

November 7, 2023

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 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills, resources and strategies to engage students in a Christ-centred education.

## School News and Business

### A Message from our Principal

At King Christian School a highlight of our year is Grandparents & Special Friends Day. On October 13th our students enjoyed presenting songs, drama and poetry to our special visitors. They had fun in the classrooms sharing special activities and then enjoyed fellowship over a shared lunch. We want to thank the grandparents and special friends who joined us that day. What a wonderful experience to have different generations of people under one roof celebrating our shared faith! We thank God for the network of family and friends that forms an important root system for all of our students. We appreciate your prayer support as we learn together and grow together.

The theme this year at KCS is 'Come Into His Presence.' Students are being taught that God is seeking to enjoy a special bond with each one of them. Coming into the presence of God involves prayer, worship and the study of God's Word. At each chapel service, students are encouraged to develop their own intimate relationship with Jesus. Recently, over four dozen students stepped forward in faith to ask Jesus to be Lord of their lives. We are thankful for the harvest, knowing that seeds have been planted at home, at church and at school. Please pray that our students would grow in their faith and that our educators would continue the faithful discipleship work that is foundational in our work at King Christian School.

As the weather turns cold and the leaves disappear from the trees we start to think about the coming Christmas season. Our Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 11 AM and 7 PM. 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.



Meet me at the Merry Market on Saturday November 11 from 10am to 3pm, a Christmas market fundraiser for King Christian School. Grab a coffee, shop the vendors, and stroll the halls! Sign up to make an outdoor urn (pre-registration available), pick up your poinsettias, get a family photo or make a bid on a silent auction items. Delicious lunch items will be available, as well as baked goods for your Christmas hosting. Lots of fun activities for the kids too! A fun community event for all, so invite a neighbour or a friend. See you there!

Parents, there are still many opportunities available to get your fundraising GIVE hours for this event. Check the online portal for ways that you can help. It takes many hands to make an event like this happen.

Thank you,  
The Merry Market Team

# HOW CAN I HELP?

SIGN UP ONLINE AT OUR NEW GIVE PORTAL



donate  
an auction item



bake  
some treats



cook  
soup or chili



share the event  
with friends



GIVE  
your time



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email: [merrymarket@kingchristian.ca](mailto:merrymarket@kingchristian.ca) for non-parent signups or questions



The teachers of KCS are growing and learning as we continue the journey of Teaching for Transformation this school year. Tft is offered by C.A.C.E. (Centre for the Advancement of Christian Education) and involves putting our deep hope for our students and school at the centre of what we do every day at KCS. As teachers make evident their deep hope for their students and choose an over-arching biblical theme for their classes, students see, hear and experience the throughlines of the biblical truths woven through every curricular area. If you are interested in knowing more about Tft, please visit the website: <https://www.teachingfortransformation.org/>

Here is one Tft story from KCS: Andrea Veldhoen, grade 3-4 teacher, chose as her deep hope statement, "Together, they explore and encounter God, to learn to become a conduit for his redemptive work." The theme for the year for this class is: Together Rooted in Christ, to Grow and Reach Out! Students are exploring what they can learn from God's creation through inquiry. Isaiah

55:12 provides some insights: "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." The students are learning how to worship God, how to appreciate the things God made, and how to take care of His beautiful creation.

Matthew V., a student in the class wrote this poem:

"God, I'm thankful for the leaves I can hear  
and see,  
For the pretty colours that float around me."



The class tree, named Freddy by the students, is a daily reminder of what they are learning about God and creation.

## Calendar

**Wed. Nov. 8**

Chapel-8:45am

**Thurs. Nov. 9 and Wed. Nov. 15**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Fri. Nov. 10**

PA day-school closed

**Sat. Nov. 11**

Merry Market 10 am – 3 pm

**Tues. Nov. 14**

Gr. 7 class trip-Phyllis Rawlinson Park

**Mon. Nov. 20**

PD day-school closed

**Wed. Nov. 22**

Volleyball Tournament

Membership Meeting 7 pm

**Fri. Nov. 24**

Chapel-8:45 am

**Chapel:** On Wednesday, November 8th KCS will recognize Remembrance Day at our morning chapel. We welcome Lieutenant Colonel Ross Semeniuk as a special guest to share his experiences as a Christian serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Our older students will learn about people who earned the title, 'Righteous Among the Nations' for risking their lives in order to support and rescue Jewish people during the Holocaust. We will focus on one of these special people by the name of Corrie ten Boom, who sheltered many Jewish people in her home in the Netherlands. Our chapel begins at 8:45 AM and all are welcome to attend.



