



# THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Theme:

**"WE ARE SECOND TO  
THE ONE"**

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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.

## Team Leader of Principal Duties

### Take My Life and Let It Be

Has anyone ever noticed that we sometimes sing the songs at church, or at other functions, without paying any attention to the words that we are singing? This may be because there are other things pressing on our minds at the time, or because the songs are so familiar to us that we can say the words without even thinking about them. There may be other reasons as well, but there are those times where we do not pay enough attention to the meaning behind what we are singing. For example, the first line of our school's theme song is, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord all to thee." There is that word consecrated in that sentence. What does that word mean, and how should we be applying it to our daily lives?

There are several meanings to the word consecrated. The first is to dedicate yourself completely to God's purpose, priorities, processes, and person. Another is learning to wholly trust in Jesus Christ for all aspects of life. A third definition is to set oneself apart from the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life for the purpose of serving and glorifying God with all one's heart, soul, strength, and mind. We consecrate ourselves to the Lord with our mind, will, behavior, time, talents, relationships, vocation, family, finances, plans and priorities. Consecration is something that

happens continuously every day as we yield ALL of our rights to the Lord.

Unfortunately, there are things that often will hinder our attempts to be consecrated on a daily basis. The world around us offers us so many things that try to take the place of God in our lives, and too often we fall for the temptations that are placed in front of us. Our sinful nature that is still present is sometimes revealed by our words and actions towards others. Our pride prevents us from fully yielding to God's direction and will which leads our faith being choked out by all of life's worries and stresses. Our lack of obedience to God's direction in our lives also prevents us from being fully consecrated.

It is only when we commit ourselves completely to Christ that we will be able to experience the fullness of His power in our lives. It was hard for Jesus to bear the cross, but He committed himself completely to His Father's plan. Jesus endured the cross and successfully finished the work that God gave Him to do. Being fully committed to Christ means we have to learn to yield our body, our attitudes, our actions, our time, our talents, our family, our health, our wealth, our worries, our pleasures, our opportunities, our image, and our life. I am sure there are many other things we could have added to this list, but the goal is to have every part of our

lives fully dedicated to God.

Becoming more consecrated each day is not easy, but the benefits of it make the efforts really worth it. When we are more dedicated to God we are blessed with a transformed mind which allows us to better understand what God is telling us in the Bible and in our prayer life. We are more able to trust God in the difficulties that we may have to face in life. The fruit of the spirit like joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc. become more evident in our lives. As we become more consecrated we can accomplish even more for God because we have His strength working through us rather than us trying to do it on our own. Another benefit is being consecrated is that we don't have to carry any feelings of guilt or failure around with us. We can know and have full confidence that God is at work in our lives, and that He will complete the good work that He began in our lives. (Philippians 1:6)

The words that we sing in the songs every Sunday often carry a lot more weight and importance than we realize. Being a consecrated Christian has both great responsibilities and great rewards. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:48 to, "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect." If this is what the word 'consecrated' in the theme song is pointing us toward, maybe we should pay attention.

Peter Himanen

# Cross Country Run



Our Thunder Bay Christian School cross country running team recently participated in the annual Lakehead University Thunderwolves Elementary School Cross Country Run. Our athletes trained for a number of weeks before the event running around the school property. Our top female finished in 18<sup>th</sup> place and our top male finished in 12<sup>th</sup> place. All of our athletes did a great job running and representing the

school. Thank you to all the runners who took time out of their recesses to train for the race. Thank you also to Mrs. Kaemingh and Mrs. Hamilton for coaching the team. We hope to see everyone back next year.



# Grade 7/8 Assembly

The grade7/8 class hosted our first class assembly of the school year. The class did a great job showing the rest of the student body that we have so much to be thankful for. We often take the things we have for granted, and we do not remember that they are all blessings from our Heavenly Father. It is important that we give thanks with a grateful heart just like one of the songs in the assembly tells us.



# Around the School

Friday is a busy day around the school each week. It is the day many of the classes participate in their art classes. The students learn many different skills as they are creating all of their different arts and crafts during this period. By the enthusiasm that is present in the classroom, and by the looks on the students' faces they are having a great time at the same time.



# Fun Day

The student's council planned, organized, and carried out our Fun Day event this fall. Unfortunately, the weather did not co-operate and we were forced to hold the event indoors. This, however, did not stop our students from having a great time as they took part in all the different activities that had been planned. It was great to see the students leading the different activities and the older students leading, supporting, and encouraging the younger students in each of the events. Thank you to the student's council for all their efforts, and to Mrs. Voortman and Mrs. Mol for assisting the student's council.



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2016

All You Can Eat



# PANCAKE

## Breakfast & Bake Sale

November 5, 2016, 7:30 - 11:00am

Hosted by T.B.C.S. Senior Students  
to raise funds for a Class Trip

Family - \$25, Adult - \$6, Under 13 - \$4, Under 3 - Free

A tax donation receipt will be given to  
amounts exceeding \$10 of the cost of breakfast.



Thunder Bay Christian School  
37 Cooper Road, off Hwy 130  
next to the OPP station

# BAZAAR AND AUCTION 2016

Thunder Bay Christian School

# BAZAAR & AUCTION

Join us for delicious food deals galore and exciting games!

Thursday, November 17, Doors open at 7:00 pm

Friday, November 18, Doors open at 6:00 pm

Auction with over 100 items starts at 8:00 pm Friday

## FREE ADMISSION!

### TBCS ADMINISTRATION

Team Leader of Principal Duties: Mr. Peter Himanen  
Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Grace Boyes

Board Rep.: Mr. Bram Drost

Team Leader of Learning: Miss Sandra de Haan  
Board Rep.: Mr. Peter Kaemingk