



# THE MESSENGER

A Newsletter for Supporters of Immanuel Christian School

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## GENERAL:

1. **Report Cards for Elementary Students** will be going home with K - grade 6 students on Tuesday. **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009** beginning at 2:20 in the afternoon and running until 5:00 and then again in the evening from 7:00 - 9:00 . All parents will be scheduled for the first round of parent teacher conferences. If you are interested in conferencing with teachers in the afternoon, please call the school before 1:00 on Monday and we will accommodate your wishes when we draw up the schedule. Parent Teacher Conference Schedules will be included with the students' report cards on Tuesday for grade 1 - 6 students. *The Kindergarten students will receive their report cards on Monday and a copy of the parent teacher conference schedule will be sent home on Wednesday.*

2. **ALL STUDENTS will be dismissed at 2:00 on Thursday, December 10.** Parents please make the necessary arrangements to have your children picked up at that time.

3. Now that the weather has cooled off ... toques and mittens in your school bag is not good enough.

4. As the 2009 calendar year draws to a close, you are respectfully asked to remember the work of training Reformed teachers in your year-end giving. We are aware of the fact that without the prayerful and financial support of all of you, the College could not continue to provide a supply of Reformed teachers for our schools throughout North America and abroad. The suggested donation for this year is \$396.00, but any amount is gratefully accepted. Donations are not only needed to help cover this year's budgeted expenses but also to make up for last year's deficit. Please make your cheques payable to CCRTC and pass the to Mr. Will Gortemaker or you can mail them directly to the College at South Square Road, PO Box 30026, 1576 Upper James St. Hamilton, ON L9B 2Y5, or use the self-addressed, postage paid envelope provided in the last newsletter. If you would prefer automatic withdrawal you will find a form in the newsletter or you may acquire a copy of this form from your local representative. We thank you for your generosity, and pray the Lord will bless you in 2010.

5. On **December 14, 2009 from 2:45-3:00**, the grades K-6 students will be performing their Christmas Assembly songs at the Kildonan Place Mall. Permission slips for participating students are attached. If you are willing and able to drive please indicate that on the permission slip and return it as soon as possible. We will be leaving the school at 2:30 and plan to return at 3:15. *Note: Only one permission slip is required per family.*

**6. Urgent Request:** The Kindergarten classroom is in need of 1 litre., 500ml, or 250ml **cream cartons for making ginger bread houses.** We need 16 containers, so we ask for your help in collecting them,

because the sooner we collect 16, the sooner we can make the houses. Please rinse the cartons out well and drop them off at the office or the K room.

**7. From the Missions Team:**

- 1. MUFU** Wed. Dec. 9 will be MUFU collection day. Please remember to bring your money.
- 2. POINSETTIAS** This is our fundraiser for Cornerstone Christian Care Society. If you would still like to order a plant, please contact Marjorie (663-1237) or Alina (661-6365) for Grace, Ellen (777-0371) or Carissa (222-2317) for Providence, Erin (222-2880) or Regan (661-6351) for Redeemer. Thank you for your support!
- 3. SILOAM MISSION** Please bring a non-perishable food item to the Christmas assembly so that we can support Siloam Mission in providing food to those less fortunate in our city. Thanks again for your generosity.

**8. On MONDAY**, Mr. Leach will play **simultaneously against 8** of the chess club members. Will he be defeated multiple times? **Come and watch!**

**9. COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS!**

Yes, we still have several of the wonderful BLT cookbooks "**Thyme and Seasoning for Everything**" available for sale for the great price of **just \$15! (or 5 for \$70)**. They make really great Christmas (or Birthday or Bridal Shower) gifts for just about anyone! Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks go towards **BLT's Tour to Thunder Bay in March 2010!** If you would like a cookbook or two, contact Charlene Van den Akker at 224-5373 or [ctoc@mts.net](mailto:ctoc@mts.net) or Jenny Verhelst at 878-4799.

10. Do you have any **old Christmas cards** you no longer need (it's fine if they've been written on)? If you do, please drop them off at the school office or the Grade One classroom - we will put them to good use in our art projects. Thanks!

11. Reminder that the I.C.S. Chess Club meets in Room 106 at 12:30 on Mondays and Thursdays. **New members are always welcome.** Chess sets are provided. **Reminder that grade 6 students** should record their game positions (if the game is not done) and put the chess sets away (neatly) and head back upstairs to class by 12:55.

