

Eagles' Eye

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“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)



Students' Council Report

By Leah and Bethany

So far in Students' Council, we have been pretty busy. We have been talking about what organizations we could support, and what kind of fundraisers we could do to get more money for them.

We just finished making Operation Christmas Child boxes for less fortunate kids around the world, and many students participated. We are currently collecting non-perishable food items for food banks, and mittens, socks, and hats for the Shelter House. The students have been putting these items under the Christmas tree near the front entrance until Christmas break.

Along with these activities, we also organized a pyjama day a few weeks ago and everyone came dressed in their favourite pjs, with stuffies, blankets and pillows. Relaxing!

The Students' Council will be putting together other activities and fundraisers throughout the school year.



Class Updates

By Leah and Bethany

JK/SK

The Kinder Kids just recently performed their assembly, which went very well and was enjoyed by everyone who came. They had spent a long time before that practising for it, and it definitely paid off! They will be making gingerbread houses on the 19th, and they have been reading up on and studying gingerbread men and women and children. They sang very nicely at the Christmas program as well.

Grade 1/2

The 1/2 class performed “Hark the Herald” and “Baby Jesus” at the Christmas program and recited Bible verses. Great job! They have been learning about clocks and double-digit addition in math. They currently enjoy spelling class, and their favourite way to learn it is by chanting, writing words in shaving cream, and playing SPARKLE. In art they are making Christmas art and stained-glass ornaments. They are learning about the human body, and the 10 Commandments.

Grade 3/4

The 3/4 class are very excited for the Christmas program, where they will sing “O Come Little Children”. They are also looking forward to the piano recital, where some students will play piano pieces that they have been practising. (Good job in the Christmas Program and the recital!). They have been learning about birds, and will be sharing their bird projects. Their favourite subjects are Gym, Math (especially mad minutes), and Recess. They are VERY excited for Christmas, and are enjoying making festive crafts in preparation.

Grade 5/6

The grade 5/6's are really looking forward to the Victorian Christmas Tea, and have been studying the Victorian culture and era, as well as learning calligraphy in preparation for it. They are very excited for the Christmas holidays, and will be making homemade Christmas cards soon. They are learning about measurement in math, also. They are looking forward to the Christmas program and will be singing “We Three Kings” and doing a Christmas Alphabet, while the girls will be singing “Silent Night”.

Grade 7/8

This class is excited for Christmas Break, the talent show coming up, and winter electives, where they will be going downhill skiing. They have been enjoying art class, making 3D art, and have been doing some fun and interesting experiments in science. They love guitar and band class, and are enjoying reading *The Hatchet* in literature.

Grade 9/10

We are getting very excited for our Nicaragua trip in early March! We will be learning Spanish soon, so that should be interesting. We are starting a novel study of *Merchant of Venice* this coming week, and have been learning about Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre. We are also really looking forward to Christmas and our long break!

Pancake Breakfast

By Alex and Collin

The Pancake Breakfast was a success. The grades 8-10 classes were fundraising for their class trips. The grade 8's are going to Toronto and the high school students are going to Nicaragua. We made a good amount of money. The food: pancakes, sausages, and scrambled eggs, were very good and the servers were great. The grade 8-10 classes made posters and they also looked great this year. The grand total of money made at the breakfast was \$7,619.63!! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the breakfast.

Ski Jumping

By Noah

Recently the grade 9/10 boys have built a ski jump during their break times. They did not build it by any hill to get speed so they used something called a Banshee Bungie. A Banshee Bungie is a big bungie cord that has one end attached to a pole. The other end is pulled back by two or more people, then released with one person on skis or a snowboard. When released, the person who holds on gets pulled by the force of the cord and gets quite a bit of speed.

Some of the guys did backflips on their skis and snowboards, while the others pulled the Banshee Bungie back so they could get enough speed. They had fun making this jump and using it throughout the break.

Students' Lounge

By Noah

Mr. Alblas has given the highschool students a lounge to eat their lunches and play games in. The room is located in the school's basement beside the art room. We moved all the stuff out of the room and into the bazaar room. Thank-you Mr. Alblas for our student lounge. We are enjoying it.

Christmas Program

The TBCS annual Christmas Program happened on Friday, December 14. The theme for the program was "O Come All Ye Faithful".

Each class participated differently in the program. Some students sang, others read Bible verses, poems, prayers, and recited memory work.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the program, and thanks to everyone who came to enjoy it.



Eagle's Eye Teacher Questionnaire
By Zachary Bakker and Kasey Pinta

Mr. Alblas-

1. Why did you decide to teach at our school?

I have always enjoyed working with children and seeing the wonder in their eyes as they became excited about life. I wanted to assist with the development of that wonderment; besides I am after all just a big kid at heart and I love to have fun.

2. Where did you teach before you came to TBCS?

I began teaching in 1997. My first year was at Layette Christian School, Indiana teaching Grade 3.

The next year I moved back to Canada and taught at Willowdale Christian School teaching Grade 3, 4, and 7 as well as in the Holland March District Christian teaching Grade 7.

For the next 5 years I worked in Indonesia teaching Grade 6.

Then for the next 8 years I was in Wallaceburg Christian School teaching Grades 5-8 and then became the Principal of the school.

3. What subjects have you taught before you arrived at TBCS?

It would be easier to say what I have not taught. I have never taught French, JK/SK or Grade 1-2.

4. Where did you go to university? What degrees did you get?

I went to Calvin College where I earned a BA and a Master of Education Leadership.

5. Where were you born?

I was born in Georgetown ON, but only lived there for 1 year before my family moved to River Driver Park, outside of Newmarket, Ontario. From there we moved to Brampton, where I stayed until I moved to Calvin College.

Ms. Baxter-

1. Why did you decide to teach at our school?

As a first year teacher, right out of university, I was very lucky to be offered the grade 7/8 position. In Thunder Bay there are very few teaching positions however, I really wanted to stay in town. I decided to teach at TBCS because it gave me the opportunity to have my own classroom, not a supply job, and I believe that God had this position in mind for me.

2. Where did you teach before you came to TBCS?

This is my first teaching position; however, as a student teacher I taught at Holy Cross Catholic School and Nor'Westerview Public School.

3. What subjects have you taught before you came TBCS?

As a student teacher, I was given the opportunity to teach language arts, science, math, social studies, and gym.

4. Where did you go to university? What degrees did you get?

I went to Lakehead University and I graduated with two degrees. I have an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree and my Bachelor of Education.

5. Where were you born?

I was born in Newmarket, Ontario but I grew up in Trenton, Ontario.