THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Theme:
"Get Out of the Boat"

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Our Mission:
To serve God and assist Christian families *by*:

- providing a quality, Christ-centered education within a loving environment,
- exploring and evaluating all of life under God,
- nurturing students in the development of their abilities,
- encouraging a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Team Leader of Principal Duties

Followers? Leaders? or Both?

It is amazing to think that another school year is quickly coming to an end. In just a few weeks Thunder Bay Christian School will be having its annual graduation ceremony, and another group of students will be graduating from their elementary school career at Thunder Bay Christian School. As our students are moving from one grade to the next, or if they are moving onto another school as they enter high school the question that we, as parents, often find ourselves asking is whether our children will be leaders or will they be followers. We always hope that our children will be the leaders in their groups, that they will be able to stand firm in their beliefs and not just follow those around them into activities that we know may hurt them. While we hope and pray that our children turn out to be leaders, we may get the order in which leading and following are thought of backwards. Are they to be leaders first and then followers, or are they followers first and then leaders? This question applies to us as adults just as much as it does to our children. Before we can expect our children to be good leaders it is necessary for them to be good followers. This does not mean good followers of their peers, but good followers of Jesus. Jesus came down to the earth to serve as an example for us to follow in every area of life that we may encounter. By his life He showed us how we are to treat one another, to have courage and strength, to put others first, and to sacrificially give oneself for others as He did on the cross.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21

The more closely we follow Jesus' example in the Scriptures the more we can demonstrate God's love and forgiveness to a world that needs to hear it. In our class study of the early Christian church the students learned that the church enjoyed the favour of everyone because of the way that they looked after, cared for, and loved one another. They were following the example of Jesus, and they became leaders in their culture and society. This 'following' of Jesus' example 'led' many people to join the church during that time period.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5: 14-16

As the passage from Matthew states we are called to be beacons of light in this world. People are drawn to a light when it is dark, and we can be those instruments that God uses to lead others to faith in Christ.

Team Leader of Principal Duties Cont.

To be good leaders we also need to be good followers. We need to be good followers so that we can grow in our faith, and then be able to stand up for our faith around our peers and in our communities. As adults, we are also called to be examples and leaders in our churches and in our families to our children. We are not perfect so it is reassuring to know that in spite of our failures as followers and leaders that we can receive His grace. Let us all, both young and old, daily ask for God's help to be the followers we need to be so that we can be the leaders that God has called us to be.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Mr. Peter Himanen
Team Leader of Principal Duties

JK/SK SPRING EXPERIENCES

We completed the 2015/2016 year with many activities and special classroom events. A few of the highlights included our egg drop, our Mother's Day morning, our chicks and our end of the year field trip to the Trampoline Park and bowling. We found out that we have many budding scientists in our midst as they discussed the different packing materials for the egg and how to handle and care for our chicks. It was wonderful to see so many children overcome their fears and become expert handlers of the chicks after having them in our classroom for over a week. We are now eagerly anticipating the hatching of our ducklings!

CELEBRATION TEA

During Christian Education week this year the school once again welcomed the grandparents and special friends of the students to a fun afternoon of fellowship. During the afternoon each of the classes also performed a variety of different songs and skits demonstrating their skills and talents . At the end of the day the grandparents and special friends were able to visit the classrooms. These visits were enjoyed by everyone and are looked forward to every year by the students.

GRADE 1/2 CLASSROOM FUN

Special Reading and Writing Day: Our class enjoyed a day of reading with friends in our comfiest clothes. We also presented a "Book Talk" on a favourite book. Some students made a poster, dressed up, made a model, or brought a snack to go along with their book.

Mr. Simon from Safe Cycle Thunder Bay came to teach us how to fit our helmets properly and learn the proper hand signals to use while riding our bikes.

GRADE 3/4

Brown Bag Book Report Projects

Australian visitors - just as we were beginning our Australia Unit!

Grade 3's Slice of Farming

GR. 4-7 T.B.S.O. VISIT

Students in grades 4-7 were visited by members of the woodwind section of the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra. Students were able to learn more about the instruments that make up the woodwind section. They also enjoyed listening to a variety of pieced being performed by this talented group and were inspired to develop in their own musical pursuits.

GR. 7 FIELD TRIP

The grade seven class had an outdoor adventure on their hike to High Falls.

GR. 8 TORONTO TRIP

The grade eight class was able to participate in their annual trip to Toronto at the end of May. The class travelled to Toronto to spend the week taking in many of the sites and activities that the big city is able to provide. The students had a very busy but fun week in the southern Ontario area. The class learned about our provincial government as they toured the Legislative Assembly and they were able to experience a little bit of history as they toured the Royal Ontario Museum. Several of the other activities the students were able to participate in were a Toronto Blue Jays game, a trip up the CN Tower, a fun day at Canada's Wonderland, and a visit to Niagara Falls. A great week was had by everyone with the blessings of great weather being a bonus.

GRADE 8 GRADUATES 2015

Gregory B.

Paul B.

Joel C.

Lucas D.

Hope G.

Faryn G.

Joanna H.

Nathan H.

Dawson K.

Hayley S.

Adam V.E.

Abby V.

Morgan V.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

TBCS ADMINISTRATION

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