**12. If you are an ICS student** with sweet writing you want to get published, send your work to [ICSthefalcon@gmail.com](mailto:ICSthefalcon@gmail.com), talk to **Amy** (editor-in-chief), or put it in the "School Newspaper" folder on the **studentshared** drive. **Get your stuff in to us:** poems, puzzles, games, articles, interviews, whatever!

**13. Causes for Creativity (talk to Jeff Dykstra)**

1. Write or e-mail the media, its ad sponsors, or your MLA or MP.
2. *Teen Ink* has a decent poetry contest online.
3. See Mr. Dykstra for short story, essay, and/or poetry contests.
4. Click on the tag *activism* on [delicious.com/literatureman](http://delicious.com/literatureman).

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**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY . . .**

**Non-Fiction for Beachcombers:** available at our school library  
The *Guide to Seashells of the World*, by A.P.H. Oliver,  
uses full-colour illustrations by James Nicholls to identify shells from all over the world,

and gives “Hints for collectors,” as well as an illustrated “Glossary” of the parts of a shell. Current library hours: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings.**

**URGENT REQUEST: Let’s Hear It for the Boys! Parents and/or school supporters,** you will probably not be amazed to hear that boys, on the average, read less than girls. If you’ve got any ideas for great reading for the guys in our school, please pass on your suggestions to Mrs. Theresa Weessies or Mr. Jeff Dykstra, so that we can beef up our library with some appropriate male-friendly material.

The following students have overdue library books:

<b>Kindergarten:</b>	Naomi N.	Kevin D.
Brittney R.	Emily V.	Riley R.
Tyrell V.		Bethani T.
Drew W.	<b>Grade 3:</b>	
Ashley W.	Valerie B.	<b>Grade 7:</b>
	James N.	Darren G.
<b>Grade 1:</b>	Rebecca R.	Sabrina N.
Austin D.		
Naomi D.	<b>Grade 5:</b>	<b>Grade 9:</b>
Jennifer N.	Daniel B.	Chris D.
Julia W.	Nathan D.	Nicole P.
	Rebecca V.	
<b>Grade 2:</b>		<b>Grade 11:</b>
Katherine M.	<b>Grade 6:</b>	Aaron K.

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#### **ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM NEWS:**

##### **Kindergarten: Mrs. Nyhof**

We had a wonderful week. On Monday we brought our teddy bears to school for the Teddy Bears’ Picnic. We had a big surprise after recess. Our teddy bears had disappeared! We went on a teddy bear hunt using our homemade binoculars. To get to the picnic we had a long walk following the bear paw path and finally reached the gym for the picnic. THANKYOU to all the moms AND dads that came and joined us for the picnic. On Wed. we began a new unit on winter. The children were excited to see the snow falling while we were making snowflake decorations. We plan to make **gingerbread houses** sometime before the Christmas break. See a **note elsewhere in the Messenger** for cream cartons. There is also a **note and permission slip** about the K-6 singing at Kildonan Place on Dec.14. Here’s what is planned for this week:

**Extra practices are scheduled for the Christmas assembly.**

##### **Monday: Library day**

**Show and Tell:** M - Hannah, Ashley and Gabriel; W - Dylan, Devon, Nelda

**Bible Stories:** M - Jesus is Born, W- The Shepherds

**Memory Work** – Keep practicing the songs and text for the assembly.

**Language Arts:** Our new letter and sound this week is “Rrrr”. Students may bring in one item that begins with the Rrrr sound.

**Math:** We didn’t get to the number “2” last week so we will work with it this week. We will work on learning and making the 2-D shapes.

**Theme Unit:** Winter! So glad it has come for our new unit. We will talk about, read stories about and make things related to winter.

**Music:** Christmas Assembly songs.

### **Grade 1: Miss Harke**

Wow - it's already December! In the weeks remaining until Christmas break the students will be practicing hard for the Christmas Assembly (Wed. Dec. 16 AM). A booklet of the songs and lines the grade ones will need to know has already been sent home. Practice at home would be greatly appreciated! We will also be singing Christmas songs at Kildonan Place mall, in the afternoon on Dec. 14. **Please sign and return the permission slip** (included in this Messenger) for this trip as soon as possible. Report cards will go home on Tuesday and Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on Thursday – see you then!

