

EYE ON IMMANUEL

"Where Faith and Learning are Connected"

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Principal's Message

It's exciting as we at Immanuel Christian School move into a New Year. We've set goals and refined goals. Now as the work continues we pray for God's blessing on our endeavours. As we ended the year 2011 we reflected on the past year, on the successes and on the lessons learned. Now we are ready to move forward. Our goal is to:

- enrol 10 more students than we plan to graduate in June. We hope to graduate 11 students who are being equipped for high school. We are already receiving calls for September 2012 enrolment. Many of these are inquiring about our dynamic kindergarten program, both the 5 day and the 3 day a week program.
- develop increased use of computer technology to enhance the students'

abilities to communicate effectively. As we give students access to a greater diversity of tools, they will realize the power of the media in sharing their Christian worldview.

- expand our partnership with Durham College to engage interns within the school. We have had a few interns in the past, early childhood education interns and social service worker interns. This provides an opportunity for mutual benefit. Extra bodies in the classroom with specialized training bring with it some wonderful benefits.
- expand the publicity for Immanuel through increased cooperation with www.WhyChristianSchools.ca, increase our newspaper exposure and expand our brochure distribution. As more people find out about Immanuel, more families

realize the opportunities that are available for them here.

- provide service to families living within the Immanuel Christian School neighbourhood. Parents have shared ways which the space at Immanuel, classroom and gym space or the outdoor space can provide for services that families in the area are looking for. As we find people to organize and run after school or evening events we will publicize them.

As we make our plans and work out our hopes for Immanuel, it becomes clear that we can only hope to succeed by supporting our efforts with prayer. We move forward asking God to bless the works of our hands.

Jasper Hoogendam,
Principal

January		
11-13	W-F	Fair Glen trip—Gr. 5/6
17	Tu	Fairview Lodge, Gr. 7/8
19	Th	ICS Ski club begins
20	F	S.A.M.—week 1

IMMANUEL'S NEWS

Thank You: My family would like to thank Principal Jasper, Dennis the band coordinator and the Immanuel school band as well as the parents of the band members and their families for

coming to my wife Camilla's memorial service and paying your respects. It was a very special service with your presence there. Everyone at the service loved the band rendition. Thank You again. Zico Singh

& Aaron (Gr. 7)

S.A.M. (Special Activities Month): The option choices confirmation was given to the students before the Christmas break, all monies need to be in this week. Grades 4-8 the



Prayer Concerns:

As a group of believers we are asking you to continue to pray for members of our school community who are battling cancer.

IMMANUEL NEWS (CONT'D)

costs are: Option A-\$34; Option B-\$30 and Option C-\$38.25. Grades JK - 3 have a set schedule of activities at a cost of \$28.00 per student.

The group lists for the primary students was sent with the newsletter today.

The volunteers for the first week of S.A.M. are as follows:

Primary:

Group #1 - C. Schenk, J. Joyce

Group #2 - J. Sinclair, P. Jones

Gr. 4-8:

Option A: K. Hilliard

Option B: J. Dupre, M. Libby

Option C: L. Alexander

Please 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.

**** Needed **:** We are still in need of a few volunteers to look after the cooking segment for the Primary group. We also need a couple of volunteers to accompany the primary group to snowshoeing.

Contact the school office a.s.a.p. to help out.

Ski Club: Not this week, but next week (January 19th) we will be heading to the hill. Parents, please let us know if you are planning to drive and how many students you are able to take. We will let everyone know who the drivers are and if you are needed or not. First timers: we typically leave school at 3:30 in various cars and students leave the hill again at 9 pm. If you are planning to join us at the hill let me know so I will know who we can count on for drivers.

Thanks, Mrs. I. Reinsma

The Prayer Group meets every Wednesday morning 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.



TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program): Mention this to your coworkers, take some orders to work and increase your savings on tuition. Orders on Fridays and the cards will be distributed the following Friday. A number of gift cards are even readily available at the school office anytime.

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.**

Library renovation: Thank you for the help given in moving books and setting up shelves. Thanks to Pauline Bowers and her two sons, Daniel and William. We will do a further renovation once we receive our next shelving donation.

