



**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

As we move into the third week of our Advent message from Figures of Faith, by Peter Hoytema our theme is Doing Right: Joseph (Matthew 1: 18-25) Last week we talked about how an angel visited Mary and told her God's plan. Do you remember what Mary said to the angel? "I am the Lord's servant." Then she prayed to God. This week we're going to talk about Joseph. Do you know how Joseph found out that he was going to be Jesus's father on earth? An angel came to him too! An angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him that Mary would have God's Son and they should name him Jesus. The Bible never tells us one word that Joseph spoke. It only tells us what he did. The Bible tells us that when Joseph awoke from his dream, he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he became Mary's husband and the earthly father of Jesus. Last week we talked about how important it was to pay attention to God and pray to Him. This week I want you to think about how important the things you do are. God wants us to be like Joseph and to do what God asks us to do. We can't do everything right, but God wants us to try to make our actions show that we believe and trust in Him.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thurs. —HR Comm.
- Dec. 21—Christmas Program
- Dec. 22—Last day of school
- Dec. 23—Jan. 8—No School—Inclusive
- Jan. 21—Euchre Tournament & Dinner

**BUSINESS DIRECTORY**—Coming home today with students is the business directory which lists all of our sponsors. We appreciate the generous support of Christian Education by these businesses and invite you to enlist their services.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**— A new year of reading and competing is about to begin. Next week, the books for the year's competition will be revealed. Students from Grades 4-8 are invited to participate. In April, there is a competition versus other Christian schools.

**Past Battle of the Book Readers**—If you read and made questions for books in previous years, it would be appreciated if you could email the questions to the school.

**Volunteers Needed**—We are in need of a number of adult volunteers to read and make questions for this year's Battle of the Books. Please let Heather or Helena Bootsma (bootfam@sympatico.ca) know if you are willing to help. This counts towards your volunteer hours.

#### 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. Please stay tuned for more details in the upcoming weeks.

#### 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 diabetes assoc. as well.

#### GIFT CARD ORDERS—CHRISTMAS

**DEADLINE**—Please note that the last TRIP order be done before Christmas will go in on Monday, Dec. 12. Only grocery cards will be available after that date.

#### HOME & SCHOOL CATERING—IS BACK!

**BUT, WE NEED YOU!**  
Needed for Dec. 10 dinner:  
2 afternoon helpers  
6 evening servers  
If you can help with any of these requests, please contact Vickie Barink at 613-392-4820.  
You can earn GIVE hours for

#### COMMUNITY NEWS:

**Trenton High Track Quest**—Voting begins Dec. 5-16. Every email account provides 15 votes (1 per day) Tell your family, friends and coworkers to vote! Vote at [www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/act11498](http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/act11498).

This is the track that we use for ASG Track & Field. Let's help support our community. Check out the cards that came home for instructions.

**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

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**—You're invited to join us here at Trenton Christian School on Wednesday, December 21 @ 7:30 pm for our Christmas Program "Celebrate the Child". All the students will be participating so please plan to attend. Please be sure to invite family and friends to join in this celebration.

**STUDENTS COUNCIL**- This coming Monday and through out the week we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Trenton food bank. They are specifically interested in canned pasta, canned veggies, dried soup, tomato soup, canned stew, canned meat, canned ham, canned fruit and jello pudding. Congrats to the ORANGE colour house group for earning the most points this past term. You will be rewarded with a pizza lunch on Dec 16th!

## JK/SK

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We are enjoying our Christmas activities to celebrate Jesus' birth! A big thank you to Mrs. Leaver for coming in to decorate our classroom for Christmas! JK will be bringing home beautiful wreaths tomorrow that they made with their handprints. They are encouraged to hang them up and share the good news to holiday visitors. SK made beautiful angels with their hands and a foot. They will be coming home at Christmas to hang on the Christmas trees. Don't forget to keep practicing the Christmas songs for the Christmas program. "celebrate the child" will come home next week. Students need to return extra clothes to school if they needed to change at school. Students can still bring candy canes to school on Friday.

## GRADE 1 / 2

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Grade 1 www: knew, want, because, up

Grade 2 www: here, then, thing, city, shook

Challenge Words: super, supper, manger

Memory Verse: Everyone has learned the words for "Go Tell It On the Mountain" verses so well! Our whole school will be singing a song together. The song is called, "Celebrate the Child". Our memory verse this week is the first verse.

"You know this is no fable Godhead and manhood became one. We see He's more than able And so we live to God the Son."

Test: Creation Studies test Friday December 17. I will send you a study page to your email address using two different programs. Both attachments will be the same document. If you would prefer a hard copy of the study page, let me know. I can send a copy using kid-mail

## GRADE 3 / 4

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Thank you to all the drivers that went to the Canoe Museum with us. We had a wonderful day.

Next week there are two due dates to keep in mind. Wednesday our projects are due.

On Friday, Dec. 16 we will be displaying them in the library. You are welcome to join us at 11:30 am to help us celebrate these nations.

