

From the Principal – Mr. P. Veenendaal

On Monday morning at our Chapel, Rev. den Hollander led the high school students with devotions based on 2 Corinthians 8: 1-11. In this passage, the apostle Paul is encouraging the Corinthian church members to see how, through the grace of God, the **Macedonian** church members have been very faithful in their generosity towards God and His people, even though they themselves were extremely poor. Even though the **Corinthians** excelled in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in love, they needed to be encouraged to excel in the grace of giving. Then Paul used our Lord Jesus Christ as an example “that though he (Jesus Christ) was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor; so that you through his poverty might become rich.” If Christ in heaven was willing to give up his high position there and come down to earth as a man for the Church, why would the church members in Corinth not be willing to contribute to the well-being of other church members?

Rev. den Hollander continued by asking the students if they were planning to exchange or give gifts this Christmas. Most of them raised their hands. He then asked them how many of them had organized birthday parties for which all those invited drew names and bought gifts for each other. The person, whose birthday was being celebrated, received nothing.



No hands went up among the students. He then asked if this is the way we celebrate Christmas. Do we give gifts to all our friends and relatives and then forget to give to the Lord? That seems a little strange doesn't it? But how can we give the Lord gifts? Well, we could pay to sponsor a child in a Third World country. We could make special donations to charitable organizations. There are many more suggestions that could be made. The audience was very quiet when these questions were asked and answered. I would be very surprised if this Chapel did not cause a change in the possible gift lists of some of the students and staff members.

Thank you Rev. den Hollander for sharing your insights with us at Immanuel. If anyone else out there would like to volunteer to lead devotions at Chapel for us, please contact the school. Your wise words could have a real impact on all involved.

On behalf of the Parent Advisory committee, I would like to thank the 5 people who submitted suggestions for names for our new building. The chosen name is IMMANUEL HALL, submitted by Mrs. Ellen Shpak. So from now on we can say that our Band and choir practices, our high school Art classes and our high school Family Studies classes are normally held in Immanuel Hall. Among other reasons for her suggestion, Mrs. Shpak says that a “hall” is a large room for assembly and her reason for the name “Immanuel” is to keep the name of the school prominent on the front of the building facing the street.

The school board has decided that in this present year, Immanuel Christian School will not be taking part in Student exchanges via the Orange/Maple Foundation. We are already planning trips for Black Light Theatre which is going to tour in Alberta, the ICS Band to take part in a Mass Band Concert in Edmonton, and 2 Grade 12 French students to Paris, France! And those are all in the spring of 2012! It was felt by the board members that if more students went for longer trips, activities held right here at home could be affected by lack of participation by students because of lack of time. Because none of the students interested in travelling to Holland in Spring 2012 are in Grade 12, they all will have (an) other opportunities(y) to make such a trip a reality in the future.

Thank you for filling our gymnasium with spectators for our Christmas Assembly. Our students and Staff worked hard to make this performance a reality and many of you mentioned how you



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appreciated the program and performance by students. Thanks to all the staff members for making those many adjustments in your timetables to make all those practices possible. A special word of thanks was earned by our new ICS Music Director, Mr. Bonefaas. His enthusiasm and patience in dealing with everyone stand out as great qualities and are appreciated by all involved. Thanks as well to Mrs. Grietje Gortemaker for sharing her talents at the piano with us again.



Thank you to Jeannette Werkman, Sharon Poppe, Carrie deBoer, Brenda Gritter, Colleen Vee nendaal, Angie Jonker, Vanessa Gortemaker, and Jenny Verhelst for making a pan of soup for the elementary students to enjoy on Thursday and others as well such as Jess Gortemaker who came to serve soup in the elementary classrooms.

Back to school is on January 9, 2012 and the first I.A. Day for Grades 6-8 is Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Looking further ahead, the High School examination schedule can be found in this Messenger. I believe that everyone has had a chance to see it. No concerns were brought forward so it will stay the way it has been presented.

As this is our last ICS Messenger for the year 2011, I would like to say to each of our parents, supporters, readers – May God be with you and your families this Christmas and bless your work with prosperity in 2012.

High School Examination Schedule Gr. 9 – 12 – January 2012



	Fri, Jan. 27	Mon. Jan. 30	Tues. Jan. 31	Wed., Feb. 1	Thurs. Feb. 2
Grade 9	RefSt 11G	English 10G	Science 10F (mid)	Social Studies 10G (mid)	Start Your Own Bus
Grade 10	RefSt 21G	Intro App/PC 20S	Science 20F (mid)	Essentials 20S	Data Collection 35S
Grade 11	RefSt 31G	English 30S	Essentials 30S	Physics 30S	
Grade 12					

GENERAL NEWS

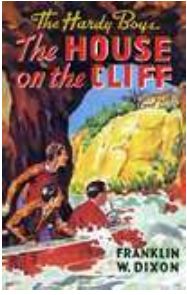
1. Thank you: The ProFund ladies would like to thank everyone for their support in the past year. Our first regular order day in the new year will be Monday, January 9, 2012.

