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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.

Team Leader of Principal Duties

Re-gifting??!!

Have you ever been the giver of a re-gift? Have you ever been on the receiving end of a re-gift? If you are not sure what a re-gift is, here is a quick explanation. Imagine that you are needing to find a gift for someone, and you remember that in your closet you have an item that you received from someone else a period of time in the past. You really didn't have any need for it at the time so you put it away and it is still in its original packaging. Your problem is solved. This item can be re-wrapped and given to someone else who may, or may not, need it any more than you did. Is re-gifting appropriate? Some people say absolutely not, but others say absolutely, if done correctly. Surveys have indicated that re-gifting is occurring more and more, especially during the Christmas season when the idea

of gift giving and gift receiving becomes very important. We want to find the perfect gifts to give for our family and loved ones, and at the same time we are hoping to receive that one gift that we have been wanting for a long time. Thinking about this I wondered if there is a re-gift item that is available without any of the questions, the confusion, and the guilt associated with the idea of re-gifting?

I believe there is, and I think about the perfect gift that we received at Christmas time which was our Saviour, Jesus Christ. When Jesus was born the angels came and told the shepherds, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2: 10-11) The birth of Jesus was good news for all the people, and it is

this good news that we need to share, or re-gift, with the people all around us. The gift of God's grace, through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is another re-gift that we can claim on a daily basis whenever it is needed. The special part of this is that the value of this re-gift does not decrease each time it is used. I would also add here that there are many Biblical values like love, forgiveness, kindness etc. that can, and should be, re-gifted on a daily basis. Jesus is the perfect re-giftable item that needs to be passed on because He is the real reason we celebrate the Christmas season.

My hope is that during this Christmas season we will do a lot more 're-gifting' of the good news that is to all the people. Have a great Christmas.

From the Leadership Team

JK and SK Assembly



Early in November, the JK & SK class performed their very first assembly that was based on our Get Out of the Boat school theme. The focus of the assembly was in order "to grow spiritually, you have to walk by faith, not sight" which was based on Matthew 14:22-33. With loads of practice time under their belts, the students did a phenomenal job singing many songs, reciting Bible verses and teaching the audience songs.

Gr. 1/2 Community Walk



Our class went on a neighbourhood walk, as part of our Science unit. First we went to the OPP station for a tour. Then we went to three businesses, the Heerema's, and the Hamilton's. At each business and home, we handed out cards and candies. We wanted to meet and greet our neighbours, and share with them a little bit about our class.



Winter Playground Fun



Active U Field Trip



ActiveU is a program sponsored by the Lakehead University Athletic Department for students in Grades 4 - 6 and promotes physical activity in a fun atmosphere. Four different stations are set up and the classes rotate through the activities. This year, students participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling and Track and Field.

Victorian Tea

Christmas is the celebration of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The time around the end of December (Winter Solstice) has been considered special by many of the world's people for centuries. It was the Victorians in the 1800's who joined together many traditions to make Dec. 25 a special day for rich and poor alike and who made Christmas an official day of rest in England in 1871. The grade 5/6 class has been

working on a special Victorian Christmas unit in Literature and Bible which highlights how many of our Christmas traditions came to be. A special booklet was put together and special ornaments were made. The unit culminated by the hosting of an "Old Fashioned Dainty Christmas Tea". Guests were treated to cider, coffee, tea, and dainties in a Victorian type atmosphere. A collection was taken which



will be put towards school program initiatives for those in need this Christmas.

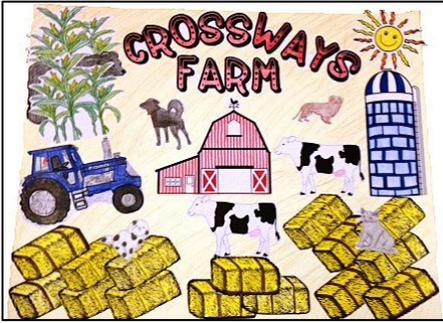
Christmas Program

The Thunder Bay Christian School community experienced a great evening of carol singing and enjoying the talents of the students at Hope Christian Reformed Church during the presentation of the Christmas program last evening. The students did a fantastic job in



singing their songs, playing their instruments, and saying their lines. It was a great way to start the Christmas season, and to remind us about the real reason we are celebrating this Christmas. May God bless all of us with a safe and joyous Christmas.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST POSTER WINNERS

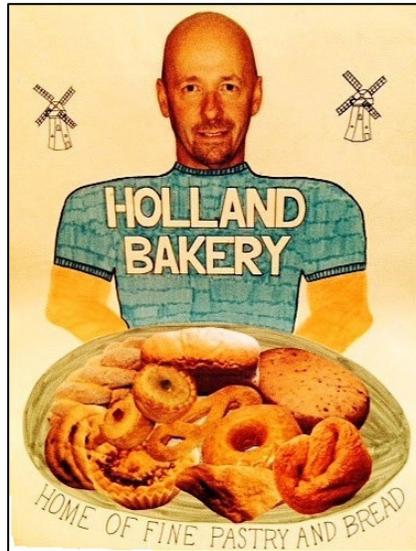


Poster by Lucas D.



Poster by Dawson K.

Top Four Posters
Winners receive \$25.00
to go towards their trip.



Poster by Adam V.E.



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Thunder Bay Christian School enjoyed another pancake breakfast hosted by the Grade 8 students on November 1. The students raised money for their annual trip to Toronto. The breakfast brought in \$5,672.01 and the poster and place mat sponsorship from businesses brought in \$4,305.00 for a total of \$9,977.01. Thank you!

Volleyball Tournament

Many of our Grade 7 & 8 students participated in the T.B.C.I.A. Varsity Volleyball Tournament. Our small girls team rallied through many



round robin games and then in the semi-final consolation match came out on top in the first set. The boys team won 2 sets in the round robin and came very close in a number of others. Since the boys team placed 4th in the round robin, they played against the first place team in the semi final. The boys played valiantly with incredible serves, bumps and spikes but lost the semi-final match. Both teams dominated in the Rock-Paper-Scissors game and won 11 out of 12 games to receive the first serve! Coaches and parents from many other schools complimented our students on their fine



sportsmanship, hard work ethic and how well our athletes competed against much larger schools.

Twice As Nice Volunteer Visit

In conjunction with the T.B.C.S. school theme of 'Get Out of the Boat', the students of grade 7 and 8 volunteered half a day of their week to assist in the operation of the Twice as Nice store. The students helped in the store in a number of different ways during the day some of which were: to organize and move different items and equipment, clean and sort different items, and set up different displays. The students enjoyed their time at the store as they gained an appreciation for all the efforts that are made on a daily basis at the store, and their help was greatly appreciated as well.

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