

December 9, 2022

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.

## Calendar

### Thurs. Dec. 15

Christmas Program 11am and 7pm

### Fri. Dec. 16

Pajama Day

### Thurs. Dec. 22

Christmas Chapel – 8:50 am

School Skate in Bradford – 12:15-1:15

### Fri. Dec. 23 – Fri. Jan. 6

Christmas Break – School Closed

### Mon. Jan. 9

1<sup>st</sup> day of classes for 2023

### Fri. Jan. 13

Chapel – 8:50 am

## School News and Business

### December's Theme Focus: Justice Seekers

We notice and respond to situations that are not right or fair.

Students will live as children of God by identifying and responding to injustices.

The world is not as God intended it to be. That much is clear. U2 lead singer and social activist Bono, once said, "Every age has its massive moral blind spots. We might not see them, but our children will."

We are able to lead our students to see the injustices in this world—the injustices of poverty, racism, gender inequality, war, exploitation in workplaces, abuse in relationships, poor governance, etc. But seeing these things can't be where we stop. If we do, we leave our students discouraged and hopeless. We need to enable students to act as children of God by both identifying and responding to injustices.

The Bible is clear that justice is a central part of the shalom of God's Kingdom. The Bible leaves no doubt that Christian lives must be lives of justice. It is the first requirement listed in answer to Micah's question, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). God has decided to use His people (us!) to do His work in this world! What a responsibility and privilege! Christian education nurtures and disciples young people to embrace this ongoing responsibility and to rejoice in the glimpses of the Kingdom that they see as they seek justice in the world around them.

### Monthly Focus Questions:

How am I a justice seeker?

How am I playing my part as a justice seeker in His story?

**Before and After School Care:** Please note that as of January 1st there will no longer be any before and after school care at the school. Families who have used this service regularly have been personally contacted. If you were an occasional user of this service, please make alternative arrangements.

**Canopy:** We lost our school canopy due to a strong wind at the ice cream social. We use this canopy for a variety of activities and also like to take it to sports events, so students have a "home base." Check them out at [outlettags.com](http://outlettags.com). If you are interested in purchasing a new heavy duty one with sides for the school with our logo on it, please contact

Donna Veenstra, [donna.veenstra@kingchristian.ca](mailto:donna.veenstra@kingchristian.ca).

**Sports Jerseys:** Our school sports jerseys that we wear to tournaments and sporting events are starting to show their wear. If you would be interested in purchasing new sports jerseys for the school, please contact Donna Veenstra.



**Office Closure and 2022 Tax Receipts:** Please note that the office will be closed for Christmas Break on Friday, December 23rd and reopening on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have end of the year donations or tuition payments to make, please make sure they are brought to the office by December 21st or post-marked by December 31<sup>st</sup>, to be included in 2022 receipts. Any questions please contact Lana at [finance@kingchristian.ca](mailto:finance@kingchristian.ca).

## CLE: Creative Learning Experience

Do you have a skill or a talent that you would like to share and teach to others? Perhaps you knit, sew, bake, craft, do wood working, computer programming, play chess, make jewellery, macrame, personal fitness and the list goes on. We would like to offer four Friday afternoon creative learning experiences (January 20, 27 and February 3, 10) for the students to have an opportunity to grow and learn in a new way. We need you to help make this happen. You would plan an activity that could be completed over the course of 4 one-hour sessions. A teacher would support you while you work with a small group of students. Activities would need to be suitable for grades 2-5 or grades 6-8. We would also like two individuals who could plan and support four sessions for JK-1. These sessions could be a craft center, a baking center and an activity centre all based around a theme each week. If any of this excites you and piques your interest, please let Karen know or contact Donna Veenstra if you have questions. We would ask that you not share details with students until we see if there is enough people willing to help out and make this event work.



**Christmas Program:** We are very excited to be able to in person for a Christmas program this year. We would encourage everyone who can come to the 11:00AM presentation to do so as we have limited chairs and space. We have had a flu and a cold go around the school and as much as we would love to have you here in person, we would encourage you to stay home if you are unwell. We are currently seeking a volunteer to record the program so that if you need to stay home you still have the opportunity to enjoy the students' talents.

## Christmas Play Costumes:

The Christmas play is rapidly approaching and we need you to help your child collect his/her costume for the Christmas program.

**All students in the program choir from Grade 1 to Grade 8** will need to wear a green, red, or white plain t-shirt or long-sleeved shirt, with black pants.

