

# EYE ON IMMANUEL

*"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"*

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## Principal's Message

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 that were 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 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.

Jasper Hoogendam,  
COO/ Principal

December		
2	F	1st Term Reports issued
8	Th	Grandparent Readers Luncheon; 12:20 PM
8	Th	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30 - 8 PM
9	F	P.A. Day - NO SCHOOL P/T Conferences, 9 - 11 AM Teacher Activity, 1- 3:30 PM
14	W	Pizza Hot Lunch
15	Th	Christmas Program With Bands 7pm
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Please note: The Gr. 3/4 Trip to Heber Down tomorrow has been rescheduled to Thurs. Dec. 1.

## IMMANUEL'S NEWS

A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the many volunteers who made Saturday's Bazaar and Silent Auction a very fun and successful day. Our initial numbers tell us that we made about \$17,000. We could not have done it

without you. A special thank you to Pam Fanous and Rosemary Cairns for taking on some organization and calling, to the Bangas for running a smooth Silent Auction with triple the items from previous years, to Deb Witvoet for taking

charge of the restaurant again and the following people for taking leadership roles in various other areas: Marla Matson-Kwong from Durham, Monique DeBrouwer, the Haaksmas, Rosemary Cairns, Connie Jeninga,

**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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Nicole Carruthers, Michelle Libby, John VanNiedek, and Jacqueline Sinclair. If you have some constructive feedback you can contact Krista at [kristaritskes@gmail.com](mailto:kristaritskes@gmail.com). Email only please. Thank you so much to everyone who came out and supported ICS and the Durham West chapter of DCHS!

**Items for Sale:** There are a few leftovers from the Bazaar to sell.

We have 9 cases of Windshield Washer fluid (4 bottles per case) at \$15.00 a case or \$4 per bottle.

We also have some cases of pop:

2 - 24 pk. Coke—\$6 ea

1 - 12 pk Orange - \$3 ea

1 - 12 pk Sprite - \$3 ea

1 - 12 pk Fruitopia - \$3 ea

1 - 8 pk Sausage - \$6 ea

Call or email the school office if you would like to purchase one or more of these items. First come, first served.

**Friday Lunch Snacks:** This Friday the L.A.B. students will be selling some extra snacks leftover from the Bazaar. Available items are:

- Doritos - .75 cents ea
- Milk, Fruitopia or pop (Coke, Orange or Sprite) - \$1.00

**Environmental Club's Mandate:** Environmental club members will: develop an awareness of environmental issues, take a responsibility for taking care of God's creation at school and in their home, and encourage others to become active in reducing, reusing, and recycling.

1 Chronicles 29:11 speaks of God's glory and how everything belongs to Him. "Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all (NIV).

We hope and pray that over the course of the 2011-2012 school year we will remember that the earth is the Lord's and that He gave us the special job of taking care of it.

Remember to check out the newsletter each week for Environmental Club announcements. It's incredible how much we can do when we work as part of a team. Thanks for your support!

**Boomerang Lunches:** Parents, remember as a school we are trying to promote 'garbage-free' or 'boomerang' lunches. We ask for your support and participation 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.

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

**Extra Cookie/Muffin Dough:** Only a few tubs left yet for your for Christmas baking. Muffin dough \$14 each, Cookie dough \$12 each. There are: 4 chocolate chip, 4 carrot muffin, 1 low fat carrot muffin, and 1 shortbread cookie dough

**Ski Club:** The on line registration should now be working. [www.brimacombe.ca/trips](http://www.brimacombe.ca/trips). Password is "imcs". Any persons wishing to register as chaperones will have to give me their names and waivers. Unlike last year, you will have to pay each time you come. It will be half the regular price of a lift ticket. If you would like to register like last year please pick up a

form from the office or from me (Ingrid Reinsma). Registrations need to be in by December 16th. Remember all participants need to fill out a waiver and need to wear a helmet this year.

Let it snow, let it snow!

Mrs. I. Reinsma

**Rainbows:** The Rainbows program for students in grades 1 to 8 began last week. The invitation to join the Rainbows program is extended to students who are experiencing the recent death of a family members, 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 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.



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

**Bible:** We continue with our unit: "People Who Showed Their Love for God: Exile".

**Memory Verse:** The memory verse for the month is: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind...." (Luke 10:27).

**Language:** The letter of the week is S. The word of the week is 'at'.

**French:** We will learn the days of the week in French.

**Math:** We continue with our Number Sense unit this week. A letter explaining the unit was sent home early this week. Another letter which has number rhymes to remember and how to print numbers will be sent home soon.

**Social Studies:** Mrs. Reinsma wrapped up the unit, "Let's Build" last week. This week Mrs. Reinsma begins the unit "Healthy Me."

**Show and Tell:** Prince and Lydia have show and tell this Friday, December 2. Please have your child bring in an item that starts with S and/or is the colours red/green.

