

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Theme:

"GOT FRUIT?"
Fruit of the Spirit

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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

Fruit That Will Keep Us Healthy

We have all probably heard of the expression, 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away'. There is no question that eating fruit is healthy for our bodies, but every one of us needs an occasional visit to the doctor to make sure everything is working alright on the inside of our bodies. The same is true with our spiritual lives. We need to make sure that we do not miss the little clues that indicate that our spirit is not enjoying the good health that God created it for. In the same way that the doctor puts us through a series of tests to diagnose potential physical problems, God has given us a process of evaluating spiritual problems in our lives:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."
(Galatians 5:22-23)

Let's look at a little closer at each fruit of the spirit, and also be prepared to ask ourselves a revealing question regarding each one.

1. Love. This word for love doesn't refer to warm feelings but to a deliberate attitude of good will and devotion to others. Love gives freely without looking at whether the other person deserves it, and it gives without expecting anything back. Do I do for others as Christ has done for me, or am I only giving in order to receive something in return?

2. Joy. Unlike happiness, joy is gladness that is completely

independent of the good or bad things that happen in the course of the day. In fact, real joy given by God's Spirit actually seems to show up best during hard times. Joy is not determined by the circumstances of life, it is a product of fixing your focus on God's purposes in your life. Is my happiness dependent on things going smoothly in my day?

3. Peace. Peace is not the absence of turmoil, but the presence of tranquility even while in a place of chaos. This comes from knowing and understanding that God controls the events of the day, and we don't. Do I find myself getting upset by the turmoil in my life, or am I experiencing "the peace that transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:6-7)?

4. Patience. Other words that describe this fruit are long-suffering, forbearance, perseverance, and steadfastness. It is the ability to endure difficult times without lashing out. Am I easily set off when things go wrong in life?

5. Kindness. Kindness is evident when an individual looks for ways to adapt to meet the needs of others. It's also the absence of malice. Is it my goal to serve others with kindness, or am I too focused on my own needs, desires, or problems?

6. Goodness. Goodness reflects the character of God. Goodness in you desires to see goodness in others and is ready to confront, or even rebuke, for that to happen. Does my life reflect

the holiness of God? Do I desire to see others grow closer to God in their own lives?

7. Faithfulness. A faithful person is a person who lives with real integrity. People look to this person as an example for how to live. Control of their lives has been given over to Christ. Is my life characterized by faith in Christ, or are there areas of my life that I still want to control.

8. Gentleness. Gentleness, or meekness, has often been described as being synonymous with weakness. Meekness is not weakness. Gentleness just chooses to defer to others. It forgives others and it corrects with kindness. Do I come across to others as brash and headstrong, or am I allowing the grace of God to flow through me to others?

9. Self-control. Our fleshly desires, Scripture tells us, are continually fighting against God's Spirit and always want to be in charge. Self-control is choosing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit rather than by those fleshly desires. Are my fleshly desires controlling my life, or am I allowing the Lord to direct me?

When we walk in the Spirit instead of being led by our selfish desires, God produces the fruit. He promises that if we are willing to admit that we have been walking our own way and ask for His forgiveness, He will empower us to live the abundant life for which He has created us.

Peter Himanen

Around the School



Working in groups, the Grade 5/6 class wrote out their own scripts and acted out one of the stories that they have studied from their World of Literature series.



The JK/SK class has had the opportunity to learn and work on some really creative and fun activities in their Project Based Learning unit. The students have been able to use their imagination and some new found skills in order to create some new and different structures. The students really enjoyed putting their hands into action.



In their weekly art class the grade seven and eight classes are busy working on their Modern Art pinwheels.



The grade seven's and eight's were given the opportunity to share some of what they learned in Bible class with the JK/SK, Grade 1/2 and Grade 3/4 classes. They worked very hard on BIG Picture story books, which outline the big picture of the Bible in nine themes. Each page of their book outlined a theme using a word, picture and Bible verse. They read their books and told the story of the BIG picture to the younger students. Everyone did an excellent job, and the younger students enjoyed their time with their big buddies!



