

EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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Principal's Message

Immanuel Christian School is participating in National Bullying Awareness Week. In Monday morning chapel students listened to a bullying awareness public service announcement. It focused on the importance of not tolerating the negative behaviour and standing up for those who experience bullying.

The devotion that followed acknowledged that students and teachers at Immanuel show that they care. The students are taught that the basic building block in relationships is respect. This covers four areas, respect for God, respect for God's world, respect for self and respect for others.

Bullying happens in many places. Social media has a way of making it pervasive.

Bullying can leave a person feeling isolated and vulnerable. It's a relationship that shows part of the brokenness that many people experience in their life.

Relationships are the most influential part of a person's day. If one receives a word of encouragement it colours the whole day. If one receives a put down it colours the day in a dark way. Each hurtful experience can further alienate a person.

While relationships can be hurtful, we also know that in relationships real healing happens. Relationships define who we are. If we're loved, we reflect that. When a person shares their hurt with someone who cares and understands, a burden is lifted. A person's self worth and confidence begins to heal.

The pink shirt campaign that started in Nova Scotia in 2007 highlighted the importance of a bullied student not feeling alone and isolated. The campaign was a very public way of breaking the isolation.

One quiet way we break the isolation at Immanuel is through adult led groups. The groups are gender specific. Students of one class are invited to share at noon hour. The sessions encourage sharing of different anxieties that students experience and allows for others to offer support and understanding.

The meetings allow students to be vulnerable in a safe setting. Allowing students to be vulnerable helps begin the healing.

Jasper Hoogendam
COO/ Principal

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Congratulations to Daryl & Brenda Ward (Amber-Gr. 7, Alan-gr.2) with the birth of Angela Grace last Tuesday, Nov. 8. May God bless your family as you include this new member.

French Café: This Wednesday at lunch all students in the school will be given the opportunity to enjoy a sandwich, drink and dessert in our grade 5/6 French café. Each item is \$1 and all proceeds will go to Gate 3:16. Our grade 5

& 6 class is looking forward to being able to serve their fellow students and the staff lunch. All you need to do is say, "Je vais prendre un sandwich _____"! There will be ham, chicken, roast beef, egg salad,

November		
14	M	Dental Screening - K & 1/2 Deadline for picture orders
16	W	Café Epic Face Lunch Hour
17	Th	Hep B & Men C shots (1st dose) - Gr. 7, AM Cheese order pickup ICS Fall Membership mtg., 7:30 PM
17	Th	Grade 8 Evening Open House at DCHS
18-19	F, Sat	Volleyball tournament, Bowmanville
23	W	Picture retakes, 9 AM
25	F	P.A. Day - Report Card Writing, NO School ICS Day Camp
26	Sat	Bazaar/Auction, 11 AM - 3 PM

Important Reminder: Please make sure all Halloween treats that come to school are peanut free.

Prayer Concerns:

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

- Camilla Singh, mother of Aaron Singh in grade 7.
- 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.

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cheese and jam sandwiches, lemonade, hot chocolate, milk, juice, coffee and tea. There will also be apple pie, muffins, coffee cake, carrot cake, lemon pie, and cookies. Come and enjoy Le Café Epic-Face!

School Pictures: The deadline to submit your orders is today, Nov. 14th. Picture retakes are scheduled for Wed., Nov. 23. If you would like your child's picture retaken you must return your 1st package and notify the school office that you would like a retake.

Cheese orders will be available for pickup this Thursday.

ICS Day Camp: The next one will be Friday, Nov, 25 8:50 AM to 3:30 PM. You must register by Monday November 21.

Extra Cookie/Muffin Dough: There are few left tubs for sale in case you missed placing an order earlier. There is:

2 White Chocolate Chunk	@ \$12 ea
2 Shortbread	@ \$12 ea
2 Double Chocolate Chunk	@ \$12 ea
3 Banana Muffin	@ \$14 ea
1 Low-fat Carrot muffin	@ \$14
4 Carrot muffin	@ \$14
3 Chocolate chip muffin	@ \$14
1 Lemon Cranberry	@ \$14
2 Brownies	@ \$14

Boys' & Girls' Volleyball: We hope to have a girls' team vs. boys' team game this week! Boys' practice on Wednesday will go to 5:00, parents are welcome to come at 4:30 for a parent vs. boys game! We are looking for drivers to leave the school at 3:00pm on Friday to get the team to Knox for the 4:00 opening of the tournament. Please let either of us know if you are able to drive! Coaches, Mrs. Garey/Mrs. Reinsma

BAZAAR NEWS: Food Donation List: The kitchen committee is looking for some food donations. If you have not responded please do so as soon as possible. The list of remaining items needed is included in the body of the newsletter email or is attached to the newsletter today.

