

# Grapevine Newsletter

Quinte Christian High School

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*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35*

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## Principal's Report



A very happy Easter to you!

We are on the final stretch of the year, as we enter the month of May. It is important for all students to work a bit harder to stay focused and finish well.

*Halo*, another successful school production under the able leadership of Mrs. Wiles, has brought great joy and pride to many of us.

## "Halo" Drama Production

Thank you to everyone who came to see the show. We have received many positive comments from our audience members and feel that our production was a wonderful success. It was our desire from the beginning that people would be impacted

We took a risk this year to do a play that dealt with the pain of life, and raised some good questions about faith and doubt. The cast liked the reality of the subject matter and felt they could really enter into the story.

I would appreciate hearing your feedback.

The annual Grade 12 service trip to Halifax runs from Fri June 10 to Sat June 18. We look forward again to the opportunity for students, parents and staff to serve those who struggle to do the basics of everyday life.

by the story and be challenged to think about questions of faith and the impact we as Christians can have in the world both positive and negative. The cast worked incredibly hard and I think found the experience both challenging

This trip in many ways is the "culminating activity" of the student's high school experience, and allows graduating students to end their years at QC with a road trip including some work, fun, fellowship and a chance to learn about the East Coast first hand. A reminder that the **deadline for payment is May 15.**

I would like to offer our condolences to the Nelson family on the passing of Karen's mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

### Spring Membership Meeting

**Date:** Tue, May 17, 2011

**Time:** 7:30 P.M.

Refreshments and social time begins at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 7:30 p.m. We would encourage all our members to come out and support our staff and board as we review the new budget for the next school year.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

**When:** Wed, May 4, 2011

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Please send an e-mail to the main office after schedule appointments.

Appointments are set up in 10-minute intervals per course.

## Board Report



**You are invited!!!** ...to come out to the annual Quinte Christian High School Spring Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at Q.C.H.S. Refreshments and social time begins at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting commencing at 7:30 p.m. We would encourage all our members to come out and support our staff and board as we review the new budget for the next school year. This is your opportunity to vote on the new budget as well as for new board members. We need your input!! We value your support!!

As a board we are constantly in discussion as to how to promote Christian Education to the Christian Community around us. We appreciate all the positive promotion from our members who tell others about QCHS. Please don't hesitate to share your experience with Quinte Christian High School to families who are considering QC for their teenager. We would love to have an opportunity to show them around and answer any questions they may have!

One of our favourite events is coming up on May 2nd, 2011... GRANDPARENTS DAY!!

This day is such a welcome opportunity for our students to show off their school to our grandparents and grand friends! We invite all our grandparents to come out and enjoy this special day with us. If you need more information please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support.

Brenda VanEgmond  
Secretary of the Board

### Buck-A-Bag Clothing Event

May 14 from 8:00 – 12 Noon

At Calvary Temple

679 Dundas St. West

All Clothing Sizes are available!

Fill a bag full of gently used clothes and only pay \$1.00

All proceeds will be going to our Youth & Junior High Ministries

Please note: We are accepting donations. Please drop them off from 9-4 Monday to Friday at Calvary Temple.

## QCHS OPEN HOUSE

We're running open houses on Fridays during the month of May, from 1 - 3pm. Interested parents and students who are considering us for next year are welcome to drop in and see the school in action. If you know of someone who might be interested, please let them know.



## Grade 10 History/Civics Trip to Ottawa

The trip is going forward as originally scheduled. We will be going to Ottawa on May 12 and 13.

Because Parliament will not be in session yet so soon after the election we will have more of a History focus to the trip.

Probable activities include: touring the Parliament buildings, visiting the War Museum and the Museum of Civilizations. More details to follow with a permission form sent home with the students attending.



## Senior Art Class Trip

The senior art class is planning a May 18 trip to Toronto.

The emphasis will be architecture, especially modern and post modern. Key buildings are Toronto City Hall, Royal Ontario Museum Crystal, the Ontario College of Art and Design, and especially the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO).

The AGO has been redesigned by one of the world's leading architects today, Frank Gehry. Inside the AGO we will have opportunity to see some of the famous art we have studied, 17th century Baroque, the Canadian exhibit, and the featured artists.

