



THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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MY LIGHTHOUSE:

*"Lost Without Him-
Alive With Him"*

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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.

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In a recent issue of the Christian Educator's Journal there were a number of articles that described teachers in a number of different ways. The articles described a number of ways that teachers relate to, or approach their work. Teachers are all different people who have different personalities, who have different interests, likes and dislikes, and who have been shaped by many different people and events in their lives. We cannot, and should not, expect every teacher to be the same in their teaching style and methodology. It is often the differences that exist between teachers that enrich the learning experiences that students have in each year of their schooling. The article describes teachers as tourists, travelers, pilgrims, adventurers, refugees, and guides. As each one of these metaphors is described it is interesting to think that we can put ourselves into these same descriptors in our walk with Christ. We can also use these descriptors when we think of our children and their educational pursuits.

A tourist is someone who wants everything to happen the

way that they think things are supposed to. They want everything to be comfortable, and there should not be any bumps along the journey. They like the 'view' from above, where they do not have to get their knuckles or knees dirty in the mud. How often is real life like that? Most of us would agree that life is filled with potholes, and that we cannot just ride the bus watching the world go by and enjoying the view.

Traveling is not always easy and fun. Sometimes it can be very tiring and stressful. When a trip is planned there is often excitement in what the journey will be like. We have a plan for the journey, and we look forward to all the different things we may encounter on our travels. We think everything is planned well, but then everything does not go the way we had planned. For the traveler it is the journey, even when things do not work perfectly, that keeps them going.

While a traveler always has a destination to reach, a pilgrim is more focused on the journey itself. An example of this might be a farmer whose goal is simply to look forward to the fall harvest (the

traveler), or the farmer who consistently looks after the soil and the crops to ensure that they are being watered and nourished. All of our daily actions and activities are part of the journey through life.

None of us really know what is going to happen in our lives from one day to the next, As it says in James 4:14, "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." Adventurers are people who see potential and opportunity in all circumstances. They are people who accept the challenges that difficulties sometimes bring and find ways to learn from those experiences to meet future challenges.

Sometimes we find ourselves in places and situations we do not want to be. Perhaps things have happened that have caused you to feel hurt, alone, and abandoned. This is what it means to be described as a refugee metaphorically speaking. This description does not want to minimize the plight of real refugees in the world at all. Sometimes, life can hit us really hard and we feel

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that there is no solution to what is happening. We have to trust God that He will always be there for us, to carry us when we need to be carried.

Our Heavenly Father has gifted each of us, and has been stated earlier those gifts are not always the same for everyone. How we use those gifts to help and guide those around us is what is important. Sometimes the road that we, and those around us,

travel on can get very rocky and twisty. It can be very easy for us to lose our way for a time, and it is a blessing to have people that we can trust to help us find our way. We also can't forget that we have the best possible guide in our Lord to help us each day. It is like our theme for the school year, Jesus is our lighthouse.

So, the question is what descriptor best describes you? Are

you a tourist, a traveler, an adventurer, a pilgrim, a refugee, or a guide? I think that maybe we are sometimes each of them at different points in our lives. Unfortunately we may be, too often, an example of one that we do not want to be. As we live, teach, and learn each day we need to turn our eyes towards our Saviour and allow him to lead and guide us. *Peter Himanen*

JK/SK Assembly



The JK/SK class recently presented their class assembly to the student body and a large group of happy parents and families. The young students did a fantastic job in memorizing and



saying their parts, and in singing their songs. The students shared with the rest of the school how we are all to be lights for Jesus in everything we say and do each day. Great job!

Gr. 1/2 Home Depot Visit



The grade 1/2 class enjoyed a great time when they visited the Home Depot store here in Thunder Bay. The students learned about many different tools that are used in building things, and how these tools are to be used safely. The students really enjoyed the

opportunity they had to build their birdhouses, and to put what they were learning into practice. Thank you to all the parents who came to help out with this really fun field trip.



Gr. 3/4 First Aid Training

As part of the phys. ed. curriculum the grade 3 class spent several days learning about first aid from an instructor from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit. The students learned all about the steps involved in caring for an injured person, and how they could deal with an emergency situation if they were ever faced with one. The grade 6 class was also involved with this program, but were taught a slightly different program.



Gr. 5/6 Canada Games Complex



The grade 5/6 class had a great time during their visit to the Canada Games Complex which was part of their physical education program. The students participated in a number of activities like squash, the climbing wall, exercise classes, and swimming in the pool. The students were able to try activities that they normally might not have the opportunity to try, and to challenge themselves in doing things that they would not have tried previously. We need to always be ready to try something new and challenging. We will often surprise ourselves as to what we can accomplish when we just try.



Gr. 7/8 Loch Lomond Skiing

The grade 7-9 classes were able to enjoy a great day of skiing at the Loch Lomond Ski Hill as part of their winter electives program. The weather was perfect during the day, and all the students had a great time learning new skills and developing the skills they already possessed. Most importantly, everyone went home in one piece after the day of skiing.



Student Life Lunches

Several times during the school year the students of Thunder Bay Christian School have gathered in the gymnasium to enjoy a lunch together as a large group. It has been part of our student life groups where the older students take on a leadership role in their groups and help look after and lead the younger students through a number of different activities that have taken place during the school year. It is part of our goal as a school, to build a real sense of community with all the students in the school.



T.B.C.S. Skate-a-thon 2016



Last week, the students and families of Thunder Bay Christian School participated in another successful Skate-a-thon. The skating rink was filled with many skaters, and a great time was had by everyone as they exercised and talked during their skate. The good times continued after the skate as everyone had the opportunity to go back to the school and enjoy a great meal of chili or soup. A great big thank you goes out to the Skate-a-thon committee for all the efforts that went into planning for this event. We look forward to hearing about the results of this event.



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