



MISSION STATEMENT: Trenton Christian School offers an enriched Christ centered curriculum which educates students from a diverse Christian community enabling them to develop and use their talents in God's world.

From The Principal

The theme of the fourth week Advent message from Figures of Faith is Excitement: The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20).

Very soon you will be opening Christmas gifts. What do you do when you get a great present? Do you get excited? Do you jump around and show everyone? Look, everybody! Look what I got!

There are some people in the Christmas story who got really excited about their gift. The shepherds were in a quiet field one night when suddenly the sky was lit with angels and singing filled the air. An angel announced that a very precious gift had just come for them—baby Jesus. They were so excited that they left their sheep—their job—and went right to Bethlehem to find Jesus. They praised God and wanted to tell others about their special gift. Jesus is our special gift too. God sent Jesus to earth for the shepherds, for you, for me, and for everyone else. But lots of people don't know about the gift of Jesus.

So God wants us to be like the shepherds. God wants us to be excited and ready to sing praises and worship Jesus. So the challenge is for us individually and community to invite family, friends, and neighbors to events and programs where we celebrate the wonderful gift of Christ.

FUNDRAISING NEWS—

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— Book your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 21 for an evening of fun and fellowship. We are planning a dinner and progressive euchre evening. Check out the flyer that is also attached today for all the details and registration information.

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA: "The Two Sisters Cookbook" -

"The Two Sisters Cookbook 20 Family-inspired Menus." The book features 20 complete menus; each accompanied by a family story, and includes 149 recipes and 105 cooking tips. The book makes a perfect holiday gift (for cooks and those who struggle with menu planning) you'll enjoy it, too – easy, delicious menus and new recipes to enjoy during the holiday season and all the year through. Have a look at the TCS website where we've included the book's cover. There is a book in the school office to check out. If you would like to order a copy please send your order form and cheque (made out to Tina Roberts). Tina is Audrey Mitchell's sister. \$5 from every book purchase will come back to TCS and 5% goes to the

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 21—Christmas Program
- Dec. 22—Last day of school
- Dec. 23—Jan. 8—No School—Inclusive
- Jan. 9—First day of classes 2012
- Jan. 21—Euchre Tournament & Dinner

NEWS FROM FINANCE:

The last deposit date for 2011 will be December 31. Tuition payments received after that date, will be credited to 2012 tax receipt year. Cheques may be post dated for December 31, 2011 and should be brought in to the school no later than **3 pm on December 22'11**. Please remember we are operating in our line of credit, and if you are able to pay your balance at this time, it would be greatly appreciated.

CAN YOU HELP?: Ms. Lisanne van der Velde who is visiting our school community for the next few months from the Netherlands to do some teacher Assistant training in our classrooms needs your help. Her sister is coming to visit her on Dec. 26 and needs to be picked at Montreal airport. She is willing to pay for gas. Please contact Lisanne at John & Wilma Bakelaar's 613-965-6854

STUDENTS COUNCIL-

reminder that tomorrow is the last day to bring in food for the local food bank. Each item you bring in is worth 5 points which is awarded to your colour house. Wednesday the 21st of December Orange colour house will receive their pizza lunch for earning the most points first term.

PRESENTATION ON BULLYING:

Next week OPP Constable Dave Snider, Community Police Officer for Quinte West, will begin making classroom presentations to our students on the topic of Bullying. Students in grades 4-8 will be included in these presentations throughout the next few months. If you have any questions contact Mr. Bron.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—You're invited to join us here at Trenton Christian School on Wednesday, December 21 @ 7:00 pm for our Christmas Program "Celebrate the Child". All the students will be participating so please plan to attend. All students should wear their Sunday best, no jeans and please remember the dress code. Students should be at the school by 6:45 pm.

Concert band members need to be at the school by 6:30 pm
Please be sure to invite family and friends to join in this celebration.

LOST—One "Wolverines" soccer jacket with the number 3 on the sleeve. Please return to the office.

FOUND: Yet again our lost and found box is overflowing with items. When you are in over the next week, please have a look, or remind your child to do so.

SPORTS @ TCS

SR BOYS VOLLEYBALL— WOW! Great wrap up to the season DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS! You played great at the District tournament on Tuesday and demonstrated amazing skill, teamwork and heart to win the tournament. I was proud to see you persevere through a tough start to the final to come back to win the Championship. Thanks for all the support in driving and/or cheering throughout the season parents! Scores of our games were: 25-5, 25-16 vs Kente 25-14, 25-12 vs Quinte Mohawk 25-15, 25-10 vs Marc Garneau 25-15, 25-1 vs York River in QF 25-15, 25-1 vs Kente in SF 18-25, 25-18, 15-9 vs Tweed in Final

Please return your shirts by Christmas Holidays. Boys, time to change gears and get into the swing of Basketball which will start up in the new year with Tuesday after school practices and a morning recess or two.

SR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:

Congratulations to our Senior girls volleyball team who were district champions this past Tuesday! You fought hard and diligently through out the season. Thank you for your effort and time put into practices and games, you were a joy to coach. A big thanks to all the parents who came out to cheer us on and to those who volunteered their time/vehicles to help get athletes and coaches to the various tournaments.

BASKETBALL— With volleyball wrapping up in the next two weeks and then Christmas Holidays, it is time to start thinking about basketball. Some opportunities involving Basketball include:
-- Basketball Intramurals for Grades 5-8
-- Free Throw Contest for Grades 5-8
-- Sr. Boys Basketball Team (gr. 7-8)
-- Sr. Girls Basketball Team (Gr. 7-8)
-- Junior Basketball Team (Gr. 5-6)

****A couple of coaches are needed for the Sr. Girls Basketball Team to be able to field a team as well as the Junior Basketball team. If you are interested, contact Mr. Bevaart for more details.****

FLAMES HOCKEY TEAM—Our last tryout practice is scheduled for Monday, December 19th @ 7:30am. The players will be notified later that week as to whom is on the team for the Barrie Tournament.
Coaches are Jeremy Prinzen and Kevin Richardson.

CONCERT BAND—Beginning in January 2012 the Concert Band will be practicing on the same day of the week, Thursday's, but at a new time 11:30 am—12:10 pm. (There may be an occasional after school practice before a performance date as well). If there are any students that would like to tryout for concert band in the new year, they will be required to complete a playing test. We are planning to be involved with at least 3 concerts during the next year; a Spring concert at TCS, Christian School Music-fest and a performance at Canada's Wonderland. Concert band members need to be at the school this Wednesday by 6:30 pm to prepare for the Christmas Program.

COLOUR HOUSE CELEBRATION:

Orange Colour House group will be celebrating their win with a pizza lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—

All the students will be participating so please plan to attend. All students should wear their Sunday best, no jeans and please remember the dress code. Students should be at the school by 6:45 pm.

Concert band members need to be at the school by 6:30 pm

Please be sure to invite family and friends to join in this celebration.

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Lots of wonderful Christmas celebration going on in Kindergarten. We love baby Jesus so much! Students are doing a great job learning the songs for the Christmas program. keep practicing! We will have Gingerbread fun on Friday morning! We wonder if the gingerbread men will run away from us...stay tuned!

GRADE 1 / 2

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There will not be a Spelling test or new words introduced next week.

Please review the word wall words from this year.

We will be having a happy birthday Jesus celebration next Thursday afternoon.

Boys please bring veggies cut up in a container. Girls please bring fruit cut up in a container.

GRADE 3 / 4

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Tomorrow is our Bible Test. Review sheets came home earlier this week. We are also setting up our first Nations Celebration Museum tomorrow. If you have time, you are welcome to come in between 11:30-12:00 to see our finished projects.

We will be wrapping up this unit next week with a small test and review activities.

No Memory Work this week.

No spelling this week for Gr. 3 & 4.

Gr. 3—Will have a Math test on Multiplication and division on Wednesday. Please review 0x, 1x, 2x, 5x, 10x.

On Thursday we will be celebrating Christmas in Gr. 3/4 The boys are asked to bring in a small snack to share with the class. The girls will provide snacks for the valentine's day party in February.

GRADE 5

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Devotions: Jaimee (Tues.),

Avery (Thurs.)

Carol singing tomorrow at TMH at 10:45 a.m. Thank you to our drivers: Mrs. D. Richardson, Mrs. S. Vreugdenhil and Mrs. D. Vreugdenhil. Please be here by 10:25 a.m.

Math Test on decimals tomorrow

Memory Work: songs for Christmas program

No Spelling Test

Literature Test (theme: Fly With Me: Stories of Fantasy) on Wed., Dec. 21. Reread the stories.

Christmas class celebration on Thurs.

Remember your snacks/drinks to share.

Thanks to Mrs. S. Dibbitts, Mrs. T.

Hoftzyer, Mrs. T. Johnson and Mrs. L.

Postma for helping with crafts this week.

GRADE 6

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Gr 6 is having their Science test tomorrow on unit #1 "Animal Kingdom" review was completed yesterday and sent home. Math test will go home next week to be signed. Reminder that tomorrow is our last day for the food drive please bring in as many items as possible.

There is no spelling test next week. We will review our NTF words.

Reminder to students who have devotions next week...please be prepared. Hope to see you all at the Christmas program on Wednesday night at 7:00. There is memory work this week students need to memorize the 3 verses to "Go Tell it on the Mountain." A sheet with the lyrics will go home tomorrow.

GRADE 7

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Last week before a well deserved holiday Grade 7! To celebrate we are having a party Thursday afternoon so if girls can bring snacks and boys bring drinks we'll be covered. Have an awesome break with your family and friends but keep the following in mind before then:

Science test Tuesday

Plot Graph due Tuesday

Christmas Program Wed. night

Lit test Wednesday

Spelling Test-- Thursday

Class Party Thursday Afternoon

Book Report-- At least one by

Christmas Holidays

Cr. Writing Due Jan 10/2011

GRADE 8

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Current Events: Kayla and Patrick

Spelling Test—Friday:

Coniferous Biome Map quiz— Friday

Math Test—Wednesday

Spelling Test—Thursday:

On Thursday our class is doing a gift exchange for Christmas. The gift is to be under \$5.00.