

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Theme:

**"GOT FRUIT?"
Fruit of the Spirit"**

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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.

Staff Article

Got Peace??

During the month of December our school has been focussing on the fruit of the spirit of PEACE. Wow! Peace! I do not know about you, but during these last few weeks I have felt anything but peace in my life! The state of chaos in many parts of the world, deaths in the family, health concerns, financial burdens, parenting challenges, keeping up with the duties of work and the preparations of Christmas!...

Peace is very rare. Of the last 3500 years of human history, only a few hundred have been free of war. World leaders meet to talk about peace, demonstrators demand it, everyone hopes for it. God clearly commands us to pursue peace and even promises blessing on the peace maker (Matt 5:9). In grade 5/6 we are learning that God never gives a command that He does not expect us to obey. But, He also provides the tools necessary for us to obey and move forward doing His will! We are also learning that peace is more than the absence of war. It is an

inner calm that comes when relationships and perspectives are right. God sent Jesus to make a way of peace for us.

Mary and Joseph had every reason not to feel peace: pregnant in a mysterious way, travelling to register, birth in a barn, etc. In spite of all these obstacles they willingly obeyed God and did as they were asked to do. In all the excitement of the Saviour being born..."Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). She was demonstrating peace and trust in her situation! The country they were in was not fighting in a war at the time, so when the angels appeared and the great company of the heavenly host were praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest and on Earth PEACE to men on whom His favour rests" (Luke 2:14), what do you suppose the angel meant? We were born "at war" with God and separated from Him by sin. God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, was the way to reconcile us from our sin. That was the peace of which the angels spoke!

It is so easy to get caught up in all the trappings of the season and the worries of this world. The question we need to ask ourselves is "How do we live our lives during these anxious and troublesome times"? Do we put our full trust in God who loved us enough to send His Son to live and die for us? Do we allow Him to be "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" in our lives?

We will not really know lasting peace until Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, returns to rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Then, and only then, will it be true that "of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end (Isaiah 9:7).

So how do we experience peace during times of unrest in our lives? Obedience and trust. These are the things that bring the inner calm when relationships and perspectives are right. PEACE.

May we truly enjoy this Christmas, trying not to get caught up in the worries of the season, but marvelling in the most important gift which was given to us.

"Glory to God in the highest!"

Joanne Himanen

Leader of Principal Duties

On behalf of the staff at Thunder Bay Christian School, I would like to wish everyone in the Thunder Bay Christian School community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As believers, the Christmas season is such a blessing for us as we thank our Lord for the great gift we received that first Christmas. May this Christmas be a safe, joyous and reflective time as you enjoy all the festivities with your family and friends. May God truly bless you and your family with love, grace and His peace. We look forward to how God will work in and bless the T.B.C.S. community in the coming year! Thank you to everyone for your continued support, prayers, and involvement in all the events at the school.

Peter Himanen

Around the School



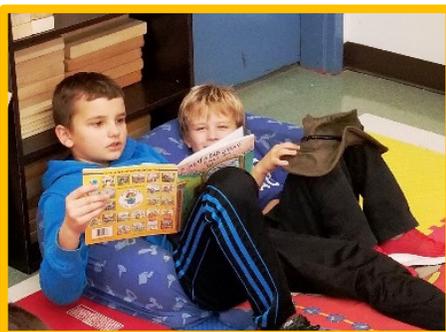
The grade seven/eight class enjoyed getting ready for the Christmas season as they made some tree ornaments in their art classes.



The primary classes had a great day as they celebrated Miss Strydorhorst's last day as she finished her term at the school.



The grade 1 class made snowmen, the grade 2 class made hat ornaments, and together they decorated sugar cookies. The grade 1 class is also excited to have Mrs. Hamilton back at the school and made her a giant banner. The grade two class is looking forward to Mrs. Bolt's return after the Christmas break as well.



As part of the language arts program at the school the students are taking time out of their day to share in some reading with the younger grades. The students read to the younger students, and then the younger students are also given the opportunity to read aloud.



BAZAAR AND AUCTION 2017

The annual Thunder Bay Christian School Bazaar and Auction was a great success this year. Thank you to everyone for their donations and support. The total amount raised was an amazing \$70,000.00! The event was two days of fun with all the games, great food, good vendors, and of course, the auction. Thank you very much to the bazaar committee for all their hard work during the months of preparation for this event, and to everyone for coming out and supporting the school in such a great way. Thanks, of course, to our Lord for all His blessings!

Grade 7/8 Escape Classroom

The grade 7/8 class had to use their knowledge of heat transfer methods when they were challenged with the Escape Classroom. Just like in a real escape room, the students were put in teams and had to solve a series of riddles, puzzles and questions in order to "escape" the classroom which was "locked" by the "Gas Master." All of these puzzles tested their knowledge of the three methods of heat transfer (conduction, convection and radiation). Everyone did extremely well at working as a team and putting their science skills to the test! All four teams managed to escape, some with 30 seconds left of their 30 minute time limit! Good work, everyone!



Christmas Program



Thunder Bay Christian School held its annual Christmas program at Hope Christian Reformed Church. The students shared with the community the Christmas story, a story that may be very familiar but a story that we need to receive and to share with others with thankful and joyous hearts each Christmas season. It was a great evening of sharing and celebrating the Christmas story, and it was great to see the students share their skills and talents which were very evident in their performance. Thank you to everyone who had a role in this great evening of the whole community gathering together to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

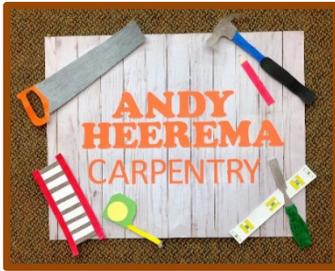


Jasper Place Visit

The grades 5-8 classes were recently able to spend part of the afternoon at Jasper Place in order to play guitar and sing some Christmas carols for the residents there. The students had a great experience demonstrating their new guitar playing skills and using their voices to share the good news of Christmas. The residents at Jasper Place enjoyed the event and they were able to participate in the singing. After playing, the students were able to meet and talk with the residents and share some Christmas cheer.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2017



The annual Pancake Breakfast was once again a great success. This year, the breakfast was put on by the grade eight students who all did a great job hosting the event. It was a great morning of food and fellowship. Thank you to everyone for their support of the grade eight class as they plan and look forward to their school trip during this year. The money raised at the breakfast will go a long way in helping to finance this annual trip. Congratulations to the posters winners who were Chloe Gysen and Kiern Tuuttila.



2018 Registration

Thunder Bay Christian School

REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE



for new students in JK - 10 will be held on
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 : 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 : 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come visit the classrooms, take a tour of our school,
enjoy some refreshments and see what T.B.C.S. can offer your children!



**Please bring copy of child(ren)'s proof of identification (e.g. birth certificate)*

TBCS ADMINISTRATION

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Board Rep.: Mr. Joel Veurink

Team Leader of Learning: Miss Sandra de Haan
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