

EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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Principal's Message

I had a parent share their appreciation for the support they experience being part of Immanuel Christian School. This appreciation was shared recently near the end of dealing with a terminal illness. Just over four years ago Camilla and Belvinder enrolled their youngest son at Immanuel Christian School. Three months after they enrolled their son, Camilla was diagnosed with cancer. During those three years, despite her weakening health, she would make it to Immanuel's opening assemblies, Christmas programs and other events as she had the strength. More noticeable was the openness with which she shared faith and confidence that God was looking after her.

Camilla expressed appreciation for the support her son receives at Immanuel. This support extends beyond the program, Rainbows for All God's Children. She noted the understanding support given by the teachers and staff. She was heartened by the care shown by the students. This past Saturday at noon Camilla died. While her death is a passing into glory, she will be very much missed by her family. Her faith and assurance in Jesus as her saviour can be summarized in the words from Job 19. *I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. I myself will*

see him with my own eyes—I, and not another How my heart yearns within me!
Job 19: 25 - 27
In making her funeral preparations, Camilla has asked that the students in grade 7&8 to provide instrumental music. We let her know that we would be honoured. The events of this past weekend reminded us that Immanuel is a supportive community. Staff and students willingly come along side and share in the pain, give encouragement, open ourselves to understanding, and share the love of Christ in a tangible way. It is the hope that comes with Christ's birth, death and resurrection that enables us to be supported, and supportive through the toughest times.

Jasper Hoogendam,
Principal

December		
21	W	Carolling at Ontario Shores
23	F	Christmas Assembly 2:45 All Welcome
24-Jan 9		Christmas Break Merry Christmas

Our school is raising money for the Hope Zion Foodbank. If you are able to, please make a food or money donation by Friday, December 23. Thank you.



Prayer Concerns:

As a group of believers we are asking you to pray for members of our school community who are battling cancer.

- Irene Bakker grandmother of Luke and Emma in Kindergarten.
- Marion Heeringa mother of two of our graduates. Please pray for God's healing and peace for all the family members.

IMMANUEL'S NEWS

We mourn with the Singh family as they say good bye to their wife and mother, Camilla Singh. Camilla fought cancer for 4 years. We can rejoice in knowing that she is with her saviour Jesus Christ. The burial will be Friday at 1:00pm at Mount Lawn Cemetery, 122 Garrard

Road. Please continue to pray for peace and strength for Zico, Aaron and his other siblings Zoe, Adrien and Zackary. The Gr. 7/8 band has been asked to play at Camilla's memorial service on Saturday. Details will be announced.

Caroling: Wed. Dec. 21st Immanuel is going Christmas Carolling at the Whitby Mental Health Centre. Students are required to wear their colour group colour, either: red, green, blue, or purple.

IMMANUEL NEWS (CONT'D)

S.A.M. (Special Activities Month): Please send in your forms.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to organize and run the cooking portion of our SAM activity. The cooking days are February 3 and 10 and are in the afternoons. Please call the school and speak to Ms. Klosinski if you need more information.

Muffin Dough: Only a few muffin tubs left yet for your for Christmas baking at \$14 each.



There are: 3 chocolate chip , 4 carrot , and 1 low fat carrot muffin. Call or email the school office if you would like to purchase some.

Ski Club:

Registration is now over, thanks to all the registrants! We have about 20 skiers and snowboarders signed up-now all we need is snow! Remember our first night of skiing is January 19th.



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!
Mrs. I. Reinsma

Prayer Group: Come meet with us Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the library to pray for our school, our families and the staff and students. Everyone is welcome. If you have any prayer needs you can share them with Georgiana, Nicole, Jacqueline or Cindy.



TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

Standing orders with post-dated cheques are encouraged, that way you don't need to remember to submit an order every week.



Remember that by using this program you can reduce your tuition cost.

Library renovation: We are looking for 2 or 3 people to help. We need to have the gray metal shelving removed, the wall painted, the wooden shelving put in place and books arranged back on the shelf. This might be a Saturday job or in the week after New Years Day. Please contact the office if you are available.

Environmental Club:

We are doing a Christmas shop and we need your help to make it happen! We need you to bring in slightly used items for our shop. On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the shop will be open for you to purchase items that others have brought in for 1.00. The money will go to Gate 3:16 in Oshawa. Please bring in items to JK/SK or Grade 3/4 by no later than Wednesday morning. Thank you!

TerraCycle Program:

We are helping the environment with the TerraCycle program. We want to thank all those who are depositing used drink pouches and sandwich bags and containers into the TerraCycle box. We also want to thank Mrs. de Groot for running the program for us. If you want to help out, please deposit the items mentioned above in the TerraCycle box by the Kindergarten room. By participating you are helping the environment and helping our school to raise funds. Thank you!

Our Annual Campbells Soup Labels Campaign is starting January 9, 2012.

To help us do our best remember to say thank you to your neighbours, aunts, uncles and grandparents who collect for you. Parents remember to look for ways in your work places or churches to collect labels. Although we collect all year long this is a fun time throughout January and February to have a little competition between the classes as we watch the results week after week. Happy Collecting. Dorothy



CLASSROOM NEWS

JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

Bible: We continue learning about the Christmas story.