**JK and SK Students** will need to wear light coloured or neutral coloured T-shirts to go under their costumes.



**All clothes** should be plain with no large logos or any writing on them. Shirts should be long as students do actions with their hands in the air. No rips in clothes or leggings for pants.

**Flag dancers** will need to wear black pants and a black T-shirt or long sleeved shirt (preferable) with black shoes or socks with grips on the bottom.

**Actors** will be given specific instructions about their costumes.

**All students** will need to have their costumes at school on **Tuesday, December 13** (in a bag marked with their names) for the dress rehearsal and then again on **Thursday, December 15** for the **morning performance** of the program, they will then take them home and come back to school that evening already dressed for the **evening performance**.

## School Skating and Last Day of School

The last day of school before the holidays is Thursday, December 22. We will be having a chapel hosted by grades 3/4 and 4, doing some whole school activities and then heading on the busses to skating. Students need to have skate guards covering their blades or have them in a bag and all students need to wear a helmet. Parents are welcome to join us for skating. We ask that you meet us at the Bradford Leisure Centre rink at 12:00pm. **If you are coming skating and plan to take your children home after skating, please let the office and the classroom teacher know so we can ensure the students' backpacks go to the arena with them.** It is really important that we have an accurate number of people who will be getting back on the buses to return to school after skating so no one is left behind. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



**TRIP get your Christmas Break Orders in:** Please order any TRIP cards that you will need for over the Christmas Break, by this Wednesday at 9:30 am, email orders to [trip@kingchristian.ca](mailto:trip@kingchristian.ca). This will ensure that all your gift cards arrive in time for the Holidays. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser.

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## December 2022 Fundraising Drive - \$180,000 for King Christian School

If you are able to contribute financially, please e-transfer to [finance@kingchristian.ca](mailto:finance@kingchristian.ca) or make your cheque payable to King Christian School and write "KCS December 2022 Fundraising Drive" in the memo line. Donations can be dropped off at the school until December 21<sup>st</sup> and mailed up until December 31. These gifts are eligible for charitable donation receipts.

**Board Update:** The Board met this week on Wednesday evening in person at the school. Frances Wilson joined us to walk us through the work that had been done on our constitution, letters patent, and bylaws. This work was put on hold because of the time and energy that went into changes that had to be made at school as a result of Covid. We are now picking it up again due to the new Ontario-Not-for-Profit Act. A small committee was formed to review the work done and consult legal help to move forward on some necessary changes. The Board did a de-brief of the membership meeting and will provide additional financial information to the membership based on the requests made at the meeting. Finance made their report and it was noted that many families have already sent in their tuition increase. We are seeking support for families that cannot meet this obligation.

The principal made her report and the Board passed changes to the Class Trip policy which allows for parents to drive to events but a few changes were made to include items that our insurance requires. The Board also instructed the principal to return to the pre-Covid snow day guidelines. (Look for details in School Matters or on Edsby) Contract partnership committee will meet in December. The Building Expansion committee had one meeting which generated a lot of good conversation. The committee would like some guidance around growth at the school. The principal search committee has received a number of applications and have made some phone calls. They plan to begin initial interviews in January.

Standing Committees presented items for information. It should be noted that the 80th Anniversary and Online Auction committee is looking for assistance reaching out to businesses for auction items. If we do not want tuition to continue to increase the community needs to support and help with school fundraising.

The Board will be looking at some strategic planning sessions with the Board and staff led by Edvance and also sending out a parent questionnaire in January.



**Snow Days:** Due to Covid regulations school needed to be closed if buses were cancelled because students had to remain in their cohorts. The Board has re-visited this procedure and will have the school revert to the former procedure.

**Should the buses be cancelled due to snow, the school will be open. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to check if buses are running and make alternate arrangements for the transportation of their children.**

Please note the following:

- If York Region buses are cancelled then our buses are cancelled. Please check the website School Bus City [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) to see if the York Region buses are cancelled.
- You will be notified of bus cancellations or school closures through Edsby
- If morning buses are cancelled, afternoon buses are also cancelled.

Parents may drop off students but we ask that you arrive by 9:00AM and have your children remain in the building until the end of school day so we can keep an accurate account of students. Please note that teachers will not introduce new concepts on these days and classes may be combined. Parents should inform the office if their children are remaining at home. Please note that the principal may decide to cancel/close school due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort is made to make/post cancellations between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m.

King Christian School  
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Happy Birthday,  
Jesus

December 15, 2022  
Performances at  
11am & 7pm



Please join us!

A free will offering will be taken to help  
cover costs and support a charity.