

Keeping you connected with what is happening at the school.

Mission: The mission of King Christian School is to equip students to positively impact society through a Christ-centred education in a supportive and dedicated community.
Vision: As a vibrant, connected partner in our community, KCS integrates 21st century learning skills, resources and strategies to engage students in a Christ-centred education.

Calendar

Wed. Dec. 6

Chapel-8:45am

Thurs. Dec. 14

Christmas Concert-11 am & 7 pm

Fri. Dec. 22

Christmas Chapel-8:45 am

Mon. Dec. 25-Fri. Jan.5

Christmas Vacation-school closed

Mon. Jan. 8

1st day of classes 2024

School News and Business

Principal's Message:

What a joy it is to enter into the advent season! We prepare our hearts and our homes for a time of celebration. We celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour who came to redeem us over 2000 years ago. It is a privilege to celebrate with students and their families because we recognize that it is Jesus who unites us as Christians. Regardless of the Christmas practices or observances you might have within your family or denomination, we all recognize the birth of Jesus as the fulfillment of ancient prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. How wonderful it is that we can join in celebrating this momentous occasion together! From the staff and students of King Christian School, may God bless you and your families this Christmas season!

B. Noble, Principal

Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 11 AM and 7 PM. Students have been working hard to prepare their lines and learn the songs. We hope that you will join us as we present 'The Christmas County Spelling Bee' musical theatre production. This presentation will involve the whole school and will support our school's theme: Come Into His Presence. The grade 7 class will be selling baked goods before each performance. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

Merry Market

The KCS School Community enjoyed the Merry Market on November 11th! The silent auction had something interesting for everyone. The baked goods and lunch options were a big hit as well. Children enjoyed the crafts and movie while everyone thoroughly enjoyed the vendor tables selling everything from handmade soaps and hats, to crocheted stuffies and wooden items. The fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the countless volunteers who pitched in. Over \$42,000 was raised. Thank you for your support! We can't wait to do it again next year!

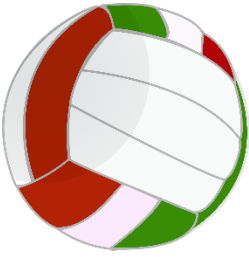


Bursary Program

We are always thankful for the generous support of the re-Source Thrift Shop in Bradford for donating much needed money to our bursary fund. We would like to be able to expand this fund so that more families (both new and returning) could be considered for a

bursary. As more families seek a Christ-centred education, we don't want finances to be a barrier. Please consider how you might share this need with your churches and other Christian organizations. We would love to add emails to our distribution lists so that more people could help us support families in financial need with tuition. If you wish to bless a family with tuition assistance, please consider donating. You can e-transfer to the following email: finance@kingchristian.ca





KCS Boys Volleyball

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 H., Jonathan L., Brenton S., Reyer V., Cayden S., Kyle V., Connor H., Branson M., and Sam R. 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!



KCS Girls Volleyball

What a pleasure it was to watch the progress of the girl's 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 which took place at our own King Christian School. 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



Drama Team



Our Gr. 2 - 5 Drama Team did an amazing job preparing and presenting the play 'The Good Wolf Fairy Tale' to the King Christian School community. The play was an adaptation of the Good Samaritan story, using well-known characters from fairy tales. The team was invited to perform at Stouffville Christian School on November 30th and they received rave reviews. Congratulations to the team! The school would like to thank Mrs. C. MacDonald for coaching and organizing this amazing extra-curricular activity.

Reading Program

Did you know that our school is running a school-wide reading incentive program called 'King's Reading Program'? Students in grades 3 - 8 can log their time reading outside of school to earn levelled certificates. Many students have already collected certificates for the many hours of reading they have done. For more information, contact Mrs. Noble.

Showing God's Love

December is a time when Christians consider the amazing reality that God's son came to Earth as a baby born in Bethlehem. The joy of the season is sacred and special. We also consider how we can show love and charity to those in our community who may need assistance or encouragement. To that end, KCS will be engaged in a number of initiatives that demonstrate God's love to our neighbours.



The grade 3-4 class is promoting a 5-day drive for Bradford's Helping Hands Food bank. Not only will food items be collected, but each day the focus is different so that KCS families can provide for breakfast, lunch, dinner, special items, household and hygiene. The class will be gathering the items and promoting this important service to the local community. We have been told that the needs are great and increasing every day. Thanks for helping us help others!

The grade 6 class will be assembling Christmas boxes for 18 residents of Passage House, a service of Blue Door, which supports community members who are in need of housing support. The class is contributing items that will bless and encourage the residents of Passage House. We are proud of their giving spirit!



The grade 7 class is preparing to raise funds for the Hospital for Sick Children by selling Christmas baked goods on December 14 before each Christmas Program Presentation. This hospital supports thousands of children every year and some of our own KCS students continue to access medical services. Please support this great cause!



Children of all grades will be creating Christmas cards this season for war veterans who reside at Sunnybrook Hospital. We hope that the veterans will be happy to receive the greeting cards and that our students will know that their efforts made a difference. We will be giving the cards to the Bradford Legion to add to the 50 Christmas stockings they prepare every year for the veterans.

King Christian School is excited to partner with SU Sports to provide students at KCS as well as students who are part of the Christian Home Educators' Network of York Region with a fun and Christ-centred after school sports club. The program will run for 8 weeks starting on January 9th. For more information, please email bonnie.noble@kingchristian.ca or call the school.



Christmas Orders:



King Christian's Tuition Reduction Incentive Program is off to a great start this year! Thank you to all who are sending in orders each month. With Christmas approaching it is time to plan your shopping and what better way than shop through the T.R.I.P. Program? Gift cards are always appreciated and you can support King Christian School at the same time.

To guarantee delivery in time for Christmas, we ask that you place your order by **December 6th** if possible. Some cards may take 2 weeks to process. If you check out our order form you will see that we offer "One Stop Shopping", with a choice of almost 50 different retailers. You are sure to find something for everyone on your list. Which young person would not appreciate an Amazon, Tim's or Starbucks card? University student in the family? Gas and grocery cards are a big help. For those who do not need things, give them an evening out at a restaurant. You should be able to find something to suit everyone on your list. Each purchase supports King Christian School.

You can order several ways:

1. Fill out the order form and send it to the school through Kidmail or drop it off at the office.
2. Send an email to trip@kingchristian.ca listing the items you would like (i.e. 2 x Kelseys \$50, 3 x Tims \$10)

Orders forms or emails need to arrive on or before 9:30am on a Wednesday morning. Payment can be made by e-transfer to trip@kingchristian.ca. You can also send a cheque to the school. Choose the method with is most convenient for you.

The orders will be sent via Kidmail or can be picked up at the office. Your preference can be indicated on the order form or in your emailed order. We would love to have your support! Anne Winter, trip@kingchristian.ca.

Financial Year-End important deadlines to note

December 31, 2023 tuition payments will be deposited on December 29, 2023 due to December 31 being a Sunday in order for this payment to be included on your 2023 income tax receipt.

All donations received up to and including December 31, 2023, will be included on your 2023 income tax receipt. Any donations postmarked up to and including December 31 will also be included on your 2023 income tax receipt. The mail will be picked up periodically throughout the Christmas break.

If you plan to e-transfer donations or tuition payments for year end consideration, these must be received by December 29 by noon in order for the deposit to happen before the new year.

If you have any concerns with this, please contact Lana Ferguson at finance@kingchristian.ca or call the office to speak with her.

Please find attached the December Fundraising Drive letter in support of Mortgage Reduction.
Please consider this in your year-end giving.