**Memory Work Song:** Hymn 17:1,6 (know for Friday, Dec. 11)

**Memory Work Text:** Luke 2:13-14 (know for Friday, Dec. 11)

**Word Wall Words:** around, got, just (know for Friday, Dec. 11)

**Show & Tell:** M – Julia, T – Austin, W – Naomi, Th – Alexis, F – Owen

**Bible:** We will have a **Bible Test on Monday, Dec.7**. After this, we will learn about the reason we celebrate Christmas, with the following stories: The Announcement to Mary and Joseph, The Birth of Jesus, The Angels and the Shepherds, and The Star and the Wise Men.

**ELA:** Our next Animated Literacy sounds are: Baby Barnaby's sound "b," and Chauncy Chipmunk's sound "ch."

**Math:** We will continue skip counting and will also look at number lines.

**Science:** We will continue our discussion of the characteristics and needs of living things (people, animals and plants).

**Gym (K&Gr.1):** We will continue movement awareness.

### **Grade 2: Miss Vandermeulen**

**Memory Song:** Hymn 8:1 (due date extended to Dec 11). We will also be doing some extra practice with our Christmas concert songs in class.

**Memory Text:** We will be practicing our text for the Christmas concert: "And there were shepherds

living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them..."

**Bible:** Josiah and the lost book, Jeremiah, Jeremiah and king Zedekiah, The captivity of Judah

**Devotions:** Leading Little Ones to God: Chapters 42-44

**Health:** We will continue exploring behaviours that keep kids from having friends (the opposite of a good neighbour).

**Math:** We will finish studying place value and then we will move onto working with patterns.

**Mental Math:** We will continue to review our doubles and near doubles. In the coming week we will work on learning which pairs of numbers make ten (1+9, 2+8, 7+3, etc.).

**Science/Social:** We will continue with learning about community helpers. We will also focus on community leaders.

**Grade 2&3 Gym:** Gym Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Throwing and catching skills continued.

**Spelling:** Lesson 12: Review of Lessons 7-11.

**Word Wall Words:** what, when, went, won (due Dec 11)

**Show and Tell Schedule:** Dec 11 – Kazia, Benjamin, Brianna, Aiden, Kirsten. Dec 18 – Taryn, Serena, Katy-Beth, Emily, Nicole. Jan 8 - Joshua, Morgan, Naomi, Megan, Shayna

### **Grade 3: Miss VanDoornik**

**Memory Work:** For Dec. 11 – Hymn 13:1

**Memory Work Text:** For Dec. 11–Isaiah 53:4-6

**Bible:** We are starting unit 5 – God's Law (Exodus 15:22 – 34:35)

**Spelling Words:** For Dec. 11 – Review words: about, upon, where, first, holiday, Saturday, doing, maybe, could, always, kept, every

**Word Wall Words:** For Dec. 11 – terrible, are, trouble, anyone, everybody

**Science:** This past week, we have finished our Social Studies unit. We are switching back to a

Science unit. The new unit is about Materials and Structures.

#### **Grade 4: Mr. den Hollander**

**Bible:** Our Bible test went fantastic. Students showed they had done an excellent job throughout the unit and spent time reviewing. Our new unit is already underway. In this unit we are studying the kingships of David and Solomon. We have seen how God promised David that someone from his line would always be on the throne and that He has also kept his promise through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This coming week we will study various aspects of David's reign.

**Math:** Well, our multiplication unit is already well under Deceway. This past week, we studied the 2,5,10 and 9 times tables. Parents, any review of these would be very much appreciated. Students are doing well so far so we are moving through the unit at a good rate. For each set of times tables we spend some time learning some tricks to help us learn them well. Parents, you may be interested in hearing some of the tricks we have learned. We have been amazed in the order and patterns we see in numbers. We marvel at God's incredible creation of numbers.

**E.L.A:** Well, our poetry unit should now be all wrapped up. That means we'll spend some time working through our Cornerstone unit. We will study various genres of literature. At the same time we will be working on various writing activities.

**Science:** This coming week we will be learning about food webs and herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. This past week we were amazed at how God created each animal to be suited to its habitat. We were reminded that God created everything in creation and he saw that it was good. Each animal had what it needed to survive in its habitat.