In physical education class the grade one's and two's were given the opportunity to invent their own games. They designed the rules, what materials they needed and the steps to play the games. Then they taught their games to the rest of the class.

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 girls' team finished in 2nd place overall and our boys' team finished in 3rd place overall. 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 for coaching the team. We hope to see everyone back next year.

Grade 9/10 Technology



The Grade 9/10 students spent the fall season constructing a shed as part of their Introduction to Technology course. The students learned some new skills as they measured, cut, and hammered all the different parts needed to complete the shed. The freshly painted product looks great, and the students did a great job throughout the whole process.

Grade 7/8 Assembly



The Grade 7/8 class recently hosted our first class assembly of the school year. The class did a great job planning and preparing their assembly. The class showed the rest of the student body many different ways that we can show love to everyone around us. Love is the first Fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Paul's writings to the Galatians.

Look Alike Day

Recently, the students and staff participated in a Look Alike Day to have some fun and raise school spirit. We saw many twins, triplets, quadruplets, and even quintuplets who were dressed the same to spend the day together and enjoy the persians that were for sale! The students also collected non-perishable food for the Gathering Place. We were so proud of the amount of food that was brought in; it will most definitely be a blessing to people in need. Good work, everyone!

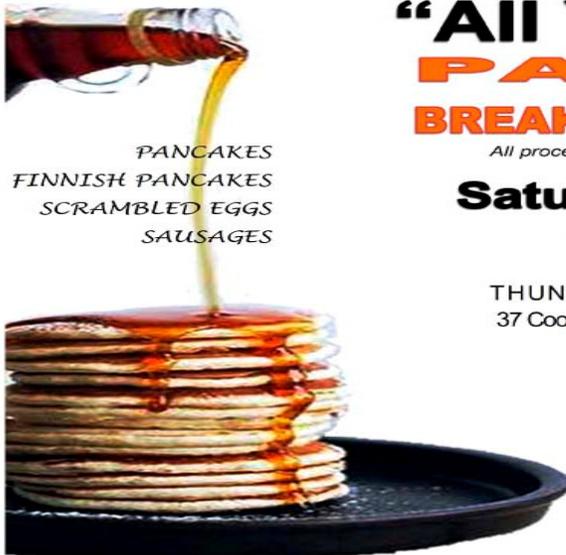


Fun Day



The Students' Council planned, organized, and carried out our annual Fun Day event this fall. Unfortunately, the weather did not co-operate fully and we were forced to hold several of the events 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 Students' Council for all their efforts, and to Mrs. Voortman and Mrs. Mol for their assistance.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2017



PANCAKES
FINNISH PANCAKES
SCRAMBLED EGGS
SAUSAGES

“All You Can Eat” PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

All proceeds from fundraiser go to Grade 8 Class Trip

Saturday, November 4
7:30-11:00am

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
37 Cooper Road, off Hwy 130, next to OPP Station

\$25/Family
\$6/Adult
\$4/Under 13yr
Free/Under 3yr



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

BAZAAR AND AUCTION 2017

Thunder Bay Christian School

BAZAAR & AUCTION

Join us for delicious food deals galore and exciting games!

Thursday, November 16, Doors open at 7:00 pm
Friday, November 17, Doors open at 6:00 pm

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

FREE ADMISSION!

Auction Food Deals Flea Market Games Beef On A Bun BBGuns Schlockey Fundraising Volunteers Toy Room Kitchen Gymnasium Silent Auction Delectable Desserts Sales Tickets Pies Hollander Baking Thursday Friends Baking Chocolate Baking Competition Friday Homemaker Friends Bidding Donations Competition Friday Socializing Theme Baking Food Deals Games Beef On A Bun BBGuns Schlockey Fundraising Volunteers Toy Room Kitchen Gymnasium Silent Auction Delectable Desserts Sales Tickets

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