Games Room: Requesting stuffed animals, games, toys, stickers, art stuff, PSP games, WII games, in almost new condition, anything that kids would like to win in the games room. It does not need to be new, but stuff that your kids may have out grown. We want to make this fun for the kids. Nicole Caruthers

L.A.B. Bizarre Baskets: L.A.B. is creating a 'Bizarre' challenge for each colour group. Each group is invited to create a themed basket for the auction at the Bazaar, to help fundraise for the school. Each student in their colour group has the challenge of earning & donating \$2-5 to their group to help build a basket. Tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 15 is the last day to make your donation!! The colour group whose basket sells for the highest price wins 1st place. I wonder which group will win...**Red, Blue, Purple Green?**

Bake Room Table: We need your delicious baking and treats for the Bake Room at the Bazaar. Please bake, bake, bake! Place your items on paper plates covered in plastic wrap and priced, it would be much appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the school on Friday, Nov. 25, the eve before the Bazaar. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Libby.

Christmas Chocolate Contest: It's time for our annual baking contest amongst the students! Every year we are amazed at the creations that come to school for this annual event! This year you may bake anything that is chocolate...a cake, cookies, brownies,

muffins, candy, cupcakes, etc. Some of the categories for this year's contest are: tastiest, biggest, most unique, smallest, most 'Christmassy' and more! Please have your entry at the school for Thursday, Nov. 24 by 9 AM for judging. If you have any questions contact Michelle Libby.

Books, Books, Books: Enjoy reading? This is your opportunity to make room for some new books. The Book Room committee is looking for donations for our annual Bazaar, any donations are greatly appreciated.

- Clean out your books shelves.
- Clean out under the bed.
- Clean out the office.

Your donations can be brought to the school on Friday, Nov. 25 after 12:00 noon.

Ski Club: It seems Brimacombe is having issues with their on line registration. They are working on it. If you would like to register like last year please pick up a form from the office or from me (Ingrid Reinsma). Remember all participants need to fill out a waiver and need to wear a helmet this year. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Mrs. I. Reinsma

Environmental Club: Boomerang Lunches: Parents, as a school we are trying to promote 'garbage-free' or 'boomerang' lunches. We are hoping that you will support and participate in our garbage-free transition. We recommend fruits, vegetables, and baked goods in reusable containers instead of wrapped snacks. If you must put any garbage in your child's lunch we ask that your child take it back home, like a boomerang. That is what we call a 'Boomerang' lunch.

Terracycle Project: We are collecting Kool-Aid jammers, glad bags/containers, chocolate bars



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JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

Bible: We learn about the rebuilding of the temple and the cities by God's chosen people (Ezra 5-6; Nehemiah 1-7) and about Esther becoming queen (Esther 1-2) this week in our unit, "People who showed their love for God."

Language: The letter of the week is D. The word of the week is Dad.

French: We learn the song "Jesus Loves Me" and "My God is so Big" in French and we continue to look at shapes in French this week.

Math: We review and wrap up our data management unit this week.

Social Studies: Mrs. Reinsma continues with the unit, "Let's Build." We also continue to learn more about transportation.

Colour of the Month: The colour of the month is brown! Please have your child wear brown on Wednesday, November 16.

Show and Tell: Luke and Maizy have show and tell this Friday, November 18. Please have your child bring in an item that starts with D and/or is the colour brown.

Star of the Week: Hailey is star of the week on November 21. Please send in a small display of pictures for your child to present in front of the class. Your child is also welcome to bring in a toy for show and tell as well as a peanut-free snack to share with the class.

Extra socks: It's that time of year when many socks get wet from the rain/snow. Please send in 2 extra pairs of labelled socks to school that we can put in your child's cubby.

Full-Time Enrichment Program: Free show and tell will be this Tuesday. Please have your child bring in an item to share with the class.

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Garey

Bible: This week we will be focusing on the selling and enslavement of Joseph.

Memory Work: Give thanks as you enter the gates of his temple. Give praise as you enter its courtyards. Give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

Language: For the month of November we are working on sequencing.

Reading: We are reading *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*

Writing: We are learning to sequence ideas.

Working With Words: this week's rule i_e and -ight (long i)

Gr 1: line, ride, hide, light, night

Gr 2: line, ride, hide, light, night, spider, frighten, brides

Math: This week we are learning about money. Students will be doing some counting with coins. On Friday we would love to have a 'toy sale' in our classroom. Please see your child's agenda for further details.

Creation Studies: Maps of your child's favourite room are due on Thursday.

Art: We are learning about the use of line.

French: We are learning animal words as well as some food words in preparation for our visit to the Café.

Music: We continue to learn about timbre.

At-Home-Reading! It is an expectation for students to be reading daily at home (10-15 minutes). Students started a take-a-book home program last week with a book at their level - please assist your child by listening to them read and having them do the worksheets provided with their book. Return your books and worksheets on Friday with your Reading Record folder.

Garbageless Lunches! Our school is working very hard to limit its waste. Please help us by sending your child's lunch as garbageless as possible. We are competing against the other grades to generate the least amount of waste - help us and help the environment!

