

# Grapevine Newsletter

Quinte Christian High School

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## Principal's Report

A very happy new year to each of you! May the Lord bless you richly in the coming year. Congratulations to all of our students for completing their final exams and reaching the half way mark!

We are blessed to be able to celebrate the completion of an excellent first semester.

We are happy to welcome **Kaitlyn Renshaw** into Grade 10. Her mom, Darlene, is a 1988 QCHS alumna.

In December we enjoyed Grade 8 Day with 50 potential Grade 9 students.

On Wed-Thurs, Feb.23-24, we are offering our annual Mini-Enrichment Program for any Grade 7 or 8 student who would like to participate.

The program costs \$50, and brochures are available from the school. Workshops fill up on a first come, first serve basis, so early registration is a good idea. You will also find the information on our new website at <http://qchs.ca/assets/pdfs/Mini%20Enrichment%20Course%202011.pdf>

Please join us in praying for:

- The Maraghi family as they grieve the loss of Dr. Maraghi's father
- The Grade 12 students as they apply to universities and colleges, and scholarship applications - this is a busy time for them, and a time of seeking God's direction for their lives
- Tessa DenOuden, Calvin Kennedy, Mike Draaistra, and Braden Wikkerink on a service trip in the Dominican the first week of February.

As we look forward to semester 2, we ask you to pray with us for God's blessing and guidance as we start again.

**Semester 1 Final Report Cards will be mailed home on Feb.7.**

**Early Bird Reports for semester 2 will be mailed on March 1.**

# Take NOTE



Our annual

## Open House

for interested families of Grades 5-8 students is happening

**Thursday, February 17  
at 7:30pm.**

This is an opportunity to enjoy dessert and coffee, meet the staff and have a tour of the school.



## Farewell to the following students:

**Charissa Vanderlaan** is doing a 4 credit co-op this coming semester at Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch in Oregon. This Christian ministry takes in abused horses, and works with disadvantaged children to bring healing. Kim Meeder and her husband set up this ministry some years ago, and Kim's book, *Hope Rising*, shares what they do in their ministry.

**Ben Tapp** graduated last year, and decided to come back for an extra semester. He did a great job of leading us in worship on Friday mornings. He is planning to work for the coming semester before heading to university.

**Curtis Bertelink** also came back for another semester after graduation, and has enrolled at Loyalist College in Police Foundations.

**Erin Tweedy** finished her Grade 12 with a 4 credit co-op at BCS. She loves working with children, and has decided to volunteer at BCS for semester 2. Her supervisor expressed sincere appreciation for her work.

We wish them all God's blessing and direction as they leave us.

### Board Report

School is back in full swing after Christmas break and so it continues ....our students are completing their first semester and second semester awaits them in February. The board also continues its goal of keeping the school on track. On January 11, 2011 some of the board members, along with some QCHS members and two students met to set out Year 3 of the Strategic Plan. This plan is being forwarded to the Board and will be implemented upon approval.

The Mortgage Reduction Committee was busy during the month of December, meeting with potential donors and this will be an ongoing process as we work to bring down the mortgage.

School Policies continue to be reviewed and discussed and amended as necessary. This also is an ongoing process.

When we consider the marketing aspect of Quinte Christian High School, we know that "word of mouth" promotion is one of the best ways to positively affect enrolment. We will be graduating out many families at the June Graduation and we are trusting that the Lord will provide many new families to take their places. Please encourage and inform parents, who have a student graduating from Grade 8, that Quinte Christian High School is a wonderful choice for secondary education.

We look forward to meeting some of the new parents at the New Parents Open House on **Thursday, February 17, 2011, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.** If you know of someone who might like to attend, please let them know about this open house.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank our members for their continued support of prayers, time and finances.

Brenda VanEgmond  
Secretary of the Board

*"We always thank God for all of you.....your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*  
*1 Thess. 1 vs 2 and 3*

### Arts Night!

The QCHS Arts Council is in the midst of preparations for this year's Arts Night celebration.

It is scheduled for the evening of **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **7pm**.

Our tentative plans once again include some audience participation in the visual arts, theatre games and a karaoke corner.

The evening will also include performances by the grade 9 and 10 music classes and our latest performing ensemble – New Creation. Auditions for other student performances will begin early in second semester.

Please mark the date on your calendar, and join us in our celebration of the Arts at Quinte Christian High.



## Strategic Plan Report

On Tuesday January 11, 2011 the Strategic Planning Committee met to develop Year 3 of our 5-Year Strategic Plan. In the past we have used Brenda Tindale, to facilitate this process, but this year the feeling was we could do this ourselves.

John Van Huizen, our Strategic Planning Coordinator, along with the administrative help of Brenda Van Egmond (report writer), facilitated the meeting. Our committee of 12, including 2 students, first reviewed our Year-2 plan to ensure all items were completed, or in a few instances, were to be continued.