Memory Work: All of Psalm 24. This is our last memory work before Christmas.

Spelling

Grade 3—football, afternoon, cannot, without, anything, however, left-hand, anyway, right-hand, good-bye, haystack, midnight

Grade 4 spelling: except, accept, then, than, grace, replace, space, fireplace, vase, base, bookcase, chase, depend, nation  
Bible—Next Friday we will be focusing on the stories of Samuel and King Saul

(I Sam.) A review sheet will come home next week.

Math—Gr. 3—Review multiplication tables (x0, x1, x2, x5, x10) at home

## GRADE 5

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Devotions: Liam (Tues.), Hope (Thurs.)  
Spelling Test (Lesson 12) on Fri., Dec. 16

Memory Work: "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Celebrate the Child", "Joy to the World"  
Christmas Crafts morning on Mon., Dec. 12. Thanks to the parents who helped out last week (Mrs. B. Barink, Mrs. S. Dibbits, Mrs. T. Hoftzyer, Mrs. T. Johnson)

Grade 5 has been asked to sing carols at Trenton Memorial Hospital on Fri., Dec. 16 at 10:45 a.m., if we get enough drivers. Please let me know by Mon., Dec. 12, if you are able to take some students to the hospital and back to school. Thanks.

On Thurs., Dec. 22 we will have a class Christmas celebration. Students may bring snacks or drinks to share.

## GRADE 6

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Next week Wednesday we will have our Math test on unit #4- decimals. Thursday we will have our Science test on Unit 1- Animal Kingdom. Social studies test will be sent home soon to be signed. Next week our food drive for the Trenton food bank begins, the more items you bring in the more points your house colour will receive it is 5 points/item. There is a list of specific things that the food bank is interested in having--see the students' council announcement.

Spelling List Words: talent, manufacture, mysterious, liberty, special, association, direction, unconscious, factory, compete  
NTF- continuous, nonliving, conversation

WWW-said, something, sometimes  
content- Saviour, covenant, advent

## GRADE 7

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Can you believe there are less than 2 weeks until Christmas Holidays. A lot to do and accomplish before then. Keep the following in mind:

Memory Work (verse 1) Thursday  
Grammar test Friday  
Spelling Test Friday  
Simile Poster Due Dec. 14  
History test Dec. 15  
Verse 2 Dec. 16  
Science test Dec. 20  
Lit test Dec. 21  
Book Report--At least one by Christmas Holidays

## GRADE 8

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**Current Events: Jules and Kayla**

Monday: Grammar quiz: Compound Personal Pronouns  
Tuesday: Memory work: John 14:1-8

Thursday: Geography: Coniferous Biome map quiz.

Friday: Spelling test

Science: The students are into presenting their reports/projects on The Amazing Atmosphere. Also, on Thursday, December 16th, we will be having a test on this unit.

## SPORTS @ TCS

**SR BOYS VOLLEYBALL—** Great work at the ASG volleyball tournament boys! You played well, demonstrated great skill, teamwork and communication. It was a pleasure to see you come together as a team. The boys ended up playing Marc Garneau in the final and came away with a 25-18, 25-19 win. As a result, the boys have qualified for the District Tournament which is to be held, DEC. 13 at Bayside Secondary School. If anyone can transport some boys over, please let me know. As soon as I get a schedule, I'll send it home with the boys. We will do a couple of recess practices to prepare for the last tournament of the year, no after school practice!

**SR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL:** There will be a practice Monday afterschool 3-4:30. Tuesday is our District tournament at Marc Garneau in Trenton. As soon as we receive a schedule we will pass it on.

## JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

**Girls—**The girls have been busy practicing and getting prepared for the tournament next Thurs. Dec 15, which will be here at TCS. The tournament begins at 8:45 so everyone can come in on the bus. The morning consists of 3 skill competitions. Games begin at 11:50, with 4 games being played the last one at 2:30 so the girls can catch the night buses as well. There will be a canteen available throughout the day to buy treats. We are looking forward to the day and want to invite everyone to come out to cheer and support our TCS teams.

**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:

- ⇒ Intramurals—Gr. 5-8
- ⇒ Free Throw Contest—Gr. 5-8
- ⇒ Sr. Boys Team—Gr. 7-8
- ⇒ Sr. Girls Team—Gr. 7-8
- ⇒ Jr. Team—Gr. 5-6

A couple of coaches are needed for the Sr. Girls team to be able to field a team as well as the Jr. team. If you are interested please contact Mr. Bevaart (dbevaart@trentonchristianschool.com) for more details.

**FLAMES HOCKEY TEAM—**Once again we are putting a team together to participate in the Christian school hockey tournament Feb. 6 in Barrie.

Students in Gr. 5-8 are invited to come out to our next practice is Monday, Dec. 12 @ 7:30—8:30 am at the Trenton Ice arena. Parents need to arrange transportation to the arena and to the school from the arena. The cost is \$5/tryout each week.

Coaches are Jeremy Prinzen and Kevin Richardson.