



EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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Principal's Message

Students at Immanuel Christian School are gearing up for Thanksgiving. In doing so they are collecting for Gate 3-16. It's heartening when students choose to reach out beyond themselves.

Students are collecting food and toiletries for the homeless people in Oshawa who very much depend on the services of Gate 3:16. While our students come to school each day with a generous lunch, they know that people using Gate 3:16 lack such basic care.

Having students collect for Gate 3:16 ties into our school theme. *Do not be anxious about anything...* Philippians 4:6a

The students in grade 5 & 6 dramatized this part of our theme in Chapel this morning. In sharing the

story of Elijah's request to the widow and her son, they shared two clear points. The widow had to show trust and agree to Elijah's request. The widow was blessed, not with an abundance of food, but rather enough to provide her with a daily ration. It seems easier to thank God when we lack abundance. When we lack abundance, we are reminded on a regular basis that God will provide. Each one of us learns that trust in different ways.

As a school we need to trust that God will provide. Each year we are dependent on prayers and donations from supporters who help keep tuition fees affordable. Each year when we open our doors

in September we are exercising an act of faith. We are able to do that because we

are providing a service which is done out of obedience to God. We are giving hope and a future for many parents who want to raise their children to know Jesus and live as Christians.

One way we live as Christians is to reach out to the needs of the poor. We can do this in simple acts of kindness, collecting food for the homeless. We can also reach out to the poor by influencing provincial politicians to recognize that the poor must be helped.

Jasper Hoogendam
COO/ Principal

P.S. Value your freedom - exercise your vote on Thursday.

welcome to join. In preparation for this assembly, the Gr. 5 & 6 class has been prayerfully (Continued on page 2)

October		
4	T	Gr. 3/4 Fairview Lodge
5	W	Soccer Tournament Gr. 7/8 at DCHS
6	Th	Jazz Band 7:45
7	F	Thanksgiving Assembly 2:45 support Gate 3:16
10	M	Thanksgiving Day No School
14	F	Interim Reports
21	F	CFL Flag Football Gr. 7/8 Argo's vs The Eskimos



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!

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THANKSGIVING...
This coming Friday at 2:45pm Immanuel Christian School is gathering together for a Thanksgiv-

ing Assembly. The Grade 5/6 class is helping to organize and present various aspects of this assembly. All family and friends are

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considering ways Immanuel can show its thankfulness to God - a key component in our school's theme verse for this year (Philippians 4: 6-7. "*Do not be anxious in anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*"). The class has concluded that one great way we can show our thankfulness to God is to do to others as the latter part of the word *thanksgiving* says - give! With much prayer and consideration, Gate 3:16 has been the decided charity that the 5 & 6 class is guiding the whole school to fundraise for. A list of the items Gate 3:16 is currently in need of can be found below. These items can be brought to school until Friday Oct. 7th. Please note, it is strongly encouraged that any items brought in on the day of the assembly be delivered by noon to allow processing time before the assembly that afternoon.

Gate 3:16 needs include:

- Styrofoam plates, bowls and cups
- Plastic forks, knives and spoons
- Kleenex and toilet paper
- Tin foil
- Garbage bags
- Coffee and tea
- Coffee whitener
- Sugar
- Powdered milk
- Jam
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Cereal
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Canned soup
- Beans
- Tuna

You can learn more about Gate 3:16 through

<http://gate3-16.bravehost.com/>.

In fact, keep on the look out during the "Gallery" component of this website - I have spotted several ICS students and staff (former and present).

1 Chronicles 29:14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand..."

Thank-you for your time, consideration, and partnership in our desire to show the community at large our gratefulness to God and all he has given us! Sincerely, Ms. James & 5/6 Class.

Please ensure your **Tuition Faith Promise forms** with cheques, Family Record Sheet, Participation Points Volunteer form and Field Trip Permission form have all been returned to the school office.

Chocolate Bars: Return payment was due on Sept. 23, 2011. Please send in your money a.s.a.p. One box of chocolates (30 count @ \$2 ea) is valued at \$60.00. Please make any cheques payable to 'Immanuel Christian School' or 'ICS'.

TORONTO ARGONAUTS FOOTBALL CLUB

Friday, October 21 our Grade 7 & 8 students will participate in a 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 will be 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.

Save Our Subscriptions:

Our magazine sales and renewal fundraiser started last week 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.

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CLASSROOM NEWS

JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

Bible: We will be discussing being thankful this week in anticipation of Thanksgiving. 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)

Math: This week in math we are sorting objects by given attributes that are opposites.

Language: The letter/sound of the week is U. You can help your child learn the letter U at home by practicing how to print it and thinking of words that start with U or have U in them.

Social Studies: Last week in social studies we enjoyed learning about friends. This week we talk about feelings and conflict resolution. Mrs. Reinsma will continue with the unit, "Let's Build."