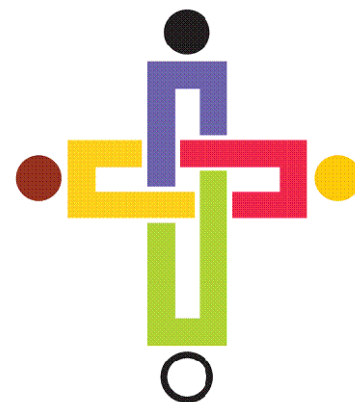
The second aspect of the meeting was to review those items that were listed for Years 3, 4 & 5 to determine whether or not the order should be changed. Once that was completed, we set objectives and goals for Year 3.

The 3-hour meeting was focussed, with good discussion and fellowship and in the end a Year-3 Plan was developed. This is being forwarded to the Board for approval. Information on Year 3 of our Strategic Plan will then be made available to our membership.

Since taking on the initiative of a Strategic Plan, first as Board Chair and then with the development of the plan, as Strategic Planning Coordinator, I, John Van Huizen, have decided to vacate the position. My plan is to remain on the committee.

In a "strategic planning" sense, namely succession planning, I have approached someone to replace myself and upon board approval, this "mystery" person will be revealed as the new Strategic Planning Coordinator. Stay tuned.

John Van Huizen



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## The QCHS Endowment Fund

Currently the Quinte Christian High School Endowment Fund sits at **\$241,709**.

The endowment fund grows through direct donations, memorial donations, bequests and golf tournament fundraising.

These funds are invested with Christian Stewardship Services. The investment earnings received from the Fund each year provides a permanent annual income for QCHS. Last year we received **\$9,264** in investment income.

This income helps make Christian Education affordable.

Recognizing that everything God entrusts to us is His, we as faithful stewards are charged with the responsibility of managing it in the Owner's best interest. Therefore, Christian Stewardship Services promotes the concept of giving the "Firstfruits" back to Him during our life and at our death.

Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) representatives advise people in the planning process to fulfill their wishes to be stewardly, looking after themselves and their children while furthering the work of God's kingdom.

Call 1-800-267-8890 or email [admin@cssservices.ca](mailto:admin@cssservices.ca) for more information.

### CREATING A LEGACY

By making Christian education accessible for future generations...



**Mark your calendars !**

The **Belleville Pregnancy and Family Care Centre** will be holding their spring fundraiser on **April 9, 2011** at Calvary Temple. At this time we need your support! Would you consider being a table host for this evening? A table host is responsible for inviting 7 people to join them at their table for this event. Each table host is given a package which includes reminder cards and information about the centre. Please call the centre at 613-969-7866 and sign up today.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Are you in **Grade 11 or 12** and would like a unique opportunity for this summer?

EXPLORE is a five week language bursary program designed for you to discover another region of Canada while learning French.

You are responsible to get yourself to the location of your choice in Quebec. Other expenses such as food, lodging, excursions (such as to Montreal and Quebec City) and language courses are covered.

This is a good opportunity to improve both written and oral French language skills, as well as an inexpensive holiday!

I have done this program two times, in Trois-Rivières QC, and it was both fun and beneficial! A number of QCHS graduates have also participated.

For more information:

[www.myexplore.ca](http://www.myexplore.ca)

The application deadline is **February 28**, so do not hesitate if you are even a little bit curious. Bonne route!

Mme Lisa Bootsma

**Senior College Math Investment Class**

The MBF 3C and MAP 4C classes were treated to a class with financial advisor, Mr. Harold Fledderus, in December.

After receiving some investment advice, the students created stock portfolios which Mr. Fledderus monitored for the rest of the semester.

He awarded the winners in each class (Josiah DeRoos and Curtis Bertelink) with a \$10 Tim Horton's card. Thanks Mr. Fledderus!!

Mrs. Joanne Koenes

**Appropriate Computer Use**

As we prepare to begin a new semester, it is a good time to remind everyone of the school computer use policy. There are many things you can do in the computer lab, according to the list posted on the door:

- Research for your future: apprenticeships, college and university programs and careers with *Career Cruising*

- Typing of assignment or homework
- Reading primary source documents or other material for class
- Reading online books for school
- Studying or creating study guides

As always, activities not listed above are best done at home. These include, playing games, Facebook, YouTube and other entertainment.

Thank you and have a great second semester!

Mr. David Grills



## QCHS Gift Card Program

Thank you for supporting YOUR school, over the Christmas season, with your purchases of gift cards. We generated a lot of income over that time and it was a wonderful boost for our budget.

Now that January is here, please remember to purchase gift cards for your regular shopping such as groceries and gas.

We also carry gift cards for restaurants, cinemas, Tim Hortons and Starbucks plus many more, at all times. Be sure and read over the list of cards we have on hand, and also cards that we can order for you.

