

# EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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## Principal's Message

Students at Immanuel Christian School had a 'holiday' last week while their teachers went to 'school' for two days. They attended the Edifide Christian Educators Association convention in Ancaster.

The keynote speaker was Andy Crouch, author of *Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling*. He argued the case for Christians to be more than just consumers of culture. As Christians we must also critique culture. This does beg the question of how this can help Christians to live in the world but not be of the world.

Crouch takes it a step further and calls Christians to be culture makers, to influence culture by contributing to it and so in effect

changing culture. He calls Christians to claim their cultural mandate, to be the creative cultivators that God has designed us to be.

For our students to be culture makers, initially requires an understanding of the culture we live in. Our culture making can only be properly understood when done in partnership with God's own making and transforming of culture.

What Crouch emphasized is recognizing the depth of artistic expression in whatever media our students work. He gave examples from his music training. To create culture one needs to blend the musical artistry with the lyrics and message of the music.

We can prepare our students for culture making activity

by giving them a strong education in the various arts: music, drama and visual arts. Making students proficient with one or more musical instruments is one step. Teaching students a variety of art media is another small step. These areas of the curriculum have been reviewed recently with encouraging results.

The ongoing challenge is helping our students become culture makers by sharing their culture creating activities. For that we need to expand the use of technology to enable students to share their creativity. To expand the use of technology requires planning and a clear vision of how to move ahead. That's an area we are tackling this year.

Jasper Hoogendam  
COO/ Principal

November		
1	Tu	Gr. 5/6 Fairview Lodge
2	W	Grade 8 Day at DCHS
10	Th	Cheese orders due
11	F	Remembrance Day assembly, 10:45 AM
13	Su	ICS Band at Zion CRC, 10AM
14	M	Dental Screening - K & 1/2
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
25	F	P.A. Day - Report Card Writing, NO School ICS Day Camp
26	Sat	Bazaar/Auction, 11AM -3PM

## IMMANUEL'S NEWS



### L.A.B. Bizarre Baskets!

In step with previous years, L.A.B. is creating a "Bizarre" challenge for each colour group. See details below.

**WHAT:** Create a themed basket to auction off at the bizarre!

**WHY:** To help fundraise for ICS.

**CHALLENGE:** Each student has the challenge of earning and donating \$2-5 to their

colour group to help build the basket.

**WHEN:** The \$2-5 donations will be collected from Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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### You might want to note that...

- 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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**How the competition works:** the colour group whose basket sells for the highest price gets first place! I wonder which group will win... **Red, Blue, Purple Green?**

**Thank You** to all who sold and bought cookie/muffin dough! Our top 3 sellers are: Aaron Banga \$556, Rachael Roberts \$482 and Laura Gates \$256. Honourable mention to Matthew McDonald who sold \$226. Well done everyone!

Cookie/Muffin dough will be at the school and must be picked up at the school on Thursday, November 10th between 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM.



**Hot Lunch Notice:** Now that students have had a chance to try the whole grain pizza, there is the opportunity for students to switch their order from whole grain pizza to the original pizza. If this is something that your child desires and that you approve of please simply fill in the form below and send it with your eldest child to their homeroom teacher.

Please Note: This is the **ONLY** time a change will be allowed all year (wholegrain à original) and the only time to make this change is between Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Tryouts:**

Tryouts have started! 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 continue to have their tryouts on Tuesday, November 1st. The boys will



continue their tryouts on Wednesday, November 2nd. Girls will be running their practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Boys on Wednesdays and Fridays. Students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to tryout for the teams. Coaches, Mrs. L. Garey and 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 December! Apparently we can do this on line! I will send home forms today. Let the snow begin!

**ICS Day Camp** will be offered again on Friday, November 25 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

The fees for the day are as follows: 1 Child \$30, 2 Children \$50, 3 Children \$70. You must register for the camp by today, November 21st.

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



**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.

Get ready for a fun day at our annual Bazaar on Saturday, November



**26!** We're changing things up a bit this year by replacing the live auction with a larger silent one happening during regular Bazaar hours. Be prepared to bid often as items will be rotating throughout the day. All the usual rooms will be in place, from Games and Plants to Crafts and the White Elephant, and of course the yummy food at the Restaurant. But everything will be wrapped up by 3pm, so come early and feel free to stay until the end. We're still looking for volunteers to help out. Get your hours during this fun community event. Call the school office or contact Krista Ritskes 905-571-1787 / [kristaritskes@gmail.com](mailto:kristaritskes@gmail.com) to get involved.



**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. Re-



## CLASSROOM NEWS

### JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

**Bible:** We continue with our unit "People Who Showed Their Love for God: Exile". We learn about how God saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We also learn about King Nebuchadnezzar. 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 X. The word of the week is an.

**Math:** This week in math we are building picture graphs.

**French:** We look at shapes in french this week.

**Social Studies:** We begin our transportation unit this week. We kick off the unit with a field trip to the Oshawa airport arranged by Mrs. Abraham. We are really excited about the trip! Please have your child dress according to the weather. **There has been a change in departure times. We are leaving the school at 8:50 (as soon as the buses get to school). If you drop your child off through kiss 'n' ride please ensure he/she is at the school by no later than 8:50. All chaperones need to be at the school by 8:40.**

Mrs. Abraham will be doing a transportation scrapbook activity soon. Your child needs to bring in pictures relating to transportation for this activity.

