

On Saturday, November 26 Immanuel Christian School held its annual Harvest Bazaar. This comes amidst a plethora of events for members of the community to choose from. Yet, we had a school full of classrooms transformed into games room, plant sale, white elephant, silent auction, book sale and craft rooms, not to mention the gym being transformed into a restaurant with a range of ethnic foods served beneath the street cafe type awnings. All of this in loving support of Christian day school.

A hearty thank you goes beyond the parents who volunteered in various capacities. We also had generous help from non-parent supporters and very willing help from residents from Durham Christian Homes in Whitby. It's great to see students actively involved with various parts of the bazaar.

This is an annual event that many in the community look forward to. It's an opportunity to catch up with friends while eating some of their favourite foods. It's an opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done. For others it's an opportunity to get some baked goods in preparation for entertaining guests.

In reading Naomi Klein's book, No Logo (2000, Vintage Canada), the bazaar provides an alternative to a consumer lifestyle where the focus is on image and maximizing profits through the use of off-shore sweat shops to satisfy our need for goods. Being able to buy locally crafted products such as candle holders, bird feeders, handmade quilts and knit clothes becomes a way of giving a quality gift to some special friend or person in your family. The bazaar fits the concept of the 100 Mile diet by providing locally grown and prepared food which brings a greater sense of satisfaction.

Events like the Harvest Bazaar are one small way in which we build a sense of community. Thanks for being part of this event. What a great way to begin the season of advent as we remember Christ and the greatest gift that he has given us - coming in person for us.

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