



Immanuel Christian School

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Dear Parents,

It's been a great summer whether you are a camper or a gardener. With a wonderful balance of sun and rain, any gardener would be proud of the results. Now to get the abundance of produce harvested.

There is an abundance of things growing and developing at Immanuel as we get ready for another exciting school year. There are new staff members to introduce, new families and students to welcome and building improvements to note.

We welcome new students in every classroom as we open the doors after Labour Day. We trust that each new student will feel very much welcomed and quickly develop meaningful Christian friendships. We trust that the parents who are sending their children to Immanuel for the first time will soon be an integral part of the Immanuel community.

Welcome to Mr. David Muller, a recent graduate of Queens University and Trinity Western University who will be sharing a grade 6/7 homeroom assignment with Mrs. Amanda Brinkman.

Welcome back to Mrs. Amanda Brinkman who will be teaching grade 6&7 half time. She will be balancing her time between teaching and her 1 year old son.

Welcome to Mrs. Lindsay Mosterd who is back from her maternity leave and will teach grade 1&2 full-time.

Welcome to the returning staff members. Mrs. Ingrid Reinsma will teach grade 8 as a single class. Ms. Laura James has been re-hired and will teach grade 5&6. Mrs. Connie Gergolas will teach grade 3&4. Mrs. Janine Jorritsma will once again teach the JK & SK core program while Ms. Jennifer Rekker will teach the Tuesday and Thursday kindergarten classes. Mr. Ullman continues to capably direct the Junior, Senior and Jazz band classes. Mrs. Darlene Peel will continue as Special Education Resource Teacher with assistance from Ms. Michaela Catsburg.

We welcome back all of our very capable support staff, with Mrs. Annette Hoogendoorn as Administrative Assistant and Mrs. Mil Engelage as Financial Manager. We would like to commend Kevin Lyons and his son Ben Lyons for a very thorough summer cleaning.

Mrs. Garey will be taking a maternity leave early in the school year and will be working on special assignments and offer classroom support for the first few weeks.

It is a blessing that we are not working with any unknown health challenges as we were last September with the serious concerns about the H1N1 virus. Pray for good health for all students and staff for this coming year and an extra measure of health for the teachers who are expecting a newborn in the course of the school year.

Volunteers are a key part of making each school year successful in meeting the needs of each student. We continue to value the efforts of the volunteers, whether it is the regular commitment of keeping the library operating, Grandparent Reading Program, serving hot lunch, helping in the classrooms or offering intermittent support for class trips, SAM activities and other special events.

On Thursday, September 9 all parents have an opportunity to attend a Potluck Supper at 6:00 and have time to meet new families or get reacquainted with returning families. On the same evening, all parents will have an opportunity to briefly meet each classroom teacher and find out what the general expectations are for the school year. Being familiar with the expectations for your child's class makes it easier to support your child through this next school year.

Be sure to touch base with the classroom teacher if you have matters that you want the teacher to be aware of.

Please note the adjustments in our daily schedule. Students will be entering the building at 10 minutes before 9:00 and will be dismissed at 3:30. If you bring your child to school, please adjust your drop off and pickup times to match these changes. If you are not able to pick up their child by 3:40, your child will be placed in Club MED at the posted rates.

For those using Club MED, the time will be billed in ½ hours blocks of \$2.50 for a single child and \$4.00 for a family. The punch cards will be modified to reflect these changes. Be sure to take advantage of the Full Day Club MED for the PD days as noted on the school calendar.

We look forward to God's blessings on Immanuel in the coming school year as we work and play with your children, teaching them to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ, and a blessing to each other.

Yours in Christ's service,

Jasper Hoogendam
Principal / COO