Our Annual **Campbells Soup Labels Classroom Competition** starts today.

To help us do our best remember to say thank you to your neighbours, aunts, uncles and grandparents who collect for you.

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.

Environmental Club's TerraCycle Program: We are helping the environment and helping our school to

raise funds with this program.

If you want to help out, please deposit your drink pouches, sandwich bags and containers into the TerraCycle box by the Kindergarten room. Thank you to all those who have been depositing these items in the box and to Mrs. DeGroot for running the program for us.



CLASSROOM NEWS

JK/SK Mrs. Jorritsma

Welcome back! I hope you all had a blessed break!

Bible: We wrap up our unit on People Who Showed Their Love for God and begin our unit on Jesus' Ministry.

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).

Language: Letter of the week is J.

French: We continue to look at the Creation story in French.

Math: We write numerals 1-5 this week.

Social Studies: Mrs. Reinsma continues with the unit "Healthy Me." Our theme for the month is winter/hibernation.

Show and Tell: Luke and Maizy will have show and tell this Friday, January 13. Please have your child bring in something that starts with the letter J and/or is black/white.

January Calendar: The January Calendar was sent home the last week of school before the break. Please refer to the calendar for special dates.

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

Happy New Year! We are almost at the half way point for grade 1 & 2!

Bible: We are starting a new unit: *From Slavery to the Promised Land*. This week we will be focusing on Moses.

Memory Work: LORD my God, I go to you for safety. Help me. Save me from all those who are chasing me. Psalm 7:1

Language: Our theme this month is Making Connections. When reading with your child ask questions like: *What does this make you think of?*

Reading: We will be reading *Goldie Locks and the Three Bears*

Writing: We are working on adding description to our writing.

Working With Words: Long o (oa/oi/oy) **Gr 1:** coat, goats, oil, boy, toys.

Gr 2: coat, goats, oil, boy, toys, float, join, cowboy.

Math: We are starting a new unit: Data Management and Probability. This week we will focus on probability and we will start to create basic graphs.

Creation Studies: We are learning about how air moves.

Art: We are creating a pinwheel this week which ties into our science lessons.

At-Home-Reading! It is an expectation for students to be reading daily at home (10-15 minutes).

Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Gergolas

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday as a family.

LA: We are beginning the new reading strategy of predicting. Our predictions are not just guesses, but rather are based on what we've learned in our reading so far. Try it at home too!

New spelling words will be coming home today and the test will be on Friday.

Math: Grade 3s will be finishing up their unit on multiplication and division. The test will be on Thursday. Grade 4s will begin their unit on data management this week, as they look at different types of graphs.

PE: We are finished our unit on Floor Hockey and our next unit is Basketball.

Social Studies: This week students will be looking at the life of Jacques Cartier and his explorations.

Bible: This week in Bible we are looking at the end of Jacob and Joseph's lives. No new memory work yet.

Note: SAM activities begin next week on Friday afternoon. Are you ready?

Grade 5/6 - Ms. James

FAIR GLEN: It is almost here! Time to start packing if you haven't yet! Please use the list that has already been provided as a guide to ensure all needs are met. Please also note that a disposable lunch needs to be brought on the day of our departure. We will be leaving this Wednesday (January 11th) between 9:20-9:30AM and returning this Friday (January 13th) in time for the regular end of day transportation (bus, Kiss 'n Ride, etc).

Language Arts:

Reading Records: Students are to be reading daily and submitting their Reading Record form on the first day of every week. A new Reading Record for the month of January was handed out today.

Math:

1. We are working through the unit: Decimals!
2. A math booklet was sent home over the Christmas break. Twenty questions per operation were to be worked on over the Christmas break. This work is to be submitted today.

French 6: We will finish our masks today and start working on our ice sculptures. Containers that can hold water to be frozen are needed, please bring these in. I am looking for a parent volunteer to help with making crepes on the 25th of January. I will also need some electric griddles?!

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

Mrs. Kaldeway

Keep up to date on daily homework assignments by visiting our new classroom web-site at:

<http://ics78homework.webs.com>

Mrs. Reinsma

I trust everyone had a blessed Christmas and a wonderful holiday! Thank you all for the many wonderful gifts I received-you are all very generous!