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

LA: This week we are practicing the skill of sequencing and following written directions. Please practice putting things in order as you tell your parents what you read at home too. We are also practicing alphabetical order this week. There will be a spelling test on Friday.

Parents, is your child reading at least 15 minutes per day and recording the name of their book in their agenda daily? This is an expectation for the year.

Math: Grade 4s are learning about geometric solids and skeletons. There will be a test on Friday on this short Geometry unit. Grade 3s will have their unit test on adding and subtracting tomorrow. They have been practicing! They will begin their Geometry unit this week.

PE: We're enjoying our Volleyball unit.

Social Studies: We are having visitors this week to talk about living in other parts of the world. We welcome Mr. John and Mr. Oliver and look forward to hearing about their lives!

Bible: We are finishing the stories of Abraham. New memory work is Philipians 4:13 and is due on Nov. 23rd. (NIV I can do everything through him who gives me strength.)

Science: We continue to learn about the world of trees, as habitat and as a gift of life.

Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

French 5 & 6: We are very excited about our café this week! Please remember to bring in the items promised on the morning of the 16th. Thanks to Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Hendrikse for their offers of help. If there are any other parents that could help from 11-1:00 on Wednesday that would be great!

Language Arts:

Spelling: Spelling words are found in your child's spelling textbook on P. 30.

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The test will take place this Friday.

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

Reader's Notebook: We have begun a new reading strategy: Sequencing! We are learning how to put events in order. This week's challenge is for each student to give a sequential recount of this Monday.

Grammar: We are focusing this week on capitalization - several work sheets will be given to your child on Wednesday for them to complete and submit by this Friday.

Math: We have finished Unit 2 (Whole Numbers) and will be greatly focusing this week on multiplication and division. We are soon to launch Unit 3: Geometry!

Science: We are learning about the respiratory system this week.

Bible: The memory work test for 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 is finally here; this Tuesday (November 15th).

Physical Education: We have begun a new unit in Phys-Ed class: Volleyball!

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

Thank you for responding to my request for email communication. This morning, I sent out both the Math and Language Arts Syllabus. I look forward to encouraging the students to strive toward excellent study habits, both at school and at home.

L.A.: Our new unit on "Behind the Music" - *What does it take to make it in the music industry* is resonating with many of us, as our lives are filled with music on a daily basis. We will spend time discerning how the music that we listen to affects how we think about life. If there are any adults interested in sharing their story of music recording, etc, I would love to hear from you. Students must have a novel at school with them every day.

Spelling: Test on Thursday

Scripture Memorization: This week's theme is "Goodness". *"So let's not get tired of doing good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we do not give up."* Galatians 6:9

Geography: Marked tests went home last Friday. We will be starting a History unit for this term. We start with how Canada was when white men sailed upon it.

Science: The test was moved to this Tuesday. Notebooks are due Wednesday. Then we will start a unit on Forces/Simple Machines.

Bible: Students have been given the outline for a project in Bible having to do with the theme of faithfulness. These projects are due on the 23rd of November and were started in class last week.

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(including Halloween ones make sure they are peanut free bars), and the little portion size cookie/cracker bags. Visit the web site for more information on this recycling fundraiser program. <http://www.terracycle.ca/brigades.html>

Thanks God's Littlest Helpers in the Environmental club

Rainbows: The Rainbows program for students in grades 1 to 8 will begin on Thursday, November 24. The invitation to join the Rainbows program is extended to students who are experiencing the recent death of a family member, divorce, separation or any other major crisis in their family life. Mrs. Cathy Schenk and Mrs. Michelle Libby will be leading the program this year. If you feel that your child(ren) would benefit from this peer support groups, please contact the school office.

Prayer Group: Come meet with us Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the

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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.

Social Development Small Groups:

Each Monday and Tuesday, ICS students in grades 5 - 8 have the opportunity to attend an all boys or all girls small group time led by two Durham College Students. Krystal Bond and Stephanie Bouma are in the Social Service Worker program, and are spending two days a week at our school. Each week a different theme will be discussed, ranging from self-image, managing emotions, communication (both body language and internet), and respect. The rotation will include Gr. 5/6 & Gr. 7/8 girls alternating Mondays, and Gr. 5/6 & Gr. 7/8 boys alternating Tuesdays. The students will eat their lunch during the program, which will be in Mrs. Kaldeway's classroom, and there will always be an extra snack available. Questions? Contact Mrs. Kaldeway at office@immanuelsschool.ca

COMMUNITY NEWS

THINKING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?

Grade eight students and their parents are invited to discover more about Durham Christian High School. We are hosting an Information Evening on Thursday, November 17th with a desert social beginning at 7:15 PM.

For more info call the school at 905-623-5940 or go to www.dchs.com. Also check out the new www.whychristianschools.ca website.

De-Mystifying Social Media: Come hear Karl Nielsen speak to parents about the Social Network. The pros and cons and setting guidelines for your family. Tuesday November 22nd from 7-9pm at Durham Christian High School. Admission is \$5.00 You can register at development@dchs.com