

# Thunder Bay Christian School



# Christmas Newsletter

As we wind down the school year today, I, and on behalf of the staff, want to take a moment to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! It has been a wonderful first term learning and growing together, as school family, in our walk with the Lord. Thank you for all the prayers and support so far this year, and for the many Christmas gifts and good wishes. Over the break, may you experience God's peace and joy and have opportunity to relax and enjoy time with friends and family.

Kind Regards, Jolene Makkinga

## "The Smallest Christmas Star"

The TBCS Students presented "The Smallest Christmas Star" on December 13th. The Grade 8 class did a wonderful job with a play and each class presented a song. It was so wonderful to see the church full and we are so proud of each and every student!

## Carol Singing Chapel

Students enjoyed a special chapel on December 20th with Don & Marilyn Shaver who lead them in Carol Singing! Thank you to the Shaver's for leading the students in this fun singing time!



# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## ARTICLES BY GRADE 8-10 STUDENTS

### Grade 2/3 Class Interview

In Mrs. Awosika's 2/3 class, they are learning about advent. Each day leading up to Christmas they open the Advent calendar with a verse in it (and sometimes a small surprise), that has to do with Advent. The students are doing great with grammar, and they are already halfway done with their first math book! In their class, they have a jar of stones that are added or taken based on behaviour, and they have just reached the mark where they get a class prize.

### Operation Christmas Child

The Samaritan's Purse project; Operation Christmas Child, collects shoeboxes filled with fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other fun things that are delivered to children in hard-to-reach places. It gives kids all around the world the chance to hear about God and be blessed. This year in chapel grow groups we had an opportunity to pack 18 boxes!



### Teacher Interview- Mrs. Bolt (Gr 1)

#### What are some student highlights?

"Some of our student highlights right now are snowflakes with patterns and shapes for art and math"

#### Are you guys working on something big?

"We are going through an Advent calendar with ornaments and each ornament represents a Bible story and it goes through the whole Bible!"

#### Is there a learning theme throughout Grade 1 right now?

"We are doing these things called secret stories: learning to read all the sounds of letters together with a story."

What has been your favourite thing to do with your class so far this year? "Teaching reading, and doing their self-portraits"

### JK/SK Interview

In the JK & SK class the students are going to make gingerbread houses. They are currently learning to put consonants and vowels together. They are having so much fun learning and creating.

### Student Council

About a month ago, the Student Council held a bake sale for the students and staff to buy lots of baked goods! The money raised went to a local family in need this Christmas! This family, thanks to everyone who bought baked goods, was blessed with a total of \$420!

The Student Council continues to meet most Wednesdays to plan school events, and coming up is a Christmas Celebration Week, to be held December 18-22. To find out what each day of the week will be, check out the posters hanging around the school!



### 5 & 6 Class Interview

The Grade 5 and 6 class is learning about the times in Ancient Rome including how the laws of Ancient Rome were made with Mr. Himanen. With Mr. Janssens they are starting a new literature unit about the medieval times including the castles, knights, and the kings and queens. The Frozen Fire outstanding board-game projects have been finished, and their skills are getting better in volleyball. Mrs. Himanen is teaching the class about the Victorian Christmas, including the food they ate, the clothes they wore, and the customs they did during this time that have continued to this day and age.

### Fundraiser Thank you!

We are so thankful to our school community and their generosity

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

Total Raised: \$15,000

(Fund go towards the Grade 8 Toronto Trip)

#### **Annual Bazaar & Auction**

Total Raised: \$65,000

(Funds go toward School Operations)

#### **Bake Sale run by Students Council**

Total Raised: \$420

(Funds raised for a local family in need)

#### **Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser**

Total Raised: \$387

(Funds to go to TBCS Student Fund)

## Sports Update

### Boys Volleyball

This past Tuesday the grade 7 and 8 Boys volleyball team went undefeated in the SSSAA public school tournament. The players all worked their hardest and should great sportsmanship and heart in their game. Congratulations boys!

Special thanks to Jaxson Schep for helping coach after school and to all parents for coming out to support our boys.

### Girls Volleyball

The grade 7 & 8 Girls practiced hard with the help of Charmaine Schep, Jami Breukelman, Maxwell Janssens, and Jaxson Schep. The girls had so much fun they were often found asking for extra practice time at recesses. They were undefeated in the SSSAA public school tournament!

## Student Art Highlights



Grade 5



Junior Kindergarten



Grade 2/3



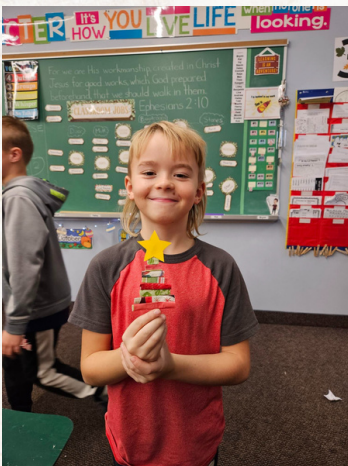
Slevin K. Gr 2



Braiden S. Gr 2



Grade 3/4



Kai L. Gr 2



Ava B. Gr 2