**Show and Tell:** Sabrina and Amy have show and tell this Friday, November 4. Please have your child bring in an item that starts with X or A and/or is the colour brown.

**November Calendars:** November calendars were sent home last week.

**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 begin to learn about the life of Joseph.

**Memory Work:** Shout to the Lord with joy, everyone on earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come to him with songs of joy. Psalm 100: 1-2

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

**Reading:** We will be starting the story: *Starting Life Crocodile* to explore sequencing. We are almost finished our classroom novel: *Ramona the Pest*.

**Writing:** We are learning to sequence ideas.

#### Working With Words:

Gr 1: he, she, this, thing, shop

Gr 2: he, she, this, thing, shop, things, shopped, children

**Math:** Grade 1 is learning to create numbers in groups of 5 and 10 and estimating. Grade 2 is working on various strategies for adding and subtracting.

**Creation Studies:** This week we will be working on looking at areas from different viewpoints and learning how to read a map. Thank you very much for your help with your child's homework over the past weeks.

**French:** We have learned our colours and students are working on the words: *sur* (on), *sous* (pronounced sue: under), and *dans* (pronounced don: in).

**Music:** We are learning about tempo and solfa notes (do, re, mi)

**Book Orders!** Book orders are going home today! They are due on Friday, November 4. If you are hoping to order books for Christmas just send orders with a note or send me an email [lgarey@rogers.com](mailto:lgarey@rogers.com) and I'll keep your orders secret! Books should be in by the third week of November.

**Winter Clothing!** The cold weather is arriving. Please remember that stu-

dents should come to school with a coat. Don't forget to label **ALL** hats, mittens, boots, coats, etc... It really saves me a LOT of sorting time! Thank you!

### Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

**LA:** This week we are beginning a new skill on sequencing. Please practice putting things in order as you read at home too. Ask: What happened first, second, next, last? We will be writing reports this week and there will be a spelling test on Friday. Be sure to review the past weeks' words too as 5 of these are always added to the test.

**Parents, how is your child doing with this homework?** Students are expected to read at least 15 minutes each day and record the name of their book in their agenda daily. This is an expectation for the year.

**Math:** Grade 4s are beginning a new unit on Geometry, looking at measuring angles and recognizing congruent figures. Grade 3s will be practicing addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers.

**Homework:** Homework sheets will be sent home today and are due on Thursday.

**PE:** This is our last week of soccer.

**Social Studies:** We are exploring the idea of Global Neighbours. How should we treat them?

**Bible:** Our focus is on God's covenant with Abraham and the story of Hagar and Ishmael. New memory work is in Health class this time.

**Health:** This week we are learning about the impact of words (how words can either destroy or heal). We are taking on the challenge to encourage others and as a part of this challenge students are required to memorize Hebrews 3:12-13 (NIV). There will be a test on this **memory work** on **Monday November 14th**. Each child re-

## CLASSROOM NEWS (CONT'D)

ceived a handout of this verse in class today.

Students are also creating a poster that is about them. They received a handout outlining all requirements. Although there is some in-class time devoted to this task, part of the work will need to be completed at home. **Due date: Monday November 14th.** *Miss James.*

### Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

#### Language Arts:

**Spelling:** Our new spelling word list is in your child's agenda on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a test this Friday.

**Reading Records:** A new Reading Record Form was sent home today - one for the month of November. Please note: all reading records are due on the first day of every week.

**Math:** We are completing Unit 2 (Whole Numbers). Thursday and Friday will be review periods. The unit test will take place next Monday (a week today).

**Science:** Students are to complete the "Activity Log" handout as outlined in their blue science duo-tang. It is due Wednesday of this week.

**Physical Education:** This is our second last week for the fitness challenge unit. Students are reminded that they must have their gym clothes for every Monday, Thursday, and Friday.

**French 5 & 6:** A note about our café will go home today!

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

**Geography:** Students will be presenting their projects this week. We will also be preparing for a test early next week.

**Computers:** Hike brochure marks should go home by Wednesday.

**French 7:** There will be a quiz on

the use of the preposition à with the articles le, la and les, this Wednesday

**French 8:** There will be a quiz on the conjugation of the verbs: vouloir, devoir and pouvoir, this Wednesday. Parents should expect some French homework regularly.

**Math:** Gr. 7 will begin Unit 4 'Fractions & Decimals' this week.

Gr. 8 is completing 'Ratios & Proportion' this week with a unit test next week Tuesday, Nov. 8.

**L.A.:** Students need to ensure that all their assignments are complete and handed in from the 'WHO AM I' unit.

**Spelling:** Test this Thursday, Nov. 3.

## 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 7:15 PM.

For more info call the school at 905-623-5940 or go to [www.dchs.com](http://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](http://www.whychristianschools.ca)

**Mother Daughter Night:** Come hear Sheila Wray Gregoire share some tips on surviving the teen years with respect and laughter. Practical wisdom for both moms and daughters. Thursday November 10th 7-9pm at Durham Christian High School. Admission is \$5.00 per person. You can register at [development@dchs.com](mailto:development@dchs.com)

**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](mailto:development@dchs.com)