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# THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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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.

## Eagles' Eye

The insert of the quarterly Newsletter is the **Eagles' Eye**, which is published by the high school students as part of their curriculum.

## PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Greetings TBCS,

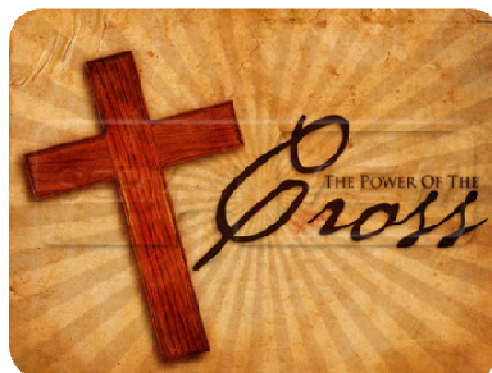
The heart of the gospel is redemption which is displayed though the sacrifice of Christ. It is His sacrifice that gives us all reason for hope and life. He did what we could not, and for that we are forever grateful.

I am reminded of a song that has been a favourite of mine for a number of years. The title of this song is called, "The Power of the Cross." Within this song is the line, "Oh to see my name written in the wounds." This image is powerful, one that all believers can visualize. It was our sin that caused His wounds and mentally having our names written in them is a profound picture. It is personal, oh so close, and very reassuring; He died for us all!

As you are drawn to His house of worship this Easter weekend, may you approach with a heart filled with awe and

deep gratitude. It is a time to celebrate, for He stepped out and did what we all wanted, but could never do on our own. The bridge that was broken and shattered has now been mended with love. We may run to our Father, who has always stood there waiting with open arms for His children to return. We may cry and confess all our wrongs and mistakes that we have done, and He will wipe our tears. He wipes our tears because through our confession in Christ's name our brokenness is made right through the Power of the Cross.

I know no other ultimate gift, all others pale compared to this. Songs, books, and movies have been written, all attempting to share an understanding of this gift. However, these are mere shadows of the real thing, which is presented to us in the Gospel. Yet, I am thankful to the men and women who have chosen to use the talents God has given



them. They create images that draw us closer to God and provide powerful reminders that it was God's love and Christ's wounds that have set us free.

To this end, I feel immensely blessed that I am able to share this knowledge with my students each day; as is every educator here at TBCS. This is a celebration for which all of us can cry out, "Lord you are Forever Faithful."

Shalom,  
Andy Alblas

# SKATE-A-THON 2013



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## WINTER FUN AT T.B.C.S.



Students make the most of the winter by enjoying outdoor activities such as the snow hill on the playground, the skating rink and the cleared driveway.

Special thanks to Makkinga Contracting and Equipment Rentals for clearing the parking lots each year (and for the snow hill). Also, thanks to the Rink Committee (Paul V., Kevin M., Rob M.) and Egbert and Dan B. as well as our own dedicated teachers for making the outdoor rink a success.





# ELECTIVES

Throughout the winter and early spring months of the school year students will enjoy a variety of activities out in the community.

The Grades 7-10 students have already spent a day on the ski slopes of Loch Lomond. The Grade 5 and 6 class went to the Canada Games Complex and enjoyed an afternoon at the Thunder Bay Gymnastics Association. Grades 3 and 4 students have had the opportunity to learn about curling at the Kakabeka Falls Curling Club. The Grade 1/2 class is planning on two gymnastics outings soon. Junior and Senior Kindergarten outings are spread out throughout the year and often relate to units of study.

These activities are partially funded by money raised through the chocolate bar and magazine sales each year and also supported by parents. Thank you to everyone for making these excursions possible.

Grade 5 /6 at the Canada Games Complex



Grade 3/4 at the Kakabeka Curling Club



Grade 5/6 at the Thunder Bay Gymnastics Association



# FAREWELL TO FELLOWSHIP CRAFTS

The Fellowship Crafts committee will be meeting for the last time on April 3, 2013. What do we know about this committee that has headed to the basement the first Wednesday of every month and always seems to be having a great time with their infectious laughter ringing out?

The Fellowship Crafts committee arose out of a desire to provide extras to the school. Over the years the committee has purchased basketball hoops for the outside playground, provided pavement outdoors and a piano for the school. Each year another graduating class photo is added to the wall as a result of their efforts. They also have sponsored and continue to sponsor the "Great Effort" and "Citizenship" awards at Graduation each June.

Some of you may remember members of the committee hosting craft sales at the mall. Others may recall the Spring and Christmas sales at the Wooden Shoe store run by the

Snel's. More familiar to the most recent families will be the fabulous quilts that have been made by this industrious committee.

A familiar annual project for the Fellowship Crafts members is the banner that they have made each year. This idea originated with Allen Bron who saw a similar project being done in a London school by Rebecca Haagsma. The banners there were hung in the school gym to counteract sound problems and also for decorative purposes.

T.B.C.S. banners over the years have been created from ideas of the graduating Grade 8 class and have been based on the theme of the school year. Students provided ideas during their art class and these were translated into a design by the committee. The banner would then be hung at the church during the graduation. Some banners from past years can still be seen hanging on the walls at school.

This year the committee

passed the torch to Sarah Baxter. Miss Baxter, along with Grade 8 students, completed the banner featured below based on this year's theme, "Forever Faithful".

Our sincerest appreciation goes to current and past members Margaret M., Sherry T., Gerry H., Linda S., Aria B., M. Snel, and Grace W. Many members of this committee still combine their efforts into supporting the school by meeting on Monday mornings to sort for Twice As Nice. Thank you for the cheerful giving of your time and efforts to T.B.C.S.



## TWICE *as* NICE

### THRIFT STORE

# THANK YOU!

To all the dedicated parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and school supporters who have made the Twice as Nice Thrift Store a success! Your tireless energy is truly appreciated!

Sales are up and the store keeps getting busier! The more merchandise that gets out in the store, the more we can sell. We are always looking for more help sorting, manning the store, cleaning, picking up and delivering large items, organizing, pricing, etc. Where can YOU help? Call or email Catherine Knight for more info - 577-7741, [sunflowerdigital@shaw.ca](mailto:sunflowerdigital@shaw.ca)

# WE NEED YOU!

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