2. Where to show your talents (see Mr. Dykstra for more info):

1. Write or e-mail the media, its ad sponsors, or your MLA or MP.
2. Check www.arpacanada.ca or www.lifesitenews.com.
3. Click on the tag *activism* or *reasons-to-write* on www.delicious.com/literatureman.
4. Talk to Mr. Dykstra for other contests not mentioned here.

3. CHECK OUT THE BLOG!... at www.immanuelchristian.wordpress.com: new stuff Fridays – Talk to Aynsley to get **your** writing in, or send it to ICSchoolblog@hotmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS:



Canada Through The Decades: the 1920s

This book by Douglas and Patricia Baldwin features dozens of black and white and colour photos showing the highlights of Canada's 1920s: Prohibition, malnutrition, the rise of Tarzan, the increasing dominance of the automobile, the beginning of the Hardy Boys (see picture), the reign of the bush pilot, the discovery of insulin, the crash of the stock market, and the acceptance of women as persons before the law.

Here are the library hours for everyone: **Mon., Wed., Fri.** mornings (8:30-12:30); **Monday and Wednesday** afternoon hours: **Monday 2:30-3:45;** **Wednesday 3:00-3:45** (perfect for parents picking up kids!).

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ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM NEWS:

Kindergarten – Mrs. Nyhof

What an exciting week! We made gingerbread houses on Monday and **we sang in our first program** on Wednesday. Thanks so much for your support this year thus far. May the Lord bless us all as we celebrate our Saviour's birth over the Christmas break. Remember we start having school on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the New Year**. A note will go home the first day back with details of new learning in K (and home reading). Here's what is planned for our first week back:

Monday: Library books are due (remember 5 books should be returned)

Bible Stories: Mon.: God Saves Baby Moses, Wed. – The Burning Bush, Fri.-Let my People Go.

Memory Work: Song: Psalm 134:1, Text: Mark 12: 30-31

Show and Tell: Mon: Leanne, Logan, Ryan; Wed: **“Letter Sound Show and Tell”** (See Language Arts); Fri: Samuel and Sunrise

Math: grouping and #3

Language Arts: On **Wednesday** we will review the “H” sound and we will start learning the **“J” for “Jenny Jaguar”**. Each student may **bring in one thing that begins with the “J” sound**.

Social Studies: Winter and Community Helpers

P.E.: Manipulative Skills

Have a blessed time off with your children.

Grade 1: Miss Harke

Students had a fun time making snow globes this week! These will be going home soon so you can see how they turned out. In our study of Objects & Materials in Science, we will soon be planning and building projects from recycled materials. If you have materials such as boxes, egg cartons, trays, cans, cups, plastic bottles, lids etc. (milk jugs are not needed) at home that you could send after the break to help us build our projects we would greatly appreciate it! Please rinse containers well as they will be sitting in our classroom for a while. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Wishing you all the best in 2012!

Memory Work Song: Hymn 23:1 (due Friday, Jan.13)

Memory Work Text: Exodus 15:2 (due Friday, Jan.20)

Word Wall Words: do, how, their, up (due Friday, Jan.13)

Show & Tell: M – Emma, T – Damian, W – Seth, Th – Kaden, F – Erin

Bible: Wilderness Wanderings, Balaam, The Death of Moses, The Spies and Rahab, Crossing the Jordan

Math: recognizing familiar arrangements of dots/objects

Science: Characteristics of Objects and Materials

Choir 1/2: At the time of writing the Christmas Assembly is only just days away. In the New Year we will continue our regular singing routines.

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Grade 2: Miss Vandermeulen

Memory Song: Psalm 90:1 (due Jan 13)

Memory Text: Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (due Jan 20)

Bible: *The Prophets Speak to Israel and Judah* – We are working on the last section of this unit which focuses on other prophets and kings of Judah and Israel: Jehu – Joash – Amos the prophet – Hosea the prophet – Jonah disobeys God – Jonah and the worm – The ten lost tribes of Israel – **Review – Test** - King Uzziah of Judah – Isaiah the prophet – Isaiah’s prophecies of hope – Hezekiah brings his people back to God - The Assyrian threat – Hezekiah’s illness – Wicked king Manasseh – Josiah and the lost book – Jeremiah the prophet – Jeremiah and king Zedekiah – The captivity of Judah – **Review - Test**

Math: Continuing with the unit: *Patterns and Relations*

Mental Math: Continuing with doubles (6+6, 7+7, 8+8, etc.).

