

EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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Principal's Message

By the grace of God, Immanuel Christian School is opening its doors for the 49th year. Forty-nine years of striving to educate students to live as children of God and responsible citizens of Canada.

Our theme this year is based on Philippians 4: 6 & 7. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Prayer is central to the life of every Christian. Prayer is our opportunity to talk with God as we walk with Him each day. Just as you would share different things when walking with a friend, so too, there are different things we share

when we talk with God.

As we start the new school year, as we share and talk with God we offer our thanks and appreciation.

We offer prayers of thanksgiving.

We thank God for safety experienced by our students and parents this summer. We pray that the summer activities may energize them for another year of learning.

We thank God for the start of a new year and the students we are able to serve.

We pray that the students may learn well.

We thank God for supportive parents, for a community that prays for the staff at Immanuel.

We offer prayers of petition.

We ask God for his blessing in the coming school year. May the students deepen their friendships and be empowered through their learning.

We ask for a blessing on the students, on their learning and on their social and emotional maturing. May they share the peace of God with their fellow students.

We ask God for safety for the bus drivers, now and when the winter weather comes.

We ask God for insight and clear thinking for our teachers as students and their varied needs are assessed and addressed.

We ask God to shower his blessings on us as we strive to faithfully serve Him.

The Peace of God is offered to anyone who asks. This morning during our Chapel time students had the opportunity to pass the peace of God to others. What a powerful way to begin a new school year!

Jasper Hoogendam
Principal/COO

School Community Potluck is this Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011 at 6 PM. Please notify the school office of your intention

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September		
8	Th	School Community Potluck, 6 PM Meet the Teacher, 7 PM
21-24	W-S	Xtreme Wilderness Hike, Gr. 7/8
30	F	Cross-Country meet,
October		
5	W	DCHS Soccer Tournament, Gr. 7/8

Today you received a hard-copy of the newsletter but next week it will be sent out via email only unless you notify the office that you would prefer a hard copy every week.

You might want to note that...

- The school office communicates via email as much as possible to save paper. Please ensure we have your email address on file.
- Tuition Reduction Incentive Program form sent with the newsletter today (see details in newsletter)
- Monthly Cheese sales will begin again soon.

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Parents please remember to hand in your Tuition Faith Promise forms with your cheques, your Family Record Sheet, your Participation Points Volunteer

form and your Field Trip Permission form. All these items were in the 'Back to School' information sent to you in August.

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to attend and with how many.

Gym Uniforms for Grades 5-8 are available from the school office at a cost of \$30 per set.

The Daily Schedule: Our school day now starts at 8:50 a.m. with a morning recess from 10:35-10:50 a.m. and lunch is at 12:20 p.m. with students dismissed to go outside at 12:35 p.m. until 1:10 p.m. Dismissal is at 3:30 p.m.

Parents picking up their children: When picking up your children at the end of the day, parents are asked to wait outside (or in their cars) till the end-of-school bell rings (3:30 p.m.). Having parents and younger children in the hallways near the end of the day is disruptive for teachers. Please be aware that children not picked up by a parent/caregiver by 3:40 p.m. (10 minutes after the last bell) will automatically be enrolled into the Club MED (Before and After School Care) and the parents will be billed accordingly \$2.50 per half hour for 1 child or \$4 per half hour for a family to be paid by cheque upon pickup.

Bus Transportation: If your child will not be taking the bus to school on a particular morning you must call the bus company by 7:30 a.m., Phoenix (905-697-0503), and inform them. Give the Bus route (Oshawa or Whitby), child's name and bus stop. If your child is not taking the bus home on a particular day you must inform the school office by 3 p.m. to avoid confusion. If your child is taking a different bus home (not their normal route/bus), you must supply a note to the teacher,

school office and bus driver indicating this.

Club MED (Before and After School Care): Immanuel has a before and after school care program open to all Immanuel students. You must sign up for this program through the school office. Club MED is available from 7:00 a.m. - 8:35 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Open for regular use or occasional.

Peanuts Prohibited - How to comply: Peanut free lunches are expected for all students. Please ensure that the lunches you prepare for your children comply with the new guidelines. That will require reading labels, looking for any peanut or peanut oil ingredients. A list of non-peanut snacks is attached to the newsletter today.

School Newsletter: The school publishes a weekly newsletter on Mondays (or Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday). Items for the newsletter must be in the office by 9 a.m. on the day it is published Mondays (or Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday) and should be school related. We send the newsletter out via email in Acrobat Reader format (this program can be downloaded free from the internet.) If you prefer to have a hard copy sent home every week please let the office know a.s.a.p., otherwise this will be your last hard copy.

Reminder for other upcoming events:
September-Chocolate bars
October-Magazine Subscription/Renewals
November-Cookie Dough Sales
-Bazaar and Auction
May/June-A-May-Zing Race
-Golf Tournament

Speaking of Chocolate bars...they will be arriving this week. Each family will receive 2 boxes, there will be more boxes available at school to take home

and sell! Remember, this fundraiser only goes until September 23rd - so get out and sell, sell, sell! The top 2 prizes are a 5lb. bar of solid chocolate and a family pack of movie tickets. Winning class receives a Pizza Party.

****Cheese Please**:** Immanuel's Cheese Fundraiser Starts this Month** A delicious selection of Canadian and Dutch Cheeses are available. The order form will be sent out with the newsletter in the near future. The funds raised go directly to supporting school trips for your children reducing your cost! Cheese orders are due the second Thursday of each month and available for pickup on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please SUPPORT this important fundraiser! Questions: call Rebecca Cook 905-655-5112 or Delize Roberts 905-432-7190.

