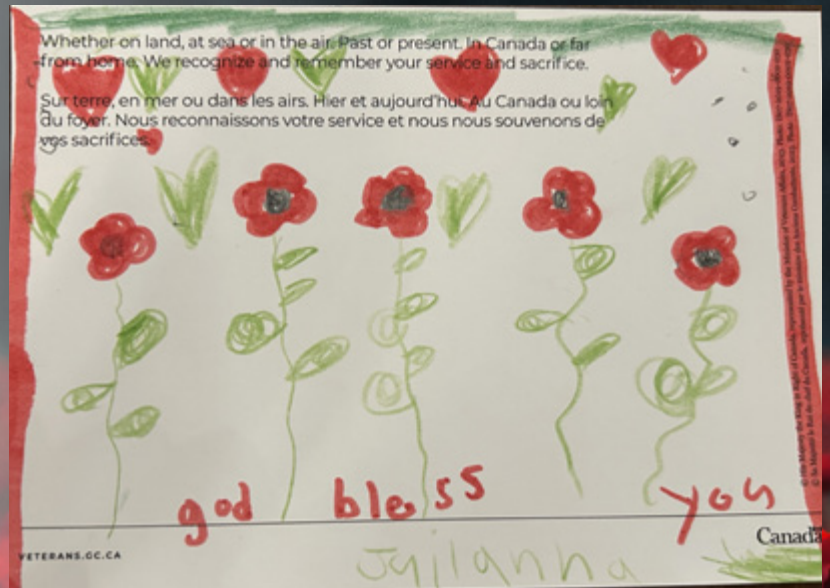
Although these postcards are small, their importance and impact are great. The veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital look forward to receiving them each year, and many of them keep their favourites in their rooms throughout the year as reminders of the love, respect, and care young people today have for the actions they did many decades ago.

Reading through all the cards the students wrote was a truly moving experience. Although I provided general ideas, the notes they wrote about God's love, their prayers for veterans and their family, and thanks for their bravery was incredibly encouraging and moving.

It is important that students recognize and remember the freedom we have as Canadians and as Christians is not free, and the privilege we have to meet as believers in this school community is due to the bravery and sacrifice of these veterans.

Lest we forget.

- Miss Johanna Hatt



## SPORTS AT KCS

We had a fantastic team from grades 7/8 to represent KCS at the Boys' Volleyball Tournament hosted by Timothy Christian School in Barrie on Wednesday, November 22. Samuel He, Jonathan Lopez, Brenton Semeniuk, Reyer Verkaik, Cayden Sloetjes, Kyle Veldhoen, Connor Heath, Branson MacDonald, and Sam Rakic played hard and finished with a well-deserved 3rd place honour. Staff member and coach Carolyn Semeniuk was proud to witness the players' progress as they improved their individual skills, understanding of the game, and team strategy during this volleyball season. They worked hard to get three touches -- bump, set, spike...Go Royals!



What a pleasure it was to watch the progress of the girls volleyball team over the last few weeks. They worked hard in practice and were very enthusiastic to get to the game format to ensure they worked well as a team in competition.

We had a very enjoyable tournament! It was lovely to see how they encouraged one another throughout the day. The girls celebrated a fifth place win after battling hard and using their strength of their serves, to win 2 out of 3 sets in their final match.

Way to go team!  
Mrs. Gruber



## CROSS-COUNTRY

We had a wonderful day at Harrison Park in Owen Sound. The cross-country team had to wake up early for the long drive, but they were ready to run FAST! It was a challenging course through the forest with lots of rocks and roots and hills. God blessed us with clear skies and perfect running weather.

We had a team of 32 students. All KCS runners did well and some even received ribbons for placing in the Top 10!

In the Primary Division for Girls, racing 1km, Deanna H. finished 10th, Evie G. 8th, Aydra H. 7th, and a special congratulation goes out to Ella D. for an inspirational 1st place run. On the Primary Boys team, Daniel C. blew us away with his 2nd place finish – way to go, Daniel! In the Junior Division for Girls, Chloe



M. placed 5th in her 2km run. And in Junior Boys, Owen D. finished 6th. Congratulations to both of you! We were competitive in the Senior Division racing 3km as well. Macy K. placed 8th and Zoey M. was right behind her with 9th – well done! Our Senior Boys had the fastest combination of top 4 runners of all the teams competing and so we came home with the 2023-24 trophy. Special congratulations to Jonathan L. for 7th place, Ryer V. for 6th, Branson M. for 5th, and Brenton S. for finishing 2nd. We are very proud of you!

# MERRY MARKET

Our first Merry Market was such a success! Thank you to all those who baked, made soups & chili, and volunteered their time to make this fundraiser happen. It was so wonderful seeing the school full and buzzing with many familiar faces. We sold approx. 130 dozen cookies & squares, hosted 31 vendors and sold over 200 poinsettias! Thank you also to all the KCS parents who brought in and gathered such amazing auction donations. As a community we were able to raise over \$44,000 for our school! We serve an awesome God, and we hope to see you next year.



# 5K FUN RUN

The Fun Run was held on Friday, October 6th. The weather was beautiful for the run. With your support, our students were able to raise over \$23,000! Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser such a great success and we are thankful to God for the strong support of KCS.





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