### KCS Students Partner with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation School

Grade 7 students at KCS have entered an exciting partnership with students of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation School. This partnership allows our students to understand the lived experiences of First Nations students and to build friendships. This is a good start for our students to understand the important work of reconciliation and to show the love of Jesus to our First Nations friends. We look forward to seeing how this partnership unfolds over the coming months.

### 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. Please email [finance@kingchristian.ca](mailto:finance@kingchristian.ca) with questions or to help financially.

### Extracurricular Activities



Our older students at KCS have enjoyed a series of sporting opportunities this fall. First, our soccer team trained and participated in a tournament in

Barrie. We congratulate our team for their skill and sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mr. Verkaik for his coaching support!

Recently 32 students trained for cross-country over several weeks and then participated in a meet held in Owen Sound. 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, and Aydra H. 7th. 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. In the junior division for girls, Chloe M. placed 5th in her 2km run. In junior boys, Owen D. finished 6th. KCS was competitive in the senior division racing 3 km. Macy K. placed 8th and Zoey M. was right behind her with 9th. Our senior boys had the fastest combination of top 4 runners of all the teams competing and so KCS came home with the 2023-24 trophy. Special congratulations to Jonathan L. for 7th place, Reyer V. for 6th, Branson M. for 5th, and Brenton S. for finishing 2nd. We are very proud of all our runners!



We are currently establishing a KCS volley-ball team and look forward to a great season!



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## Drama Club

Students in grades 2 - 5 were invited to join a Fall Drama Club this term. Under the direction of Chloe MacDonald, students have auditioned and are now training to perform a play, entitled "The Good Wolf Fairy Tale". We are excited to see the finished product on November 30th at 8:50 AM. Students in grades 6 - 8 will have an opportunity to join the drama club in January.

## 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. If you need a log sheet sent to you by email, please reach out to B. Noble at [bonnie.noble@kingchristian.ca](mailto:bonnie.noble@kingchristian.ca)

## Grade 7 & 8 Meat Fundraiser was a great success!

The Delivery of meat will be on Wednesday, November 8th. If you purchased through a student, the student will make arrangements with you for the delivery, otherwise you will need to pick up your meat at the school between 3:00 – 3:15 pm on Wednesday, November 8th. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to having your support us again in the spring!  
~ the Grade 7 & 8 students.



## The Community Relations Committee invites you to another fun event at Air Riderz Aurora!

Date: Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> (PD DAY) @1pm

Time: 1:00-2:00pm

Cost: \$20.34 per child includes Jump & Climb for 1 hr and socks

E-transfer: [brookesmith@live.ca](mailto:brookesmith@live.ca) to reserve your spot!

## GIVE PROGRAM:

The new online GIVE Program is up and running. If you still have not had a chance to login, please visit: <https://portal.onvolunteers.com/login.aspx?s=kcs> and login with your email and the temporary password KCS@2023. **Each family at KCS is required to give a minimum of 30 hours for the 2023/2024 school year; with 25 hours going to school support and 5 hours to be completed in fundraising.** Uncompleted hours will be calculated at \$50/hour.

From the new online GIVE portal you can:

- View and register for volunteer opportunities online
- Keep track of your completed and remaining hours (system automatically tracks hours as they're completed)
- Submit any extra tasks and/or time you've volunteered for via AD HOC request
- Add your unique skills to your profile to help KCS find volunteer opportunities to suit your abilities

Please remember to sign-in/sign-out on the tablet at the office for any volunteer opportunities that you've signed up for that take place at KCS during school hours. You will need your 4-digit PIN for the tablet. Your PIN can be found on the home screen of your online portal in **RED**.

Hours done outside of school/hours or any extra hours submitted under AD HOC request will be verified. Admin cannot 'give out' any GIVE hours. It is up to **you** to sign-up for volunteer tasks and submit any extra hours via AD HOC request.

Please visit our [FAQs page](#) for answers to any questions you might have or reach out to [give@kingchristian.ca](mailto:give@kingchristian.ca).



## 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](mailto:trip@kingchristian.ca) listing the items you would like.

i.e. 2 x Kelseys \$50

3 x Tims \$10

1 x Metro \$250 etc.

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](mailto:trip@kingchristian.ca). There is no need to set up a password, we have arranged for automatic deposit into our account. 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

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**KING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAM**