

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (Proverbs 9:10)

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## Where's my Goat?

By: Miss Baxter

"Where's my Goat?", a documentary by filmmaker Christopher Richardson, reveals the process of buying gifts for organizations like *World Renew*. This film takes the viewer on a journey which shows the outcome of gift purchases and the *actual* existence of these wonderful and life-changing gifts.

This holiday season would be the perfect time to view and discuss this film with your children, as they have donated towards buying gifts for third world families.

I wonder where our gifts will end up, and I wonder how our gifts will affect those who received them?



## An Update from Students' Council

By: Karen Boyes

Students' Council has been overseeing a fundraiser within T.B.C.S. to raise money for World Renew. *World Renew's* website states that their mission is "... to engage God's people in redeeming resources and developing gifts in collaborative activities of love, mercy, justice, and compassion."

Each year *World Renew* comes out with a *Gift Catalogue* that lists gift options for purchasing. These gifts are not ordinary gifts that we receive. They are not iPods, clothing, toys, or cell phones but gifts that provide help to those who really need it. These gifts include latrines, building supplies, educational materials, animals for farming and generating income, or water filtrations systems for clean water. Students' Council decided that *World Renew* was an excellent option as an organization to support.

In the past couple weeks, students have been participating in an ongoing competition between Kindergarten – grade 4 and grade 5 – grade 10. Student council sold hot chocolate and handed out candy canes to each class. The money for these events will be used to

purchase gifts through the *World Renew* gift catalogue.

Thank you to each class who participated in the fundraiser for *World Renew*. We have raised \$240.00! The student council has decided to purchase a microloan, a goat, two latrines, two water filters, and an emergency supplies kit. The Canadian government matches certain gifts once they have been purchased. We bought gifts that the Canadian government will match. The two latrines and the two water filters will be matched, meaning we have helped to donate four of each! A microloan gives a man or woman the funding needed to start an income-generation project. A water filter means the difference between health and perpetual sickness. A goat will start a farm for a family, give them food, or create other products to sell. Emergency supplies kit gives blankets, kitchen pots, or soap to help disaster survivors cope. Congratulations to grades 5 – 10, you have won the in-school competition, and have raised the most money! Your fun activity is being planned and will take place in the New Year.

## TBCS Bazaar

By: Collin Cramer

Thunder Bay Christian School has been hosting bazaar for many years and it seems that each year it gets better and better. As an annual attendee of the bazaar, I always notice the excitement that fills the hallways as events intrigue and excite the children and adults alike. The bazaar went really well this year. With so many people in attendance it was evident that a lot of money was going to be raised over those two wonderful days.

Each day of bazaar has a different focus. Thursday's main focus is always on the different rooms and events, bazaar boxes, the games, and of course, the superb food! The nightly events began at seven and ended at ten. Friday's focus is none other than the auction. I was amazed, as I am yearly, to see the community come together and support TBCS.

This year some exciting new games were introduced. Some of the new games included the duck game, the basketball shooting contest, and darts. It's always nice to see new events and activities added to make bazaar even better. The new games were awesome but the games that have been around for years were once again very fun. The games that have been around for years and keep bringing enjoyment include the hockey shootout, the hammering contest, slockey, the B.B. gun shooting and ball throw.

The games were not the only focus for everyone. For the first time this year there was a tea room which showcased some beautiful quilts. The bakery room was a highlight for many people as well as the vendors that joined us and sold some wonderful merchandise.

Thank-you to everyone who came out to support TBCS at the bazaar this year. As a student, I am personally grateful.

## We Are Small but We Are Mighty

By: Zachary Bakker

This year's high school group may be limited in size but we are doing lots of exciting things that make up for it! We have had some really fun opportunities as a small class. Some may think it may be difficult, and sometimes I do miss the larger class size, but it gives us lot of one-on-one time with our different teachers.

For our outdoor education course we camped overnight in Sibley. Mrs. Boyes decided to join us for this fun excursion. It was a lot of fun! We are currently working on the health and fitness portion of this course. It is hard to have a proper gym class with only four students so we have to improvise with different activities. We are working on personal fitness. We are all researching different topics in the health and fitness area. Karen is working on research in a few different areas. She is focusing on vegetarianism and veganism while also exploring eating disorders. Austin is looking into diabetes and Collin is researching the effects of caffeine and cholesterol. I am examining the effects of aspartame and also looking at different types of allergies and how allergies affect different people.

Now that its winter and the ground is covered in snow we plan on going skiing, both cross country and downhill. I am really looking forward to these activities as well as, snowshoeing and building quinsies. Our hope is

to stay overnight in a quinsy that we have built.

In technology class we are working on designing our own house, complete with measurements and a floor plan on the computers. We are using a really neat program that helps us to construct a 3D blueprint.

We just finished tests in English, History, and Science and have started new units in each course. In English Collin and I have begun our anthology project while the Grade 9 students, Karen and Austin, are beginning a poetry unit.

In History we are studying the years between WW1 and WW2. In our Bible course we have been steadily moving through some of the books of the New Testament. The most recent book that we read was James. We compared the book of James with some of Paul's letters. We have just begun an independent research paper on our chosen topic, as a culminating task for the New Testament unit.

In art we are doing some Christmas printmaking to give as a gift or use to decorate Christmas cards.

In math, the grade 10s are moving along through our polynomials unit and the grade 9s are working through their unit called 'real numbers'.

Even though we're a small class we still are able to do all these amazing things in school.

## What is TBCS up to?

By: Austin Hall

What a great year we are having so far! It seems as though every class has done something fun and exciting. I went around to each class and interviewed the classroom teachers to see what was going on with the elementary grades and here are some of the highlights from the different classes.

The kindergarten class made fleece blankets and donated them to Project Linus. Project Linus will provide under privileged children blankets to stay warm in these cold Canadian conditions.

Grades 1/2 had a lot of fun with their pen-pal treasure hunt. Miss Rekman's class has joined up with another class to see what goes on in their school. The pen-pals sent clues in order to find the candy that was hidden. In all the excitement, the students were running through halls to find their treasure! The students put together a video tour of our school to show their pen-pals.

Grades 3/4 and 5/6 had a chance to go to Lakehead University to use their Fieldhouse and Hanger facilities in order to have some physical fun. The group used the Hanger for some track and field activities, and they used Fieldhouse for playing volleyball, basketball, and to try out wrestling. After all that playing, I heard that everyone was hurting and tired the next day! I wish I could have joined in on the fun.

The boy's volleyball team, which consisted of students from grade 6, 7, and 8, went to Confederation College for their final tournament. With many practices under their belt, but no official games, the students came together as a team and won in consolation. Great work!

Mrs. Hawkins joined the grade 7/8 class to teach them about the art of origami. The students created Christmas stars. The students really enjoy new activities that most have never done before. Grades 7/8 students are looking forward to their Christmas party as they will be doing a white elephant gift exchange.