This yearly trip always proves to be a highlight for art students and opens their eyes to a multitude of new ways of looking at the world in which we live and its expression through painting, sculpture and architecture.



Over the course of the next few weeks, the Senior Music class has two exciting trips planned to Toronto.

On Wednesday April 27, we will be attending a performance by the Toronto Symphony at Roy Thomson Hall. The evening will include the Liszt piano concerto No. 2 in A Major, and Saint-Saens exuberant Organ Symphony.

In May, we will be on our way to the Four Seasons Centre for the Canadian Opera Company's performance of Rossini's Cinderella.

## Student Council

Student Council elections will take place near the end of May.

On April 20 & 21, sixty (60) students (& Mr. Smeenk) participated in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

They raised over \$7000!

Well done!

Our students would like the money to go towards providing clean water for families in need. Special thanks to all who donated. We're told that this will provide 70 villages in a third world country with clean water – so exciting!

# Athletic News

## Badminton

It has been another good year for our school. We had a number of teams qualify for COSSA. The junior and senior team will be traveling to St. Catharines for the Christian School tournament on April 29 and 30. Thank you to our coaches Lori-Ann Bouwma and Kay Snedden.

Highlights from the season:

Bay of Quinte championships

5th place: Brett Whitley in singles

4th place: Kadra and Jacob in mixed doubles

3rd place: Mark Couperus in singles, Mary and Kathleen doubles

2nd place: Bethany and Danielle in doubles

1st place: Tanya Couperus in singles

## COSSA

5th place Mark in singles

4th place Mary and Kathleen doubles

2nd place Tanya in singles

## Soccer

This year we have a senior team in the Bay of Quinte League. The girls have lost their first 2 games, but are continuing to grow and looking for a strong showing at the Christian School tournament in Chatham on May 13 and 14. Thank you to Alistair MacKay and Kristen Werkhoven for coaching. The team members are Mary Christiaanse, Tanya Couperus, Kristen deVries, Katie Jongenotter, Kathleen Kennedy, Bethany Koenes, Joy Mackay, Tessa Mills, Adriana Noble, Laura Patterson, Rachel Patterson, Kadra Pond, Shaelyn Prins, Maria Siebenga, Katie Sills, Tanisha teBrake, Didi Weyer, and Leana Wielemaker. David Grills is coaching the boys team which will play the round robin portion of the Christian School tournament in Smithville on Friday and then on Saturday finish the tournament in Oakville.

The Christian School tournaments dates are May 7 and 8.

## Track and Field.

This year we have the largest team, currently over 30 members, that's about 1/5 of the school. This is so exciting. They have been practicing for weeks and their first meet is on Friday April 29. John VanderWindt is coaching this year's team with the help of QCHS alumnus, Tayler Whitley, but we would love to have others join them in coaching the team.

The girls team consists of Colleen Davies, K.C. Gornall, Cathryn Kennedy, Sarah Kennedy, Bethany Koenes, Louise Okeese, Tanisha TeBrake, Emily Van Egmond and Kate Woods. The boys team members are Jake Adams, Gerald Bilker, Josh Bootsma, Kevin Borger, Josh DeHaan, Ben Hoftyser, Caleb Hutchinson, Jung Kim, Andy Liang, Nathan McEwen, Ben Mills, Daniel Perry, Blake Scheerhoorn, Daniel Tapp, David Timmins, Todd Wolters, Andrew Wrighte, Michael Wryghte and Gabe Zimmerman. The Bay of Quinte Championships and COSSA will be in Belleville, the Christian School meet at York Univeristy, East Regionals in Ottawa and OFSAA which will be in Subury.

## 2011 Awards Night

The students of QCHS have been involved in many extra-curricular activities as well as achieved great success academically.

On June 7, 2011 we invite you to join us as we celebrate and honour those achievements. This is an evening to recognize those who have excelled in academics, participated in athletics, arts council, drama, math contest, prayer team, student council, worship team and much more.

The festivities begin at 7:00 on Tuesday, June 7 in the gym of QCHS. The Lord has blessed the school with an incredible student body and this night is to thank the students for sharing their gifts to enrich the school and to give God glory for the talents he has given us.