Immanuel Christian School Library
The ICS library is an exciting and vital part of the education of all our students. To enable the teachers and students to fully benefit from this great resource, there are volunteers needed to assist them. Cathy Schenk will organize and coordinate the programs and volunteers for the library. We are in need of about five volunteers to take the responsibility of providing library access for one classroom once a week. The volunteers would also be needed to keep the library organized, neat and attractive. **Please contact the school office** if you feel that you could spare a few hours each week to the success of the library program for the Immanuel students and

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staff. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program): Everyone buys groceries. Right? Perhaps you made a trip to Canadian Tire recently for items to fix your car, or went to Home Depot to purchase something for a home renovation job, or you may even have gone out for dinner to Swiss Chalet. Did you know that you can purchase gift cards for all these places and use them just like cash! Well you can, through the Immanuel Christian School's **TRIP** order program. **TRIP** is a program through which the school can purchase gift cards for over 100 different stores/retailers with a certain percentage of the sales going back to Immanuel. The percentage that you earn for the school is split 50-50 between tuition reduction (yours) and fundraising.

Orders are placed weekly so you don't have to put out a large amount of money all at once. Some gift cards are even readily available at the school office all the time. This is an easy way to raise money for the school without having to spend extra money. You just purchase cards for the stores you shop at regularly.

Gift cards for

Groceries: Metro, Sobeys/FreshCo/Foodland, Loblaws/No Frills/Superstore, M&M,

Gas: Cdn. Tire, Esso, Petro Canada, Ultramar.

Restaurants: Casey's/East Side Marios, Domino's Pizza, Jack Astor's, Pizza Pizza, Subway, Starbucks, Harveys/Kelseys/Montanas/Swiss Chalet, The Keg, Tim Hortons.

Home: Canadian Tire, Chapters, Fu-

JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma/Ms. Rekker

Welcome to all new and returning students! I hope you had all had a blessed summer. My name is Mrs. Janine Jorritsma, and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher. I am really looking forward to teaching your child this year.

A letter was sent out this week regarding school supplies that your child should bring in (please make sure all items you send in with your child are labeled). The letter also had important information about the school year. If you did not receive this letter please let me know via email (janine.siemens@gmail.com) or a letter and I will send you a copy. This week the JK part-time program students start their first day on Wednesday. On Friday the SK part-time students join the JK students. If your child is in the full-time kindergarten program he/she started today (Tuesday). Throughout this week your child will learn about each other, the school, and the classroom rules. We will do this through fun learning activities.

This week I will be sending out a monthly calendar to all students. This calendar will help you to remember activities that will apply to you and/or your child.

I look forward to meeting your child this week and you at the Meet the Teacher Night this Thursday!

Volunteers Needed:

I am looking for volunteers to help out in and out of the classroom. If you can lend a helping hand, please let me know. It certainly does not need to be a whole day commitment. Just as much time as you are available/willing to help out would be greatly appreciated. Some of the duties include: cleaning, putting up bulletin boards, photocopying, etc. If you are

interested please email me, talk to me in person, or call me at the school. Thank you!

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

Welcome to the first week of school! I hope that you have had a wonderful summer. It is good to be back and I look forward to a great year together.
Mrs. Gergolas

Thursday: I hope to see many of you at Meet the Teacher night. Please come to find out about our studies this year, classroom expectations, and even field trips!

Agendas: Please read and sign the agenda each night. (There may be a reward!) A weekly schedule and welcome letter is going home this week. Please look for it in the agenda.

PE: Gym class will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings. Please have running shoes ready to use. A change of clothes is not necessary.

Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

Welcome to the first week of school! It is good to be back and see everyone again.

I hope to see many of you at Meet the Teacher night this Thursday (6pm for the potluck, 7pm for the meet the teacher component). Please come to find out about our studies this year, classroom expectations, and much more! Please note: a welcome letter and classroom schedule was sent home today in your child's agenda. A notice was also sent home regarding a year-round reading program I'm implementing in the 5 & 6 class as well as the first student form for this project known as "Reading Records." Please also check your child's agenda for an entry under today's date. I look forward to a great year together.

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ture Shop, HBC/Home Outfitters/Zellers, Home Depot, Mark's Work Warehouse, Sears, Shoppers Drug Mart, Staples, Toys R Us, Winners/Home Sense.

Entertainment: Cineplex Odeon, Rogers Video.

are some cards that are currently available directly from the school office. Orders are due by Thursday every week and the cards are usually delivered & distributed the following Friday. A TRIP order form is sent home with the newsletter weekly. They are also available from the school office or on the website. Standing orders are also available.

The **Recycle for Education** program is run through the Staples Business Depot stores. They collect printer / fax machine cartridges for recycling and donate the funds raised amongst registered schools. This past year over a 1,000 schools signed up and \$400,000 was raised through this program. Immanuel received a \$250.00 gift card from Staples which helps us out greatly with our office supplies budget. So please remember to recycle all your used cartridges through Staples. We have a collection box for your convenience, located in the school lobby. You may also use the drop off at the store since the money raised is pooled.

Save Our Subscriptions: The family reading magazine fundraiser will also be returning in October. Please save your publisher subscription reminders and renew your subscriptions through the school to support our fundraising efforts. Lower priced offers from the publisher will be honoured. If you can't wait or wish to order early gift subscriptions, you can order online through Immanuel's website

www.immanuelschool.ca, news & events, fundraisers, click on more. For any questions call QSP Customer Service directly at 1-800-667-2536.

United Way: You can designate Immanuel as the recipient of your donations given to United Way through your workplace.

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Piano Lessons: Private piano lessons are available at the school for interested students. There are a few openings for the 2011-2012 year. Please contact Mrs. Jane Piersma at spiersma@rogers.com or 905-434-6660 for more information.