

EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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Principal's Message

We have recently completed the provincial elections. We have voted in a minority Liberal government that has increased the challenge for Christian school parents.

When the current premier began his first mandate he cancelled the Equity in Education tax credit that was beginning to give parents a significant refund on tuition fees paid. Ever since the cancellation of that tax credit the enrolment numbers in Christian schools in the province has shown a gradual decline.

What do we do for families who very much would like to have their children in a school like Immanuel that reinforces the values by which they are raising their children?

In the past few weeks I have met with several families looking for Christian education for their children, but who simply cannot afford the tuition fee. What do we do with that information?

We have some "no cost" fundraisers like TRIP which has unrealized potential. Families who make diligent use of the program are seeing a significant cut to their tuition bill. As more families make use of the TRIP program we will see a noticeable mark on the fundraising line of the budget. That means all of us would benefit.

There are other ways in which we can help reduce the cost for families who find current tuition beyond their means. Not the least being support for the Tuition Assistance Fund that some of our parents benefit from.

At the heart of the matter is the realization that we must pull together. When we realize the value of Christian schools in raising compassionate citizens for the next generation, we understand that there is no other choice but to make Christian education work for every Christian family that dreams of enrolling their children.

Having recently celebrated Thanksgiving, each one of us is keenly aware of how abundantly we are blessed.

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Luke 12:48b

That is our blessing... that is our challenge.

Jasper Hoogendam
COO/ Principal

October		
14	F	Interim Reports
21	F	CFL Flag Football Gr. 7/8 Argo's vs The Eskimos
24	M	Picture Day, AM
27-28	Th-F	OCSTA Teachers Convention, OACS Office Personnel Convention - NO SCHOOL ICS Day Camp

Prayer Concerns:

Marion Heeringa, former member and long time supporter of Immanuel, has been diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer. Please pray for healing for Marion and also strength and courage for her husband John and their children Sharyl and Ryan.

You might want to note that...

- **COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER STARTS TODAY!!**
- **Tuition Reduction Incentive Program** form sent with the newsletter today (see details in newsletter)
- Please ensure that we have updated contact information in the office for your home phone, cell phones and email address.
- Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

IMMANUEL'S NEWS

Please ensure that your **Tuition Faith Promise form** with cheques, Family Record Sheet, Participation Points Volunteer form and Field Trip Permission

form have all been returned to the school office.

Criminal Profile Checks: Immanuel has a policy that all volunteers who work in the classroom or directly

with the children are required to submit a Criminal Profile Check (police check), which is less than two years old, to the
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school office. If you are currently or plan to volunteer in this capacity please submit your check a.s.a.p.

If you are unsure if we currently have a check on file for you already please call the office.

A police check needs to be renewed once it is 5 years old. If your check has expired you will receive a letter inviting you to submit a more recent one or obtain a new one from the Durham Regional Police services. Once received, a copy of the police check is kept on file at the school.

Chocolate Bars: Please return your payment a.s.a.p. The box of chocolates (30 count @ \$2 ea) is valued at \$60.00. Please make any cheques payable to 'Immanuel Christian School' or 'ICS'. There are still some boxes of chocolates left if anyone would like to take one home and sell it.

Cross-Country: Congratulations to all our cross-country runners! We had two days of good running! One of our team members came in 1st place in their respective category at the Enniskillen meet against the area regional Catholic schools.

Senior Girls: Megan Gates - 1st

In the regional Christian schools event we had:

Senior Boys

Matthew DeBrouwer 1st

Rudy Fledderus 6th

Terry Jeninga 10th

Senior Girls

Megan Gates 1st

Gabby Mitchell 8th

Ashleigh VanHarmelen 9th

Danielle DeWilde 10th

Anna Smit 10th

Intermediate Boys:

Fred Ntware 10th

Gianluca Luchetta 11th

Edward Mitchell 12th

Charlie Smit 13th

Intermediate Girls

Rachael Roberts 1st

Laura Gates 2nd

Michelle Chant 5th

Brianna Cairns 13th

Kaelin Cook 14th

Emman Hendrikse 15th

Skyлар Smit 17th

Junior Boys:

Noah McDonald 5th

Noel Eenling 10th

Jan Hendrikse 15th

Noah Roberts 17th

Junior Girls:

Andrea Gates 5th

Morgan Cook 9th

Kristen Haaksma 12th

Danielle Witvoet 14th

Hannah Armanious 16th

TORONTO ARGONAUTS FOOTBALL CLUB

Friday, October 21 our Grade 7 & 8 students will participate in a Christian Schools Flag Football Tournament at the Rogers Centre in Toronto. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise the profile of Christian Schools in the GTA and Ontario. It promises to be a great day and an exciting event. Following the Christian School tournament, the Toronto Argonauts will play the Edmonton Eskimos in a regular season game. Tickets for the game are available through the school office at a discounted price of \$20.00 each. Tell your family and friends about this event. Each student who participates in the tournament will receive a free ticket for the CFL game to be played that evening. The Flag football tournament begins at 8 AM and the Argos game kick-off is at 6:30 PM. The hope is that this will become an annual event. See flyer sent with the newsletter today for more details.

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. You are going to shop anyway why not help the school and yourself.

Special Reminder:

Save Our Subscriptions: This magazine sales/renewal fundraiser is currently underway and will wrap up **October 18th**. Don't forget that all the funds raised from this fundraiser goes directly to reducing specific events for your child. You can send orders into the school or you can order online. For any questions call QSP Customer Service directly at 1-800-667-2536.

Bazaar Volunteer Hours Nov. 26/11

We are looking for people to do some important roles for the upcoming Bazaar. There are a few rooms that don't have coordinators yet. There is not a lot involved in this role. It's short-term but will go a long way toward your participation points. You will need to find people to help work in the room throughout the day of the Bazaar. You will help set up the room on the Friday before the Bazaar, but if you aren't able to do that, just find

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JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

Bible: We are starting a new unit this week in Bible: "People Who Showed Their Love for God: Exile". The memory verse for the month is part one of our theme verses for the year: "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*" (Philippians 4:6, NIV)

Math: This week in math we are collecting, sorting, counting, and comparing information.

Social Studies: We are excited for our field trip to Nature's Bounty tomorrow! We hope that it will be nice weather. Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather (e.g., raincoat, rain boots). If you are a chaperone, please be at the school by 12:20. We plan to leave at 12:30. You will be informed if the trip is cancelled due to rain.

Show and Tell: This Friday, October 14, *Nathaniel* and *Prince* have show and tell. Please have your child bring in something that is orange or starts with the letter U.

Star of the Week: The star of the week for October 17 is *Sabrina!* Please have your child bring in a small display of personal/favourite pictures which can be put on a bristol board. Your child may also bring in a favourite thing to share with the class. All SK star of the week boards will be stored at school for SK graduation.

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Garey

Bible: We will be learning about Isaac's life.

Memory Work: *Who can go up to the temple on the hill of the lord? Who can stand in his holy place? Psalm 24:3*

Reading: Guided reading groups have started. Students are reading in a group with other students at their level. We are working on analyzing

(finding information that is readily available) as our reading strategy this month.

Writing: we are learning how to come up with ideas and select topics.

Working with Words: No spelling words this week. We are focusing on rhyming patterns.

Math: We are starting a new unit: Number Relationships- look for a note home!

Creation Studies: We are wrapping up our unit: The Sky Declares this week. Our next unit will be: Mapping My Home- look for work to come home that will involve basic drawings/maps of parts of your home.

We will be going on a field trip to Nature's Bounty in Port Perry on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

LA: This week we are working on analyzing, as we explore different texts to locate information. Our spelling words will go home in the agendas today and our test will be on Friday. Be sure to practice words from previous weeks too.

Parents, did you know about this homework? Students are expected to read at least 15 minutes each day and record the name of their book in their agenda.