Show and Tell: This Friday, October 7, Maizy and Hailey 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.

Field Trip Permission forms and money: If you have not already done so, please send in signed permission forms and money for the class trip which will be on October 12. A special thank you goes out to Jacqueline Sinclair for reducing our field trip cost by 6.00/person because of the Freezie fundraising she did last year!

Welcome: A special welcome to Mrs. Jessy Abraham who will be doing her final placement in our classroom until the end of November. Mrs. Abraham is in the ECE program at Durham College. She volunteered at ICS last year in the kindergarten and grade 1/2 class. We are excited about having Mrs. Abraham in our class!

Tuesday/Thursday Enrichment Program: Free Show and Tell: Please have your child bring in 1 item of his/her choice to share about this Tuesday.

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Garey

This week we will be talking about being thankful in preparation for Thanksgiving.

Bible: We will be talking about the birth and childhood of Isaac.

Memory Work: "I will bless those who bless you. I will put a curse on anyone who calls down a curse on you. All nations on earth will be blessed because of you." Genesis 12:3

Reading: Romona the Pest. We are focusing on analyzing for the month of October.

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

Working with Words: Gr. 1 big, end, pet, ten, sit. Gr. 2 same plus kittens, spend, biggest. Spelling test on Friday.

Math: We are focusing on the time.

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

This week our class will go to **Fairview Lodge on Tuesday afternoon**. We travel by bus, so no drivers are needed. We are looking forward to sharing our skits and singing with the residents there. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Gates for accompanying us to the Groundwater Festival last Monday. We hope you had a good time there too!

Cross country runners had a great time last Wednesday and Thursday.

We give thanks for their gift of endurance!

LA: This week we are beginning a new strategy of analyzing our reading. That means that we will be looking for the main idea and finding supporting details. Our 5 new spelling words will go home in the agendas today and our test on 10 words 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.

Math: Grade 4s are starting unit 2 on whole numbers. Grade 3s are working on reading and estimating large numbers.

Social Studies: We are learning the names and locations of Canada's provinces and territories. Ask your child to sing them for you!

Bible: We are learning about God's calling of Abram and looking at nomadic life. What was it like living in the desert?

Homework: New 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.

Science: Students are to bring in 4 different types of leaves for this Thursday.

Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

Spelling: Our new spelling word list is in your child's agenda on Saturday October 8th. There will be a test this Friday.

Reading Records: A new Reading Record Form has been sent home today - one for the month of October. With a new reading record form there comes a new reading record goal - this month our class is aiming for 3,000 minutes! That is 2,000 more than last month,

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but I know we can do it! Keep up the good work Gr. 5/6!

French 5: We will have a quiz on numbers 1-30 on Wednesday.

French 6: Number quizzes will go home Tuesday

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

Physical Education: This upcoming week will be our last week where we are focusing on the sport soccer. The following week we will be looking at various stretches and fitness challenges. Students are reminded that they must have their gym clothes for every Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

**8 - Mrs. Reinsma /
Mrs. Kaldeway**

This week Wednesday we will all be participating in a soccer tournament at Durham Christian in Bowmanville. A note about this went home last week. For those not going, there will be alternate arrangements made at school.

Student Vote: On Tuesday our class will be running a polling station for the rest of the school. Students will have the opportunity to vote for a candidate from the Whitby/Oshawa riding

P.E.: Please ensure you have cleats and shin guards for Wednesday.

Science: We have looked at various theories on Heat.

Math: Students have been reviewing in preparation for a Unit 1 Math test tomorrow. Math notebooks are also due on Tuesday, and will be graded for neatness and assignment completion.

Spelling/Word Study: New words are chosen Monday and tested Fri-

day. Today, we were tested on last week's words.

Language Arts: Our Literacy unity continues to focus on the theme of "Knowing ourselves and others". Students are assessed anecdotally each day as they participate in small group discussion book clubs. We continue to strive for an atmosphere of respect for one another at all times. Two reading log entries were due this past Friday. A list of missing assignments will be posted in the classroom.

Challenge: We are challenging ourselves to memorize scripture from the agenda and place it in a ballot box for a prize at the end of the month (even though we all know the rewards are far longer lasting than that). Last week's theme was "**Kindness**" - *Pleasant words are a honeycomb; sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24* This coming week's theme is "**Friendship**" - *As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the real person. Proverbs 27:19*

Health: Gr.7 Hep B consent forms were sent home today. Please sign and return asap.

Cross Country

Thank you to Mr. Armanious, Mrs. Hendrikse, and Mrs. Witvoet for driving and helping at the Cobourg Cross Country meet. It was great to have you there to cheer on all the students!

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Bazaar Volunteer Hours

November 26, 2011

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. 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.*