

# EYE ON IMMANUEL

*"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"*

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## Principal's Message

In listening to alumni of Immanuel Christian School fondly recall the experiences from their elementary years, there is no question about the significant role that Immanuel has played in their upbringing. The elementary experience is both impressionable and formative.

Whether it's recalling antics of friends or it's recalling a faux pas made by a teacher that creates peals of laughter. Whether it's that touching moment with a teacher or with friends when one's feelings were validated that doesn't fade over time. Elementary experiences will last a lifetime.

This week we are holding our Kindergarten Open House. It's to help parents decide what kind of school will best equip their child

for life. Parent decisions are made on something that runs deeper than the programs, the teacher's qualifications, or the type of facility. What runs deeper is the vision for life that students develop. We offer parents a vision that through servant leadership each child can make a positive difference.

There are many building blocks that make up the vision. The formation of friendships, the quality of the program, the dedication of each teacher in the well-being of each student, the learning support given to each student, that moulds each child's vision for life.

So how do we measure the success of our Immanuel? High schools track the educational and vocational choices their graduates make. Universities track the

number of undergraduates who go into graduate programs. We simply expect all our graduates to choose a high school. So one measure of success for Immanuel is tracking how many of our graduates successfully complete high school.

In tracking the Immanuel graduates of the past decade I have yet to find one that has dropped out of high school. We work to equip our graduates so they develop a vision of hope for the future. We teach our students to advocate for themselves and give them opportunities to take on leadership roles. We motivate them to achieve their goals by giving them the building blocks that ensures success.

What vision do you hope your child will catch starting in kindergarten?

Jasper Hoogendam,  
Principal/COO

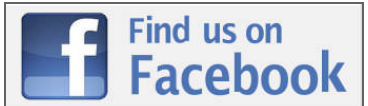
## IMMANUEL'S NEWS

**Kindergarten Open House** at Immanuel runs from Jan. 30-Feb. 3. Parents and their children are invited to attend. During the visit there will be an opportunity to speak with

the classroom teacher as well as with Mr. Hoogendam, the principal. Please contact the school office 905-728-9071 or [office@immanuelsschool.ca](mailto:office@immanuelsschool.ca) to set up an appointment.

Walk-ins are also equally welcome. Notify and invite anyone you know that has a child ready for JK or SK to check out Immanuel.

January		
30-Feb 3		Kindergarten Open House
February		
2	Th	Ski Club
3	F	SAM Week 3
7	Tu	Fairview Lodge 3/4
9	Th	Ski Club
10	F	SAM Week 4
17	F	Local Speech Festival
20	M	Family Day, No School
23	Th	Regional Speech Festival
24	F	PD Day, ICS Day Camp



Find our school on Facebook as Immanuel Christian School - Oshawa. It is a great way to stay tuned into what is happening each day.



The Prayer group now meets Mondays at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Please be in prayer for...

- Kindergarten registration
- for members of our school community who are battling cancer.

## IMMANUEL NEWS (CONT'D)

**S.A.M. (Special Activities Month):** The volunteers for this week of S.A.M. are as follows:

Primary

Group #1: Cooking/Scrapbooking

**It is very important that your child bring in 8-10 pictures for this craft otherwise they will not have anything to scrapbook.**

Parent: J. Joyce.

Group #2: Gymnastics. **Please have children wear athletic attire.**

Parent: P. Jones .

Gr. 4-8:

Opt. A: Curling, **Must bring clean indoor shoes.** Parent: K. Hilliard.

Opt. B: Bowling. Parents: J. Dupre, M. Libby, B. Birnie

Opt. C: Pottery. Parent: G. Zylstra

Note: Parent volunteers space is limited on the buses so be prepared for the possibility of having to drive or meet at your event location.

**Next Week S.A.M. (Feb. 10):**

Primary Group #1-Gymnastics, Group #2-Cooking/Scrapbooking

Option A-Rock Climbing, Option B-Swimming, and Option C-Pottery.



**Ski Club:** We are into week 3, which will mark half way. Congratulations to some of our beginner boarders and skiers for making it to the "big hill"! Even Mr. Dupre can do it! Special thanks to the parents that come each week and help make this program successful. Thanks, Mrs. I. Reinsma

**Our Annual Campbells Soup Labels Classroom Competition**

has started and we are off to a good start. To help us do our best ask



your neighbours, aunts, uncles and grandparents to collect for you and remember to thank them.

Parents remember to look for ways in your work places or churches to

collect labels. Although we collect all year long this is a fun time throughout January and February to have a little competition between the classes as we watch the results week after week. Happy Collecting.

**Social Development:** Our noon hour groups will begin again



this week, and continue until March Break. We are thankful for the participation of Crystal Bond and Stephanie Bouma as they apply their learning from Durham College into the various themes.