Language: This week we revisit/review concepts already taught.

French: We continue to look at the Creation story in French.

Math: We count down from 10 this week.

Social Studies: Mrs. Reinsma continues with the unit "Healthy Me." We continue to look at Christmas symbols. Christmas

Carolling: Christmas Carolling is this Wednesday, December 21 AM. Please have your child dress in clothes that match their colour group.

Happy Birthday Amy! Amy had her birthday on Sunday, December 18. We hope she had a good day! Amy may bring in something to share for show and tell this week. If a snack is brought in, please ensure it's peanut-free.

Christmas celebration: Our Christmas celebration will be on Friday, December 23. Your child can wear red and green. We will have snacks for our celebration. Your child is welcome to bring something (peanut-free). Some ideas are: cheese and crackers, cookies, chips, veggies and dip, cupcakes, fruit tray, juice. If you would like to send something, please send a note in your child's bag. That way I can let you know if someone is already bringing in that item. Please be sure to make portion sizes small as a little goes a long way! Please also send items in labeled sealable containers or plastic bags, so I can send leftovers back home. If your child has diet restrictions or if you don't want your child eating certain foods, please let me know as soon as possible. I limit how many snacks each child can take on that day to ensure your child does not end up feeling sick. Thanks for making our party yummy!

Show and Tell: Ricky and Cadance

have show and tell this Friday, December 23. Please have your child bring in something that starts with the letter H or is red/green.

Full-Time Enrichment Program: Free show and tell will be this Tuesday. Your child is welcome to bring in 1 item to share about with the class. **Merry Christmas!** I hope you all have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Garey

Christmas is almost here and the excitement can be felt in the air (especially in grade 1 and 2)! We will be celebrating the birth of our Saviour all week. On Friday we will be having a big birthday bash! Students will be choosing items to bring for the party (snack, decorations, music, etc...) I will be sending home that information on Monday - please make sure you check the agenda!

Bible: We are focusing on Christmas for the rest of the month.

Memory Work: No memory work this week!

Language: We are focusing Christmas stories and finishing our If You Give stories

Reading: We are reading a number of Christmas stories.

Writing: Students are finishing their If You Give stories. Can't wait to put our books together!!

Working With Words: No spelling words this week. We are reviewing our Word Wall words

Math: We are wrapping up our addition and subtractions unit.

Creation Studies: We are learning about movement.

Art: We are doing Christmas art.

Music: We are working on some Christmas songs and learning to create beat with instruments.

At-Home-Reading! It is an expectation for students to be reading daily at home (10-15 minutes). Please continue to read over the holidays, as

some students regress in their reading during school vacations.

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

Welcome to a special week! We will be doing many Christmas activities as we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth. I wish all of you a very merry Christmas!

LA: We will be reading Christmas books this week and discussing them, and writing about each family's Christmas traditions. There will not be a spelling test this week. Instead we will be working with Christmas words and patterns.

Math: Grade 3s are looking at division this week and how it relates to multiplication. Grade 4s will be having their unit test on multiplication and division early this week.

Social Studies: We began our new unit on Early Exploration last week. Please be on the lookout for "Table Talk" questions to discuss at home or in the car.

Bible: This week in Bible we are remembering the story of Joseph and God's plan in his life.

Christmas Party: We will be having a Christmas party on Friday. Students are invited to bring in some snacks or drinks (and cups) if they would like and their favourite board game.

Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

FAIR GLEN: It is almost that time of year! A detailed information letter with a permission slip was sent home last Friday. It is due no later than this Friday (December 23rd).

Spelling: We are practicing correct spelling of the months (January-December) and days of the week (Monday-Sunday). There will be a test on both components this Friday.

Reading Records: Students are to be reading daily and submitting their Reading Record Forms on the first day of every week.

CLASSROOM NEWS (CONT'D)

Reading Strategy: We have started a new strategy focus: Evaluating! Students have been given a short story to read and evaluate on their own. A handout with the specific expectations will be given today.

Math: We are working through our new unit: Decimals!

Social Studies: The research project on Non-Governmental Organizations (noted last week) is due this Tuesday.

French: This week we will work on our masks; students are encouraged to bring in crafty items from home to enhance their mask.

Christmas Challenge: Students will have a new reading record challenge as well as a math booklet challenge to work on over the Christmas break. It is due January 9th.

Grade 7 & 8 - Mrs. Reinsma / Mrs. Kaldewey

Keep up to date on daily homework assignments by visiting our new classroom web-site at: <http://ics78homework.webs.com>

Math: We will work on mastering our knowledge of measuring area and circumference of circles, and complete the week with a study of surface area and volume of pyramids and prisms. We plan to create a few 3 dimensional Christmas ornaments before the holidays as well.

LA: Each student should be completing the editing process for their self-selected writing by Friday.

Speeches: Will be introduced this week, and students are encouraged to think about their topic of choice over the holidays.

Spelling: Gr. 7 & 8 each received a list of 20 words last week, and will be tested on them this Thursday. Remember to go to our class homework web site to get day to day assignments!

History: Assignments should be marked and returned by Wednesday.

French 8: Tests were marked and returned last Wednesday.

Art: We are in the middle of making some beautiful prints...