**Memory Work:** Christmas concert material

#### **Grade 5: Mrs. Heidema**

Grade 5 enjoyed a good week of hard work and fun. Our hamster is still up and running (in his

ball) and the students are diligent in taking care of him. Good job! On Thursday we had the first Class Council's party, organized by Ashton, Rebecca, Carrie and Nate. Thank you, it was great! Since December 5 is Sinterklaas in the Netherlands, we baked 'pepernoten' on Friday. That was 'leuk en lekker'! Finally, instead of Science we did some Friendship lessons last week. Students learned about qualities of a good friend. They assessed their own friendship skills and chose some 'keys' for themselves to improve on. We tried to make concrete how you don't have to be best of friends with everyone, but still love your neighbour as yourself. As a class we thought it was very helpful to have some lessons like these. We got to know ourselves and each other better and we became more aware of how we can glorify God through our behaviour towards one another. Great!

**For next week:**

**Helpers:** Ashton & Nate

**ISC Safety Patrol:** Grade 5 members team 5: Stephen & Leonard

**Memory Work: Text:** due Friday Dec.18 – Isaiah 9:6

**Song:** Ps 65:3

**Bible:** We finished our Church History lessons about mission work among the First Nations (Chapter 2 of our Church History book). There will be a test on Thursday December 10. Please look for the review sheet sent home Friday December 4, so that you can help your son/daughter to prepare for this test. Thank you!

**ELA:** We are learning something new every day in our Literature Circles. We focused on the setting (Norway, 1940), finding and sharing the meaning of Interesting Words, and how to make a summary. These last two skills need more practice, of course. That's what makes Literature Circles such a great way of learning: it offers ample opportunity to practice this!

**Spelling:** Unit 12 **Looking Back**

**Homework:** Every 6<sup>th</sup> Unit is about looking back. This means the test on Friday will be about the five former Units (Unit 7-11), 16 words at random. Parents please take a look at the words

that need extra practice. Homework for all students: p. 55 all #, p. 56: # 5,6,7,8.

**Math:** Our focus is on multiplications: Using Mental Math to Multiply and Multiplying 2-Digit numbers. By the end of the week we will start with a further investigation of Quotients.

**Social Studies 5+6:** Having dealt with the BC Gold Rush we will now turn our attention to another factor that made BC join Confederation: the Railway. We will discuss the importance of the railway around the 1880s, the Canadian Pacific Scandal and how and when the Railway was finally finished.

**Science:** With some delay: Simple Machines. We'll learn about levers, pulleys, wedges, and etcetera.

**French 5+6:** We are practicing dialogues: "Tu aimes les ....? Oui, les ... sont ... / Non, je déteste les .... All in the theme of animals. Some students really picked it up and now speak French in a full sentence. C'est formidable!

#### **Grade 6: Mr. Folkerts**

**Industrial Arts:** I.A. will be on Friday next week.

**Memory Work:** Song: Psalm 33:2 & Angel We Have Heard on High

**Spelling:** Lesson 13 – Plurals. Remember to make all corrections from lesson 12. Define the following words and use them in a sentence (minimum 10 words in each sentence): codes, branches, centuries, systems and shelves.

Observing Patterns: 1, 3; Discovering Patterns: 1-5; Exploring Patterns: 1, 2, 4.

**ELA:** This week students had some fun putting more character voice into their writing. Each student had a different dog for a character. Next week we'll produce a final draft in the computer lab. We look forward to sharing them with each other.

**Math:** Our next unit will be on decimals.

**Science:** How do we know the earth is flat?

**Church History:** We will continue studying John Knox.

#### **Grade 7/8:**

**Math 7:** Students will write a quiz on dividing decimals on Tuesday, Dec. 8. We will continue working on Decimals, by using the Order of Operations (BEDMAS) rule. Students will write a mid-unit quiz on lessons 1-6 on chapter 3 on Thursday, Dec. 10. If time permits, we will do some work on percent as well.

**Math 8** – Tues.– QUIZ on Solving Problems with Fractions; Thurs.– QUIZ on Using BEDMAS with Fractions.

**SocSt 7:** Students have learned about human geography and the statistical tools used in this study. We will continue with that next week, as well as our island projects.

**SocSt 8:** Summary activities for Mesopotamia are due the *beginning* of class on Friday, Dec. 11. Students will write a test on chapter 1 on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

**Science 7:** We are working on a land use issue in class. Students wrote a "letter-to-the-editor" from different perspectives. We will have a debate and vote on Wednesday, Dec. 9. We will also begin to study the theories of continental drift and plate tectonics next week.