**Mondays:** alternating gr. 5/6 and gr. 7/8 girls (topics will include hygiene, clothing, & gender roles).

**Tuesdays:** gr. 3/4 girls and boys alternating (topics will include cooperation, respect, handling emotions, social skills)

In addition, our gr. 5/6 boys will continue meeting with our volunteers, John and Oliver, every other Tuesday.

**Join In The Fun:**

We have two exciting fundraising events coming up and we need your help to make them a great success. The first is our inaugural **Vendor Fair**, slated for the spring. We are looking for 2 or 3 people interested in nailing down fees and other issues related to having vendors come and set up a table to sell their wares. It will require a few meetings and some work on advertising.

Next is our second annual **A-May-Zing Race**, scheduled for June 2. If you participated last year, you know what this is all about. We need a team of people to plan out and prepare the challenges as well as figuring out other details, such as advertising. This is a greater time commitment, but is very rewarding and fun. Just ask the plan-

ning team from last year! If you are willing to work on either of these events please contact Krista Ritskes at 905-571-1787 or kristaritskes@gmail.com. Preparations for both these events need to begin as soon as possible, so we would appreciate your quick response. We look forward to working with you!

**Environmental Club:** We will meet on Wednesday to create a recycled paper craft. If anyone would like to donate any extra scrapbooking paper or pretty paper you have to recycle, that would be great. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**'A Night to Remember':** Mark the date on your calendar! On Saturday, February 25 you will be able to enjoy a delicious dinner, silent auction, and entertainment by Ron Moore, "The Voice of Elvis". Tickets are \$70.00 each (with a \$30 tax receipt). All proceeds go to Durham Christian High School-Durham West Chapter. For ticket information, please contact Angela Hosmar at 905-728-9600. The event will be held at Durham Christian Homes, Whitby and will begin at 5:00 pm.

**Job Opportunity: Maternity Leave Position:** Durham Christian High School is looking to fill a maternity leave position for the months of May and June of this year. The position is 2/3 time. The two wonderful courses to be taught are Biology 3U and Chemistry 4U. Qualified applicants are invited to contact Mr. Spoelstra at the school. Application deadline is Friday, March 9th.



### JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

**Bible:** We continue with our unit on Jesus' Ministry. This week we learn about the Samaritan woman and Jesus' visiting Mary and Martha.

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'" (John 14:6). Memory work will be assessed this week.

**Language:** The letter of the week is "B". The word of the week is "in".

**Math:** We will be wrapping up our unit on number sense this week by reviewing printing numbers 1 through 10. Next week we will be starting our spatial sense and geometry unit.

**Social Studies:** Mrs. Reinsma continues with the unit "Healthy Me." The theme for the month of February is friendship.

**Show and Tell:** Emma and Amy will have show and tell this Friday. Please have your child bring in something that starts with B or is the colour(s) pink/purple.

**Birthdays:** On February 4, Ricky and Sabrina celebrate their birthday. Happy Birthday! We hope you have a great day. You are both welcome to share something for show and tell on Monday, February 6.

**Wet socks and Winter Gear:** The rainy and mild weather makes it difficult for socks and winter gear to stay dry. Please check through your child's school bag at the end of each school night and send your child with dry winter gear and extra pairs of socks, so that they can have a comfortable day at school. Please label all items. Thank you.

**Kindergarten Open House:** We are excited for The Kindergarten Open House that will be held this week. We welcome new families who will be checking out Immanuel and pray that God helps them as they make the im-

portant decision about where to educate their child(ren).

**February Calendar:** The February calendar will be sent home this week.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Please have your book orders for January sent in by the end of this month. Make cheques payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd.

**Full-Time Enrichment Program:** Free show and tell will be this Tuesday. Your child is welcome to bring in 1 item to share about with the class.

### Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Garey

**Bible:** This week we will focus on the Ten Commandments

**Memory Work:** Due this Friday 'Our God is in heaven. He does anything he wants to do. But the statues of their gods are made out of silver and gold. They are made by the hands of men.' Psalm 115:3-4

**Language:** Our new focus for February is: Predicting. This week while reading with your child ask: "What do you think will happen next?"

**Reading:** We have shuffled our guided reading groups and everyone has started new books. We are working on the poem: "My Brother's Bug"

**Writing:** We are learning to create a plan for our writing.

**Working With Words:** er,ir,ur (they all sound the same!)

**Grade 1:** her, after, first, skirt, hurt

**Grade 2:** her, after, first, skirt, hurt, stirring, burger, burning

**Math:** We are working on identifying attributes of 3D shapes and creating models.

**Creation Studies:** This week we are discussing movement with water. There is a water assignment due Tuesday.

**Art:** Our Henri Matisse artworks are almost finished. This week we begin to focus on texture.

**Reading Records:** I received almost

all of the reading records. Please have your records in for Friday!

### Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

**LA:** Our speeches are coming along very well. Students should be bringing them home later this week and should start memorizing them. I would like students to try and not use cue cards if possible. New spelling words will be coming home today. Test will be Friday morning.

**Math:** Grade 3s are working on survey questions. Their unit 5 test will be on Friday. Grade 4s are beginning their measurement unit and should practice telling time to the minute.

**PE:** We are working on Fitness activities.

**Social Studies:** We are looking at the lives of the Jesuits and the Hudson's Bay Company. (If you are in the Oshawa Centre, be sure to look around The Bay and notice how big it is. What do they sell?)

**Bible:** This week we are reading about the exodus and the plagues. If anyone has the devotional called 100% Chance of Frogs, may I please borrow it? Thank you.

**Memory Work:** Is John 3:16 and 17 in time for Valentines Day! It will be due on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

**Recorders:** Students have been doing a great job with their recorders! Completed practice forms can be handed in on Friday. Note: If your CD is not working, please try playing it through a computer. If it still doesn't work, let me know and I will replace it.

**Science:** The second half or the unit with Mr. Hoogendam will focus on learning about sound.

### Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

**Reading Records:** Students are to be reading daily and submitting their Reading Record form on the first day of every week.

## CLASSROOM NEWS (CONT'D)

**Spelling:** This week's spelling words are in your child's agenda on Saturday February the 4th. The test will take place this Friday.

**Writing:** A finalized good copy of the speech must be completed no later than this Wednesday. Students need to submit a good copy to the teacher, but also keep a copy for to practice with. The sooner one finishes, the more in-class time they will have to practice for this exciting challenge! The grey duo-tang that was sent home before Christmas break has some very important details in it. We have reviewed the material several times in class, but it may be beneficial for each child to also review these expectations at home.

**Math:** The math booklet that was sent home over the Christmas break is to be worked on at home for the next week and a half. Every question must be answered and it is due this Wednesday (February 1st).

**Bible:** We are learning about Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension through the book of Luke.

**Social Studies:** Students are working completing in class a research project: "How Well Do You Know Canada & the USA?" as well as "Awesome America."

**Science:** We are looking at God's strength in diversity (1 Corinthians 12) through the unit: Biodiversity. Throughout this unit we will be learning about: Humans, Animals, Fungi, Monera, and Protists.

**French 5:** This week we will focus on various directions in French: Allez tout droite! Tournez a droit. Tournez a gauche. Arrêtez, we didn't get to this last week!

**French 6:** Thanks to Janet H. for helping us with making crepes this past Wednesday. Ils etait delicieuse

avec la syrop d'erable!! This week we will be working on various activities to organize for our festival planned for later in February.

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

**Science:** We will be doing review of concepts as we get ready for a test on February 14th.

**History:** We will be going over the unit as we prepare for our end of the unit test on Feb. 7th. Students are working on an essay in class that will be due on Feb. 10th. Notebooks will also need to be handed in at time of test.

**Bible:** Students had memory work due today. New memory work for this week Friday is 2 Corinthians 5:17

**French 7:** We are wrapping up our environment unit with a song that students are making up about saving the environment.

**LA:** Today students should have handed in their Final Draft of their speech. This week we will work on various public speaking activities as well as creating cue cards for our speech. Our classroom speech presentations will take place next week Wednesday, Feb. 8 and Thursday, Feb. 9

We have started a new novel study, "The Day No Pigs Would Die" by Robert Newton Peck. It will be read entirely at school. Students will be writing a comprehension quiz every five chapters.

**Spelling:** Test this Thursday. Syllables and definitions are due the same day.

**Math:** We are working on the 2nd week of our 3 week Data Management Unit. Students should spend at least 20 minutes every night on their Math.

## CREATIVE WRITING CREW

The crew meets every other Friday to write and share their writing. Recently they received exciting news that their poems would be published in the 2011/12 Young Writers Anthology from the Poetry Institute of Canada. The Institute only accepts about 60% of submissions for those over nine years of age. All the entries that were submitted by Immanuel Christian School have been selected for publication. This is quite the accomplishment! Congratulations to all of our young authors, Belle Drury, Kristen Haaksma, Brianna Cairns, Kieren Zylstra, Aaron Singh, and Anna Smit.

## TWO MORE POEMS...

## The Weather

by Aaron Singh, grade 7

The Rain Falls.  
When the Clouds Cover.  
The Wind Blows.  
The Lightning Flashes while the  
Thunder Growls.  
Later the Sun Shines.  
And Children play all the Time.

## A Prayer Poem

by Anna Smit, grade 7

Jesus you're special,  
Jesus you care,  
Jesus you love me,  
and that's why you're there.  
God you're amazing in all that you do,  
Jesus you love me,  
and I love you too.

This concludes the poems that were submitted. We hope that you enjoyed them and we hope to have more for you again.