### Guidance

Now that spring has sprung, I am enjoying the sights outside my window which remind me that God sees in all of us the potential into which He hopes for us to grow. I am reminded about His grace and love that abound as he disciples us to blossom as new creatures in

Christ. These truths could not be a more fitting parallel to the experience of our soon to be graduates. Offers of admission from College and University programs continue to come in for some. Others are considering taking a 5th year of high school, or

working for a year or more right after graduation. The hope of things to come and the excitement of the next season of growth for our grade twelve students are percolating in our hallways.

Mr. Smeenk

### Course Selections

We have completed the initial stage of course selections. Students entered their course selections on-line using the username and password distributed to them. The next stage in the course selection process is to load the students' choices into the timetable creating tool, which will create a timetable to meet as many of the student choices as possible.

This is the first time we have used the computer-tool to create the timetable. We are excited and optimistic that the tool will create the best timetable possible. Here are a few important items to note:

- The timetable will meet as many course choices as possible
- The timetable will not be able to meet all course

choices. Please be prepared for this possibility

- Once the timetable has been created, if you did not get all of your choices, you are welcome to meet with Mr. Smeenk to discuss your conflicts, and consider your options.
- If all goes well, the timetable will be completed by Tuesday, May 3.

BOOK YOUR CALENDARS for

The Fundraiser Dinner Theatre & Harvest Fair

*The Old Faith, Hope and Charity*

On June 9, 10 & 11

At Calvary Temple

679 Dundas St. West

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the New Life Girls Home. It's a great night out for a great cause! Plan to buy your tickets in advance - \$30.00 per person.

Produced by the Director of *Mayhem in Mayville* (2008) and *Trial by Error* (2010)

For more information, please visit [www.calvarytemple.ca](http://www.calvarytemple.ca)

### For Grade 12 Students

It is important for all grade 12 students who have applied to post-secondary institutions to thoroughly attend to the following items for which they are responsible:

Check their mail and email carefully and respond ASAP.

Reply to all schools' offers of admission with acceptance or rejection, and do so on or before the indicated deadlines.

Review and confirm the accuracy of the midterm grades, confirm that all the classes are correct, and

confirm that each class has the correct credit total, as entered on their on-line application.

This is very important. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Smeenk. [bsmeenk@qchs.ca](mailto:bsmeenk@qchs.ca) 613-968-7870 ext. 242



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*Mission:*

Quinte Christian High School educates the hearts and minds of students in a Christ-centred environment by means of a dedicated, professional staff and diverse community involvement.

*Vision:*

As a vibrant Christian high school, Quinte Christian will provide dynamic programs to a diverse student body preparing them to actively engage in God's world.

**Dates for Sporting Events**

Date	Team	Time	Place
May 2	Girls soccer	4:00	BSS
May 3	Track and Field OCSSAA	All Day	York University
May 4	Girls soccer	4:00	NHSS
May 5	Girls soccer	4:00	QCHS vs Trenton
May 9	Girls soccer	4:00	QCHS vs CHSS
May 10	Girls soccer	4:00	QCHS vs QSS
May 11	Track and Field B of Q Finals	All Day	Belleville
May 12 – 14	Badminton OFSAA Sr.	All Day	Aurora
May 13 – 14	Soccer OCSSAA Sr. Girls	All Day	Chatham
May 13 – 14	Soccer OCSSAA Sr. Boys	All Day	Smithville (Fri) Oakville (Sat)
May 19	Track and Field COSSA Finals	All Day	Belleville
May 26, 27	Track and Field East Regionals	All Day	Ottawa
June 2 – 4	Track and Field OFSAA	All Day	Sudbury



Happy Grandparents' Day

**Grandparents Day at QCHS**

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**Calling all Seniors! No need to RSVP!!**

**Monday, May 2** is our annual Grandparents and Grandfriends Day at Quinte Christian High School. The students would love you to visit and see what they are doing in their class rooms. Students tour guides are ready and proud to show you around. Join us whether or not you have grandchildren in the school. Coffee and treats are served at **10 a.m.** Enjoy some fellowship, get to know the staff, enjoy a delicious lunch at noon and see some student talent! The program finishes around 1:30.

The invitation is open to all – no need to register.

For more information, call 968-7870 or email us at [admin@qchs.ca](mailto:admin@qchs.ca)

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and  
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