**Star of the Week:** Luke is star of the week on December 5. 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.

**Cubbies:** Parent-Teacher interviews are coming up beginning of December. These are great times to come in to the kindergarten classroom and empty out your child's cubby. Blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals should be washed and clothes should be checked (The clothes might be too small for your child now and/or not warm enough for winter). When you do take the items home to be washed and/or changed, please be sure to bring them back for the next school day. If you

bring new items to school, please make sure they are labelled. Thank you.

**December Calendar:** The December calendar will be sent home this week.

**Change in last day:** Mrs. Abraham's last day will not be this week. Her last day will be on the December calendar.

**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.

### Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Garey

**Bible:** This week we will be wrapping up our Patriarchs unit. We will start a Christmas unit.

**Memory Work:** Mary showed faith by accepting what the angel had told her saying, "I am the Lord's servant... May it be to me as you have said." Luke 1:26-27

**Language:** For the month of December we are working on making connections (relating literacy skills to personal experiences/opinions).

**Reading:** We will be starting some winter reading and Christmas stories.

**Writing:** We are learning to expand our ideas while writing.

**Working With Words:**(long o and long u) Gr. 1: home, rose, note, use, tune  
Gr. 2: home, rose, note, use, tune, stone, homerun, prune.

**Math:** We are learning about addition and subtraction.

**Creation Studies:** Our new unit begins today! We will be learning about movement!

**Art:** We are learning to use colour.

**Music:** We are beginning to learn some Christmas songs!

**At-Home-Reading!** It is an expectation for students to be reading daily at home (10-15 minutes).

### Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

**Tomorrow's trip to Heber Down is rescheduled for Thurs. Dec. 1st!**

**LA:** This week we are using our sequencing skills to read and write instructions. Please practice putting

things in order as you read at home too. There will be a spelling test this week 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 practicing their multiplication skills. Please study the facts to 9x9 at home. Grade 3s are learning about attributes and sorting geometric solids.

**PE:** We are beginning a new unit on Floor Hockey. It should be fun!

**Social Studies:** We are presenting our mapping journeys this week and will be going on our field trip on Thursday afternoon. Please dress for being outside.

**Bible:** We are exploring the stories of Jacob. What was God's plan for him?

**Music:** Instead of memory work this week, students are expected to know the words to their Christmas song: We Three Kings. Please know this by Friday.

### Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

**French 5:** We started a new unit about our community, a note went home last week.

**French 6:** We started a new unit about Winter festivals, a note went home last week.

**Language Arts:**

Spelling: Spelling words are found in your child's agenda on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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. A new reading record for the month of December will be sent home with your child this Thursday.

Reader's Notebook: We are on the final week of the strategy

## CLASSROOM NEWS (CONT'D)

"Sequencing." A good copy of the step-by-step tutorial ("How To") task is due next Monday. Your child has received an outline of the specifics required for this task.

**Math:** We will be having a quiz this Wednesday on the first four lessons of Unit 3 (Geometry).

**Science:** We are in the final stretch of our science unit "Human Organ Systems - Fearfully and Wonderfully Made." We are looking once more at the digestive and skeletal system this week. There will be a quiz on both systems next week Wednesday.

**Social Studies:** We are diving deep this week into understanding the worldview of others *and ourselves*. As we do this we will be analyzing the similarities and differences between New France's, Canada's, and our classroom's culture and the impact worldview has had (and still has) on this.

**Art:** Students are to transfer the isolated section of their nature picture onto the larger grid paper they created in class. What is not finished at school will need to be done at home. The good copy is due this coming Wednesday.

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

**History:** An assignment about Life in New France did not go home last week, but should this week!

**Science:** We have been investigating various forces.

**Bible:** The media projects presented last week were fun, interesting and thought provoking.

**French 8:** The final task is due on Friday of this week.

**French 7:** The final task will be due on Wednesday.

**Math:** Gr. 8 Unit 4 test this Wed. Gr. 7 will have a partial Unit 4 re-test on Wed. as well. Notebooks will be due the same day.

**LA:** "Behind the Music" - What does it take to make it in the music? Students' text recommendations are due this Friday, and we will begin presenting our information the following week.

**Spelling:** Test on Thursday

**Scripture Memorization:** This week's theme is "Hope". "For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37. Students have until Wed., to place their memorized scripture in the ballot box for a draw on Thursday, Dec.1.

Scholastic orders deadline is Nov. 30.

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7/8 boys alternating Tuesdays. The students will eat their lunch during the program, and there will always be an extra snack available. Contact Mrs. Kaldeway at office@immanuelsschool.ca

**TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program):** Orders are due on Thursdays and the cards are delivered & distributed the following Friday. A TRIP order form is sent home with the newsletter every week. It's also available from the school office or on the website. Some gift cards are even readily available at the school office all the time. 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.