**ELA 7:** We will finish our book report presentations on Monday. Grammar lessons will continue with subjects and predicates, as well as direct objects. We will perform the talk show on the poem "My Guilt" for the class. Then we will do some poetry writing in connection with Christmas. Spelling assignment for Monday, Dec. 7: p. 47 #1,2, p. 48 "Proofreading" and p. 49 #1 "Writing and Revising." Spelling test on Wednesday is on your personal list of words for Unit 12.

**ELA 8:** We may need to finish some of the book report presentations on Monday. In our grammar unit, we will finish our lessons on subjects, predicates and direct objects. We will finish and perform the talk show on "My Guilt". Our next assignment will be poetry writing with a Christmas theme. Spelling assignment for Monday, Dec. 7 is p. 47 #1,2,3; p. 48 #6 and "Proofreading" on p. 48. You have a personal Spelling list for Review Unit 12.

**Ref. St. 7:** We will focus on vocabulary in connection with our unit on John Calvin and summarize the information from our textbook.

We will also look at some short selections from some of John Calvin's books and commentaries.

**Ref. St. 8:** We will work at completing our unit on Gregory VII/Henry IV next week.

**Band 11G:** The Christmas assembly date is just over a week away...so keep working at "Ere Zij God". You also have the melody version for your instrument, with both Dutch and English words, so you could accompany your family! Remember to practice the pages from Standard of Excellence as well. Our band is making excellent progress!

**French 7:** We wrote our test on Friday; now we'll move to our next unit. In this unit we will look at food and drink vocabulary.

**French 8:** We are continuing with our unit in which we look at clothing vocabulary.

**PhysEd 8:** Health Test on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009.

#### **High School Division:**

**Math 10F (Grade 9)** – Tues. – QUIZ on Solving Linear Inequalities; Wed. – TEST on Linear Equations and Inequalities.

**Drama (Grade 9/10):** We'll finish our exits and entrances on our *Midsummer Night's Dream* scripts, including making playbooks with set diagrams, blocking diagrams, full stage directions and emphasis and pause indications. Remember: A contest play – if you want to write one – can get you bonus marks (and fun)!

**Futures in Business (Grade 9/10): Test on Modules 4 and 5 on Friday, December 11.**

**French 10G (Grade 9/10):** We will write our unit test on Tuesday; it was moved because of the Career Fair, which took place on Friday. We will then begin our last unit of the semester; in which we will look at some vocabulary of activities, as well as some pronouns. We will also begin our project dealing with a restaurant menu.

**Secondary Art:** We have some very nice water colour samples as a result of this week's work.

Today (Friday) we spent some time looking at the lives and productions of various Canadian artists.

**SocSt10G:** We are into our Unit 3 – Canada in a Global Context. A diary/journal project on World War I or II is due on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009.

**PreCalc20S:** Quiz on chapter 6 on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009.

**Physics 30S (Grades 11/12)** – Wed. – QUIZ on Refraction and Reflection; Fri. – QUIZ on Speed of Sound and Resonance.

**French 30S/40S:** We are aiming to write our unit test by the end of the week, either on Thursday or Friday.

**Phys Ed 30F/40F:** Monday: Interviews; Wednesday: Handball and dodgeball; Friday: Indoor soccer

Make sure you come to the interview with your log sheet filled out, signed, and with the reflection.

**English 30S:** Due *beginning* of Tuesday – **READO journal. Current unit:** *Lord of the Flies: When Survivor Was More Real Than a Reality Show.*

**CompSc30S:** Assignments 2-6 are due on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009; Thursday, Dec. 10 there will be a test on Arrays.

**World Issues:** Each day, a different person must bring an article to discuss with the class. Currently looking at human "rights": Two different views of their source and meaning. Next up: What makes a real difference in the "Far Periphery." Click on

[www.delicious.com/literatureman](http://www.delicious.com/literatureman) for recent material on this and other global issues. Be ready for quizzes and textbook questions.

**RefSt31G:** We have started studying the Book of Ecclesiastes – a book that is often read but also often misunderstood. We will continue with it and complete it with a test before our Christmas break.

**Pre-Calculus 40S** – Wed. – TEST on PROBABILITY; Fri. – QUIZ on Circles and Ellipses.