



**2023-2024
THEME:**

Come into His
PRESENCE

**MESSAGE FROM
THE PRINCIPAL**

What an incredible year it has been here at King Christian School! Our staff and students have enjoyed many moments of joy as learning and celebration happen in the classrooms, in the gym and even outside. So many significant events occur within these walls due to a school community that pitches in and supports students. I have been amazed at how the work of so many volunteers - parents, grandparents and older siblings - makes KCS flourish. The gifts of time, talent, and resources cannot be understated in their importance. This has made a deep impression on me as a newcomer to the school.

At our spring Celebration of Learning, students were able to showcase the amazing things they had been working on in their classrooms and also in Music. We enjoyed being together as a school family. Field Day brought many family members to the school to encourage and to celebrate as well.

A lot of focus is now on our grade 8 graduates as we prepare to send them off and to recognize their achievements. As we head into the last



week of school I want to acknowledge them and wish them all the best on the next phase of learning at secondary school.

God has blessed King Christian School this year and it is with a thankful heart that I praise God for His faithfulness. Thank you to the greater community for your support and encouragement as well.



Blessings,
Bonnie Noble
KCS Principal



JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

The JKs enjoyed their first field trip at KCS – Fun at the Farm! This spring the Kindergarten classes went to “Round the Bend Farm” to explore farm adventures including a wagon ride, gardening in the greenhouse, meeting baby animals, playing in a maze of hay bales, and taking a forest hike to hunt for hidden animals. We loved being surrounded by God’s creation.



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SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

Just in time for Easter, this spring, the SK students experienced the joy of new life through a chicken egg hatching project. With the use of our classroom incubator, we learned first hand about the life cycle of a chicken. Touching and watching the fluffy baby chicks was irresistible and adorable.

We are thankful for connections made with new life in spring and the new life we have in Jesus. The chickens are now happily relocated to Mrs. Veenstra's farm.



GRADE 1

For our plants and animals unit, the Grade 1's were able to get an up close view into the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly. Weeks went by where we saw the caterpillars eat their food and grow larger in size and then one day they made their own cocoon hanging from the basket. Everyday, the Grade 1 students would observe and draw the differences they saw. It was beautiful to see God's handiwork in the smallest of insects like a caterpillar. Then one day they hatched and the baby butterflies were released into the garden. The students loved having the butterflies crawl on their hand before they were released into the wild.



GRADE 2

Grade 2 has been busy learning about God's creatures in the animal kingdom. In class we learned about invertebrates and vertebrates. Students were divided into groups to read about, explore, and share with the class what made their animal group unique. They worked collaboratively to create a poster and made a presentation for the class. As our study progresses, we will investigate how God has created animals specially to live in the part of the world where he has placed them and with which special adaptations they have been given.



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GRADE 3

The grade 3 class learned about Communities in Canada from 1780-1850. They got to dress as pioneer children and play pioneer games, make a candle, separate milk and churn it to make butter, and experience what it was like to be a student with a strict parent. It was a great day!



GRADE 3/4

This Easter our class celebrated in several ways. We made resurrection buns, we made a craft, had a large egg hunt and lastly we did an Easter scavenger hunt escape room. The students had to find different clues that led them to the final clue that unlocked a cupboard with a special message and a treat for each of them.

In our class this term we have been learning that we can talk to God, but God talks to us as well. On Monday mornings each student and I spend some time alone with God to hear what he may be saying to us.

Different flavoured candies have helped the students learn about fractions of a set as each group sorted them and made fractions representing each flavour.

This past month, our class has studied various books by Beverly Cleary. Each student has a role to play in completing a specific task for each reading assignment. It was wonderful to see the students present what they learned in a group discussion each week.





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GRADE 4

There have been many moments of success in and out of the Grade 4 classroom this term.

The grade 4 class had the wonderful opportunity to connect with the local community by participating in growing and planting cherry tomato plants. In this meaningful project students were able to provide these plants to the community garden being built at the St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford. These fresh vegetables will be picked and given to the local food bank.

Many thanks to the Grade 4 students and families who joined me to plant our tomatoes. I know that the Bradford food bank will be very pleased with your kindness and generosity in providing fresh vegetables to the community we live in.



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 or register via the online GIVE portal.



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!



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GRADE 5

On Friday, May 31, the grade 5 class went to the Simcoe County Museum. We participated in a program called "One trade, two cultures" We learned about the Indigenous tribes local to our area, experienced some trading between the French and the Wendat tribes, and played a board game where the goal was to collect beaver pelts as we made our way in canoes. In the afternoon we did an orienteering game in the yard surrounding the museum and then cooked our own bannock over an open fire. We had a great time learning and experiencing.



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GRADE 6

The grade 6 class demonstrated their ability to create electric circuits when they constructed trivia games for the Celebration of Learning. Each game consisted of questions relating to a topic learned in grade 6 this year. Some examples of game topics were, art techniques, Bible, math, geography, vocabulary and book trivia.



GRADE 7

Grade 7 has enjoyed the past two months filled with school events, classroom programs and community building activities. In May, we had track and field day where a number of our grade 7 students made it to districts and our very own, Chase and Joel, beat the school record in the 100m dash. Though both boys beat the record, Chase set a new record at 13.25 seconds. For the past few months, the grade 7 class has been engaged in a financial literacy program that has promoted the use of managing money in a responsible manner through budgeting, practical life skills and good work ethic. We have also begun our final project in our science unit, Structures and Mechanisms. Students are tasked with creating a bridge that can sustain up to 150 lbs using specific materials and creating architectural drawings that acknowledge the internal and external forces acting on the bridge.



GRADE 8

Grade 8 has had an incredible time over the past few months, filled with memorable events and activities. We've enjoyed badminton, track and field day, the golf marathon, and the excitement of districts. As we look forward to our upcoming Grad trip and Graduation, we reflect on the hard work and dedication that brought us here. Students put in great effort on their replicas of Corrie Ten Boom's "hiding place" and delivered a fantastic band performance for our celebration of learning. We had the privilege of working through the Alpha course together as a class, what a blessing these sessions were! It's been a fantastic journey, and we are thankful to the Lord for his presence in our classroom.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS JUNIOR TEAM

This spring students in Grades 4-6 competed in the annual Battle of the Books competition which took place at Peoples Christian Academy on April 23, 2024. Representing our junior team was: Jason, Charlie, Melody, Chloe, Madelyn, Camden, and Jacob. The students were required to read ten books during the school year and answer battle and lightning questions at the competition based on these books. Our junior team came in first place in the regular rounds and first place in the Eagle's Nest! You can now see our championship banner hanging in the gymnasium.



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GOLF MARATHON

On May 23, dozens of golfers gathered to enjoy a day of golf to support King Christian School. We are thankful for the golfers, for their sponsors, and for the many donors who gave gifts in kind to make the day a huge success. Altogether \$57,000 was raised to support a Christ-centred education at KCS.



TRACK & FIELD

On May 22nd, the grade 1–8 students at KCS participated in a day of track and field events. Congratulations to all participants and all the efforts and encouragement for each other. Special recognition goes out to the following record breakers:

- Owen D. for setting a new record in the 100m dash for Grade 5 boys: 14.85s
- Joel S. for breaking the record in the 100m dash for Grade 7 boys: 13.78s
- Chase H. for setting a new record in the 100m dash for Grade 7 boys: 13.25s

A team of student athletes also went on to compete against other Christian schools in the district Track & Field on May 30 and had a fun and successful day.

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