Math: Grade 4s are working on adding 3 and 4 digit numbers this week. Grade 3s are finishing up their unit and will have a test on Friday.

PE: We are going to practice soccer skills this week.

Social Studies: We are learning about the provinces and territories of Canada and will practice using directions and grids.

Bible: We are beginning group projects on nomads. This will help us to

understand Abraham's life. Projects will be completed at school, although materials may be brought from home if needed.

Homework: Memory work is due on October 14th. It is 1 Peter 2:9 & 10.

Parents: Thank you for signing the agenda each night and checking that homework is complete.

Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

Spelling: Our new spelling word list is in your child's agenda on Saturday October 15th. There will be a test this Friday.

Reading Records: A new Reading Record Form was sent home last week - one for the month of October. It is due on the first day of every week.

Reading and Writing: Each student is to submit their best work in their Reader's Notebook (using their rubrics to guide them) by this coming Friday.

Math: We are working through Unit 2 (Whole Numbers). Any math homework for this week will be noted in your child's agenda.

Physical Education: We are beginning a new unit in Phys-Ed class: Fitness. During this unit students will be learning various stretches and given numerous fitness challenges. Students are reminded that they must have their gym clothes for every Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

Art: Every student has shone with imagination and creativity during the past month in art class! We have worked on sketching imagined "creatures" and "places" from the book "Oh the Things You Can Think" into an art booklet. Students are to submit this booklet completed with full detailed and colours by Monday October 17th.

CLASSROOM NEWS (CONT'D)

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

We had a great day at Durham Christian on Wednesday! Our team finished **first in the A division!!** Congratulations to the whole team, the many goal scorers, and our great goalie! Thanks also to Mr. Hoogendam for stepping in as the coach! Thanks also to the parents that came along to cheer and transport us to and from the school. Please return any school uniforms this week.

P.E.: We will be moving in and starting volleyball this week. Students may want to have knee pads for this. Students are also reminded that their indoor shoes need to be running shoes, fit for doing gym class with.

Bible: This week we will begin a unit on the book of Esther and what it means to live faithfully.

Math: Students have received their Unit 1 math assignment grade, and will receive their tests back by Friday.

L.A.: This week the students will be encouraged to record their spelling words in their agenda to heighten the opportunity to review word strategies daily. We are continuing in our thematic book club unit. Students should have read the first three sections of the text by now.

Club MED All Day Program

Club MED Day Camp is offered at ICS October 27 and 28th from 8:50 to 3:30. Some of the activities that will be offered includes:

- *start the day with a healthy breakfast
- *Arts and Crafts
- *Sports (outside if weather permits)
- *Computer time

You must register for the camp by October 24th.

NOTE: Regular Club MED is still offered on these two days with the regular cost plus the Day Camp cost.

The fees for the day are as follows:

- 1 Child \$30, 2 Children \$50,
- 3 Children \$70

Prayer Group:

A prayer group is starting up next Wednesday October 19th. We will meet at 9:00 in the library for an hour of prayer for our school and the people of our community.

Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer. If you have any question or prayer needs you can speak with Gorgiana, Nicole or Cindy. .

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someone who is. Be there on the day of, for as much time as you can give and help clean it all up. That's it. If these rooms don't have coordinators, they will be closed. Call Krista Ritskes for a list of which rooms are still available. We are also looking for people to help coordinate the auction and participate in preparations. You may get a phone call asking you to help out. Please consider putting in some time for this important fundraiser. Call or email (kristaritskes@gmail.com) Krista Ritskes for more information.

Cookie Dough: It is time once again for the grades 5 through 8 to sell gourmet cookie dough and muffin mix. This fundraiser starts today and ends **Wednesday October 19.** Please make sure all order forms are in to your classroom teacher by the above date. An information sheet went home today. This fundraiser directly impacts your child, as the funds they raise will go towards helping them reduce the cost of specific trips.

*****CHEESE PLEASE*****

This is the week to put in your order for cheese. Orders must be to the school by Thursday. Your order will be available for pick up the following Thursday. Please find the cheese order form attached to the newsletter.

