



# THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### Theme:

#### **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.

## TEAM LEADER OF PRINCIPAL DUTIES

### Anticipation

"Are we there yet?" This is a question that I am sure many of us have heard before. We have all been on family trips be they long trips or even short trips when our children have asked that question. Sometimes more than once. Sometimes one too many times. Our children are excited to get to where we are travelling. It is something that they are looking forward to, or anticipating. As often as we hear that question when we are driving in our cars, it is sad to say that it would be unusual to hear these words from our kids as we are driving to church. We generally save that kind of anticipation for events that are much less common. As parents we might like to quote Psalm 122:1 to our children in times like this.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." — [Psalm 122:1](#)

In writing this passage the psalmist was not simply talking about going to Sunday worship. He was more likely anticipating one of the great festivals of the old covenant that were held at the temple in Jerusalem. As exciting as going to the festival in Jerusalem might have been, that would not have been the sole reason for the psalmist's joy. The psalmist was looking beyond the festival to something greater. Jerusalem was the city where the temple was located, the temple was the house of God, and this was where the people had the opportunity to have a glimpse of the kingdom of God. Isn't it a blessing that we can now freely approach the throne of grace with confidence and receive mercy.

In the same way that the psalmist was looking for something much bigger than just the festival, the joy we anticipate during this Christmas season looks beyond simply the holiday to something much greater. While

the Christmas season is a great time to share gifts with our families and friends and to gather together for special meals, these should not be the sole focus of the Christmas season. We need to remember that in Jesus' birth the kingdom of God has come near. The child in the manger in Bethlehem gives us a glimpse of the heavenly kingdom. As much as we look forward to it, the joy we feel at Christmas should point us towards a future joy that is still to come. Once again, the birth of Jesus gives us a glimpse of what the kingdom of God will be like, and it should lead us to ask the question, "Are we there yet?"

Peter Himanen



# Active U - Grades 3-6



The grades 3-6 classes enjoyed a great day at the Hanger of Lakehead University participating in a program of physical activity and learning. The students were taught the skills of a number of different sports, and they were able to practise them under the direction of some great instructors. The students were very tired at the end of the day, but they all had a lot of fun and they learned a lot.

## Election 2015

As 2015 was a federal election year in Canada, the grade five/six class held their own election campaign, too.

The students were divided into three groups and each group had to make up a name for their political party, create an idea for a school 'mascot' that would be voted on, choose a leader for their party, and campaign their 'mascot' idea



### ROYALS TAKE VICTORY!

to the school body.

The three groups were the Followers of Christ (sheep), Outbursts (tiger), and the Royals (lion). The groups put up posters, handed out pamphlets, and presented their speeches and commercial advertising to the staff and students. The school library was used for ballot voting with

advance polls taking place a few days before the scheduled voting day.

When the ballots were counted, the Royals and their lion mascot idea had won.

The experience was a great way to teach the political process to the students and involve them in Canada's current events. Thank you, Mrs. Himanen.



**Followers of Christ 'sheepishly' step aside for Royal leadership.**



**Outbursts campaign took a bite out of the vote, but not enough to take the crown from the lion mascot.**



# Christmas Concert

Thunder Bay Christian School recently held its annual Christmas program at Hope Christian Reformed Church. It was a great evening of sharing and celebrating the Christmas story. The students had been preparing for the program during the last month, and their skills and talents were very evident in their performance. Thank you to everyone who had a role in this great evening of the whole community gathering together to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.



## Jasper's Place Visit



The grades 5 to 8 classes recently travelled to Jasper Place to play guitar and sing some Christmas carols to

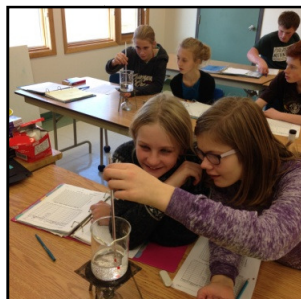
the residents there. The students had been learning how to play the guitar and practising the songs during the fall term, and it was a great experience for them to go out and share their talents with the residents at Jasper Place. The students were able to sing the carols, and it was wonderful that the audience participated in the singing. After playing, the students were able to meet and talk with the residents and share

some Christmas cheer. Some of the residents even knew some of the students. A great experience for everyone!!



## Student Collaboration around the School

Students have really enjoyed the many opportunities they have been having to work with partners and in groups, and to work with students from other grades on different projects and assignments.



## Remembrance Day Poster Contest

The Royal Canadian Legion annually sponsors a Remembrance Day poster and writing contest. Our grade 7 and 8 classes entered the poster contest, and were fortunate to have three successful entries in that category. A representative of the Royal Canadian Legion visited the school to present Isaiah Netemegestic, Jori Bakker, and Sydney Staal with their prizes for producing the winning posters in their age category. Great job!



# Pancake Breakfast 2015

Poster by Jori Bakker



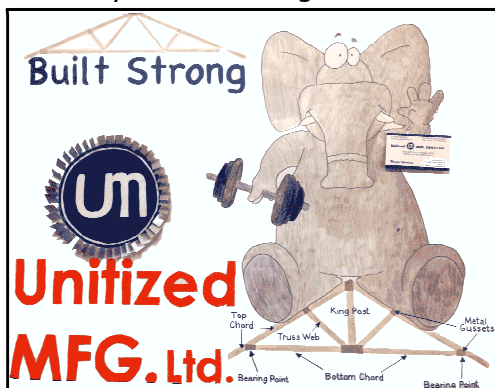
Poster by Adam Knight



Poster by Jordan Van Elburg



Poster by Julia Kaemingh



The annual Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast was once again a great success. It was a great morning of food and fellowship. Thank you to everyone for their support of the grade 8 class as they plan and look forward to their year-end trip to Toronto. The money raised at the breakfast will go a long way in helping to finance the trip.



## Thunder Bay Christian School

### REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE

for new students in JK - 10 will be held on  
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come visit the classrooms, take a tour of our school,  
have a cup of coffee and see what T.B.C.S. can offer your children!

*\*Please bring copy of child(ren)'s proof of identification  
(eg. birth certificate)*



**Team Leader of Principal Duties:** Mr. Peter Himanen  
**Team Leader of Learning:** Miss Sandra deHaan

#### TBCS ADMINISTRATION

**Team Leader of Student Life:** Mrs. Patricia Kaemingh  
**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Grace Boyes

**Board Rep.:** Mr. Peter Kaemingk  
**Board Rep.:** Mr. Bram Drost