Science/Social: Continuing with our Social Studies unit – *Our Local Community*. Just a little reminder again about upcoming trips: On January 17th we plan to join grades one, three and four for a trip to the WSO in the Centennial Concert Hall (show starts at 1pm). Then on January 26th we plan to go to the Forks to visit a teepee, listen to an aboriginal story and make a teepee craft. This will relate nicely to our studies concerning the history of our community. This program also includes a snow sculpture segment, a northern wildlife parks film and a backstage pass to CityTV. Run time: 10am – 1pm with lunch provided at the Forks. If you are able to help out as a driver and/or chaperone on one of these trips, that would be super! Stay tuned for more details.

Spelling: Lesson 15: “y” with a vowel – plays, say, may, tray, gray, today, away, they, boys, joy (due Jan 13)

Word Wall Words: little, beautiful, really, it’s, other (due Jan 13)

Home Reading: Keep up with the reading at home! Don’t forget to bring your books back to

the school when you are finished reading them so that you can pick new ones to bring home!

Gym: Grade 1&2: Gym days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Lunch: *If anybody is interested in coming in at lunchtime to read a story to grades 1 and 2, the students would love it! Five or ten minutes is fine (or longer if you like)! Lunch runs from 12-12:30 – so anytime in between there! The grade 1 and 2 students are in the grade 1 classroom on Mondays and Wednesdays and in the grade 2 classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

Show and Tell: We will continue with show and tell every Friday at lunchtime. The schedule for the next few weeks is: *Jan 13*, – Logan, Melissa, Nelda, Samuel, Tyrell. *Jan 20* - Ashley, Ben, Brandon, Brittny. *Jan 27* - Cassie, Devon, Drew, Dylan. *Feb 10* – Gabriel, Hannah, Hope, Hunter. **Choir 1/2:** At the time of writing the Christmas Assembly is only just days away. In the New Year we will continue our regular singing routines.

Grade 3: Miss vanDoornik

Memory Work: For Jan. 13 – Psalm 95:1

Memory Text: For Jan. 13 – Acts 2:39

Bible: We will be starting Unit 6 – Forty Years in the Wilderness (Ex. 24-40; Lev. 1-3, 23-25; Num. 1-25; Deut. 31, 34).

Spelling Words: For Jan. 13 – he’s, I’d, died, they’re, colour, couldn’t, most, wouldn’t, more, I’ll, goes, once

Word Wall Words: For Jan. 13 – Review of the last 25 words: their, enough, recycle, hopeless, journal, discover, don’t, wouldn’t, right, write, terrible, are, trouble, anyone, everybody, everything, hidden, our, can’t, probably, won’t, friendly, myself, about, really

Music: Grades 1-4 are planning to see “Musical Discoveries: Musical Games” presented by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, January 17 @ 1:00pm. Stay tuned for the driver/chaperone request.

Math: We will be starting a new unit on Space and Shape in the new year.

Grade 4: Mrs Dykstra

Have a merry Christmas and a blessed New Year Grade 4! I hope to see you all again in 2012!

Memory Work: Psalm 30:3 due January 13.

Joshua 24:15 is due for January 20.

Bible: We will return to our regular Bible stories after the break. We will study the story of David's kingship.

ELA- We will return to literature circles during which we will study the novel *Sea of Ice* which is about Shackleton's quest of the South Pole.

Spelling: Unit 14: More base words and endings. Test and activities are due on Friday, Jan 13.

Grammar: Subjects and predicates.

6+1 Writing: Word choice

Math: Students wrote their final test on multiplication and division today. After the break we'll begin a new unit on Measurement, which begins with time.

Phys. Ed (gym): This week students enjoyed free gym, while I assessed their ball handling skills for basketball. I hope to finish the assessment for basketball, as well as our unit on basketball after the break.

Unit Studies: We finished our unit on habitats and Communities with poster projects and a quiz on vocabulary. After the break, we'll switch back to Social Studies. Students will learn about "Living in Canada's North."

Art: Next lesson: Creating Rhythm

Grade 5: Mrs. Heidema

At the time of writing neither the Christmas Assembly nor the Secret Santa have actually taken place, but I'm sure they both will be wonderful! Grade 5 is really looking forward to holidays. We are thankful for all the things we could learn. Students, enjoy your time off! I wish all of you the Lords' blessing, for this holiday and for the New Year to come.

For the first school week of 2012:

Helpers: Joel & Natasha

ICS Safety Patrol: Grade 5 members team 2: Valerie, Zachary and Nathan.

