

EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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Principal's Message

We are anticipating an exciting week surrounding CFL football activities. Immanuel Christian School will be sending a team to the Rogers Centre on Friday, October 21.

We have students and parent drivers willing to hit the road by 6:00 am, participate in a Christian school flag football tournament, listen to an inspirational speaker talk about student leadership, be treated to a barbecue and top off the day by watching the Argonauts play the Eskimos. (Tickets can still be ordered through the school office.)

This event is part of a larger campaign to raise public

awareness of Christian schools. The Christian school flag football tournament will include Christian school teams from various parts of the province. What an exciting way to raise the profile of Christian schools.

While the Christian Football Tournament doesn't inform families about the purpose and benefits of Christian education, it does plant the seed for further inquiry.

This event dovetails with the Why Christian Schools dot CA website launch last spring. This website sets out the main reasons why a family would consider Christian education for their children. The site also features interviews with families who

are involved in Christian elementary and high school education.

While the site doesn't give information about the activities and programs for a specific Christian school, it does provide web links to local Christian schools.

Engage your neighbours in conversations about the benefits you reap as a family from having your child attend Immanuel. Direct them to the Why Christian Schools dot CA web site to prompt further discussion. Direct them to the Immanuel website to begin choosing a specific Christian school.

Jasper Hoogendam
COO/ Principal

IMMANUEL'S NEWS

Picture Day: Next week Monday, Oct. 24th is our school's picture day. The pictures will be taken in the morning beginning right after chapel. Each student was given a package selection form to take home today. Please com-

plete this form by listing your child's name, grade and checking off which package you would like. Return the form to school no later than this Friday, Oct. 21.

We are also looking for a parent volunteer to help the photographers as well

as help out with recess supervision while the staff have their group photo taken.

Criminal Profile Checks: Immanuel has a policy that all volunteers who
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October		
20	Th	Cheese order pickup
21	F	CFL Flag Football Gr. 7/8 Argo's vs The Eskimos
24	M	Picture Day, AM
26	W	Pizza Hot Lunch
27-28	Th-F	OCSTA Teachers Convention, OACS Office Personnel Convention - NO SCHOOL ICS Day Camp
November		
1	Tu	Gr. 5/6 Fairview Lodge
2	W	Grade 8 Day at DCHS
11	F	Remembrance Day assembly, 10:45 AM
13	Su	ICS Band at Zion CRC, 10AM

You might want to note that...

- **Magazine Subscription/Renewal Fundraiser ends Oct. 18th**
- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends Oct. 19th**
- **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.

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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 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 contact the office.

A police check needs to be renewed once it is 5 years old. If your check has expired you will have received 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.

Family Record Sheets and Volunteer forms: There are also still a number still outstanding. Our school relies heavily on parent involvement so please try to get these forms into the school office as soon as possible.

All Chocolate Bars and money should have been returned to the school office. If you have not done this yet please do so a.s.a.p.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS FOOTBALL: Friday, October 21 Grade 7 & 8 students are participating in the Christian Schools Flag Football Tournament at the Rogers Centre. This is a great opportunity to raise the profile of Christian Schools. Following the 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 price of \$27.00 for Adults and \$17.00 for Youths. 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. Gate opens at 5:30 PM.

Save Our Subscriptions: This magazine sales/renewal fundraiser will wrap up **October 18th** (Tomorrow). 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.

Cookie Dough: This fundraiser ends this **Wed. October 19.** Please make sure all cookie/muffin dough order forms are in to your classroom teacher by this date. If you are interested in helping sort cookie dough when it arrives please let Michelle Libby know. This fundraiser also directly impacts your child, as the funds they raise will go towards helping them reduce the cost of specific trips.

Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Tryouts: Next week we will begin volleyball tryouts. If you would like to be on the team that plays in a tournament on November 18th and 19th in Bowmanville, you should come out to tryouts. The girls will have their tryouts on Tuesday, October 25th and Tuesday, November 1st. The boys will have their tryouts on Wednesday, October 26th and Wednesday, November 2nd. Students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to tryout for the teams. Coaches, Mrs. L. Garey & Mrs. I. Reinsma

Ski Club: Are you looking for something fun to do to actually enjoy the winter weather? Why not join ski club? For six Thursday evenings (starting January 19th), you can join us

as we head out to Brimacombe right after school, get skiing or boarding lessons, ski until 9:00 pm and have a ton of fun! If you are interested in this exciting program, you can get information from the school office or Ingrid Reinsma. We need to have our registrations in by mid November! Let the snow begin!

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 include:

- *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 questions or prayer needs you can speak with Georgiana, Nicole or Cindy.

Prayer Concern: Marion Heeringa, former parent 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 Sharolyn and Ryan.



JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

Bible: We continue with our unit "People Who Showed Their Love for God: Exile". We will be learning about the story of Daniel and how he showed obedience to God. The memory verse for the month is part one of our theme verse 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)

Language: The letter of the week is O. The word of the week is a.

Math: This week we will be introduced to the concept of graphing.

French: We have been and will continue to learn about how to say colours in French.

Social Studies: We had a very good time at our field trip last week to Nature's Bounty! It was wonderful exploring God's creation and learning more about the wonders of Fall. We thank all of the chaperones who came on the trip. You were a big help!

Mrs. Reinsma continues with the unit, "Let's Build" this week.

Mrs. Abraham will be sending a letter home soon about the transportation unit that will begin in November. There will also be a field trip permission form sent home.

Orange Day: The colour of the month is Orange. Orange day will be on Wednesday, October 19. Please have your child wear the colour orange and/or bring an orange for snack.

Show and Tell: This Friday, October 21, Lydia and Emma have show and tell. Please have your child bring in something that is orange or starts with the letter.

Star of the Week: The star of the week for October 24 is Emma! 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 are focusing on the life of Jacob.

Memory Work: Anyone who has clean hands and a pure heart. He does not worship the statue of a god. He doesn't use the name of that god when he makes a promise. Psalm 24:4

Language:

Reading: Guided reading continues. We are working on poems for shared reading and *We are Wolves* in read aloud.

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

Working With Words: Gr. 1: on, no, so, stop, pond. Gr. 2: on, no, so, stop, pond, stopped, pocket, dropping

Math: We are working on numeracy skills and number relationships.

Creation Studies: This week we are beginning our unit: *Mapping My Home*. During this unit activities will be sent home periodically. It is important, in order for students to progress as a group, that the activities be completed. Feel free to provide assistance where needed with your child's work.

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

LA: This week we are working on analyzing, as we explore the book, *Bats - Strange and Wonderful!* We are also learning to write reports with our information.

Our spelling words will go home in the agendas today and our test will be on Friday.

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. This homework will continue for the year. Enjoy!

Math: Grade 4s are finishing up their unit on large numbers this week and will have a test early next week. Grade

3s are working on addition and subtraction and fact families.

PE: We will practice soccer skills this week.

Science: This week we are learning about the stages of growth for trees.

Social Studies: We are learning about maps, grids, and coordinates.

Bible: We are finishing and presenting our in-class projects this week.

Homework: Memory work is Jeremiah 1: 5 and is due on Wednesday, October 26th.

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

Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

Language Arts:

Spelling: This week's spelling words are recorded in your child's agenda on Saturday October 22nd. The test takes place this Friday (October 21st).

Grammar: Students have several handouts they will be working on in class. What is not finished in class must be done at home. It is due 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: Analyzing! We are learning how to "find" and "record" facts as we read. Examples of this are recorded in your child's reader's notebook. They are to be adding to this collection as they read at home.

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

Science: We are learning about physical fitness and our heart beat during science class. As a result students are asked to bring their gym clothes on Tuesday (in addition to the regular

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Phys-Ed days).

Bible: We have been learning about who Jesus is by examining and all the "I AM" statements Jesus declares. Students will be receiving a new memory work this week (1 Thessalonians 5:12-24) and will be tested on it Tuesday November 15th.

Physical Education: We have begun a new unit in Phys-Ed class: Fitness. During this unit students will be learning various stretches and given numerous fitness challenges.

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. The due date of this booklet has been extended to Friday October 21st.

French 5 & 6: We are planning our café! This is very exciting. A note asking your family to contribute a food item to our café will go home early next week. The café will be run during a lunch hour at the school probably in early November.

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

Science: What is the difference between temperature and heat?

Geography: Students were given the outline for a mineral project that is due on October 31st.

Computers: Students are working on hike brochures that are due October 25th.

French 7: Students will have a quiz on naming various body parts on Wednesday.

French 8: Students will have a quiz on stating what foods they should include or add into their diet.

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Bazaar-Nov. 26/11: Volunteer

Hours: 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 someone who is. Be there on the day of, for as much time as you can give and help clean it all up. 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.

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 re-member 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THINKING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?

Have you thought about who or what will influence your children and their thinking as they travel through their adolescence? Grade eight students and their parents are invited to discover more about Durham Christian High School. Find out about all of our unique and exciting programs. All grade eight students are invited on Wednesday, November 2nd to join us for our Grade Eight Day. Parents and students are invited to attend our Parent Information Evening on Thursday, November 17th with a dessert social beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more info call the school at 905-623-5940 or go to www.dchs.com. Be sure to check out the new website that features video clips of families, teachers and students talking about the benefit of their Christian educational experience... go to www.whychristianschools.ca