Memory Work: Text: due Friday January 20 – Exodus 20:1-7; **Song:** H 79: 1, 5

Bible: We will continue our Unit about Jesus' Early Ministry.

ELA: We will warm up with some more writing activities before we start our next novel study.

Spelling: Unit 14 - Plurals

Homework: p.65 # 3, 1; p.66 # 1 (five words!), 2 (five words!), 3 or p.66 # 2 (five words!); p.67 # 1, 2, p.68 # 4, 5, 6

Math: On with Multiplying and Dividing whole numbers! We will first see what students remember from the December lessons...

SocSt 5+6: Our Red River Rebellion calendar is not finished yet. What happened in December 1869 and January 1870?

Science: We will continue to study Matter and interaction of substances.

Choir 5/6: At the time of writing the Christmas Assembly is only just days away. In the New Year we will continue our regular singing routines.

Grade 6: Mr. Folkerts

Safety Patrols: Destaney & Julianne (1st week back)

Industrial Arts: The next I.A. will be on Wednesday, January 11.

Memory Work: Song: Hymn 9

Text: Matthew 5:27-28.

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. Spelling is due January 11.

ELA: In January we'll review the writing traits.

Math: This week we completed unit 2, Understanding Numbers. After the break we'll focus on decimals. Just a reminder, a great site students can use to practice their math facts over the break is www.multiplication.com.

Science: Right now we're taking a look at the solar system. We'll briefly look at characteristics of each planet.



Church History: Our next unit will be on John Knox, the reformer of Scotland.

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Grade 7/8

Students, enjoy your break! May God give you and your families a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Grade 7/8 ELA: During the first week back we will spend our lessons reviewing some Language Skills with a focus on Capitalization and Punctuation. We will incorporate this into Paragraph Writing as well. Spelling homework will be assigned during the week.

Bible 7 We will continue with our Ezekiel unit.

Math 7: We will complete Unit 3.4 about “Multiplying Decimals.” And begin the New Year with Unit 3.5 “Dividing Decimals.”

SocSt 7: Now that we are done our chapter on “Our Human World” and section 1 (“Describing this Planet”) of the text book, we will begin the New Year with section 2 (“Well-being around the World”).

RefSt8: We started looking at the beginning of the great Reformation by looking at the 95 Thesis which Martin Luther nailed to the church door in Wittenberg. We will look at the invention of the Printing Press and its influence in the Reformation. Then we will look at the reformation of the Roman Catholic Church.

SocSt 8: We wrapped up our discovery of Ancient Egypt with a Test last Friday. I will start with background information and introductory notes on Ancient Greece. We will begin our study on Ancient Greece and Rome in the New Year.

Keyboarding 7: Marking technique, and speed and accuracy: show best result by middle of January. Marking second HTML assignment: making a table. Done? Start next assignments.

Keyboarding 8: Marking technique, and speed & accuracy: show me your best by middle of January. Now marking title tags and alignment assignments. Work on next one(s) if done.

Math 8 – Thurs. – CUMULATIVE TEST on Chapters 1-3.

Science 8 – We begin Chapter 8 dealing with Technological Applications of Light.

High School Division:

Choir 7-12: At the time of writing the Christmas Assembly is only just days away and I thank all of you for your cooperation. In the New Year I hope to continue to sing with you. I am also looking into the possibility of starting a High School Choir which would start in the second Semester.

Grade 9 Bible: We will be finishing up our Bible presentations after the break. When those are complete, we’ll study the events surrounding Christ’s death and resurrection.

Grade 9 SocSt: We are going to wrap up our discussion of immigration with a brief assignment after the break. Then we’ll examine various ‘black marks’ in Canada’s history involving racism and prejudice.

Band 9/10: Now that the Christmas Assembly is over we will begin practicing for the Mass Band Concert. Looking back we can conclude that we have come a long way in the last couple of months. I look forward to more musical development.

English 10F: READO journal due next Wednesday. Watching *To Kill a Mockingbird* after the break. Essay deadlines every day from Tuesday until Friday the week after the break.

Start Your Own Business 25G: You need to be done Module 6’s Lessons by the end of class on **Thursday, January 12.**

Data Collection & Analysis 35S – We will now apply Spreadsheet Techniques in order to solve various math problems up until Exam Review starts.

English 30S: Deadlines every day **Monday** through **Tuesday** for presentation assignment.

Physics 30S – Wed. – TEST on Sound Waves.

Pre-Calculus 40S – Tues. – QUIZ on Geometric Sequences & Series (incl. Infinite ones); Thurs. – TEST on Geometric Sequences & Series (incl. Infinite ones).

RefSt 41G (Grade 11/12): Starting last unit, on **Revelation**, right after the break.