We take cheques, debit (if you come in to the school), OR you can set up an automatic withdrawal so that each month you would have your order sent home, with your child.

Thank you again to all who support this program regularly.

It is one of the easiest ways to raise money for OUR school, without having to spend anything extra. It just means taking the time to remember to buy gift cards.

Also, monthly budgeting is made easier with gift cards, too.

From your gift card program volunteers,

Sue Wiarda & Barb Huiskamp.

**T**rinity Western University offers a program called

### **"Access Ottawa"**

for Grade 11 and 12 students to explore government/politics from a Christian perspective. For more information, or to apply, check out their website:

<http://twu.ca/sites/accessottawa>



## Guidance - Course Selections

In February, students will be required to complete their high school *course selections* for the 11/12 academic year. Parents and students are encouraged to prayerfully considering the following information.

1. What are their post-secondary goals?
2. What careers might they want to pursue?
3. What training do they need for those careers? – (college, university, trade school)
4. Are the high school courses they are selecting meeting their post-secondary admission requirements.

5. Will they have the Christian Secondary School Diploma (CSSD) compulsory requirements? For a list of the CSSD requirements refer to the QCHS website, or ask the Guidance Department for a copy.

6. Will they have the total of 30 credits required for their OSSD?

The most common types of post-secondary training that students can consider are University, College, Bible College, Career College and Trade School/Apprenticeships. If students are unsure of the type of training or the direction they want to take after high

school, they should choose their high school courses such that the widest number of options will be open to them and defer decisions until a time of greater clarity or necessity. Students and parents are welcome to contact Mr. Brent Smeenk at 613-968-7870 extension 242 or email him at [bsmeenk@qchs.ca](mailto:bsmeenk@qchs.ca) to ask any questions or to set up a meeting to discuss course selections.

May the Lord bless all the students at QCHS during this time of preparation for their lives of service for God's kingdom in God's world.

**Do you want to know what training you need for a career? Check out:**

- [www.careercruising.ca](http://www.careercruising.ca) (contact Mr. Smeenk for the username/password)
- [www.jvis.com](http://www.jvis.com)

These websites are very helpful sources of information and aid in this process.

**For admission requirements check out:**

- [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)
- [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)
- [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)

## Grade 12 University and College Applications—Next Step

**Grade 12 students' final grades from first semester** will be sent to the Universities and Colleges once exams are over and the report cards are completed.

Students are now waiting for responses from the schools to which they applied. During this time they should keep in mind that all correspondence regarding their applications is between them and the post-secondary institutions.

QCHS does not receive any correspondence from this point regarding applications. Therefore each applicant must treat any mail with careful attention, taking immediate action to address problems if they arise.



Furthermore the Guidance Department at QCHS should be notified immediately if any problems arise.

In addition to this reminder, applicants are also encouraged to review their applications to ensure that the correct courses and grades are entered.



The **Ontario Science Centre** offers a semester of Grade 12 Math and Science courses in the actual OSC. For more information please speak with Mr. Smeenk or browse at [www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/oscschool/](http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/oscschool/)

## Kid's Life - A Poem from one of our Alumni

When I was a kid,  
I didn't worry about anything  
My parents would be there

I am not a kid,  
I worry about things  
My parents are still there

I am now grown up  
Life's harder  
My parents never said it wasn't

When I was a kid,  
I was protected  
My parents made sure of it

I am not a kid  
I am still protected  
My parents make sure of it

I am now grown up  
I have to make decisions  
My parents will help me

When I was a kid,  
The world was perfect  
My parents told me so

I am not a kid  
The world is not perfect  
My parents stopped telling me so

I am now grown up  
I have to deal with issues  
My parents will be there

When I was a kid,  
I had a good life  
My parents made it happen

I am not a kid,  
I still have a good life  
My parents are a part of it

I am now grown up  
I still have a good life  
My parents help me achieve it

When I was a kid,  
I wanted to be grown up  
My parents told me to wait...

I am not a kid  
I am grown up  
My parents told me to wait...

I am now grown up  
I sometimes wish I wasn't  
My parents told me to wait...

Why didn't I listen?

Why didn't I listen?

Why didn't I listen?

Anonymous



**Ontario Educational  
Leadership Centre**  
[www.oelccaso.com](http://www.oelccaso.com)

The Ontario Educational Leadership Centre (Government/ Provincially run) offers leadership programs for students in a variety of areas.

We would like to inform you about this opportunity. If you have questions or would like to apply, please contact OELC at [oelc@oelccaso.com](mailto:oelc@oelccaso.com), or 1-705-689-5572.

## Athletic Department

We are grateful to the many parents who have and continue to provide transportation for our athletes. We would not be able to run the athletic program without your help. We ask the Lord for His safety and protection on the courts, in the rink and on the roads as we continue to develop and share the gifts He has given us for His glory.



### Curling

The boy's competitive team currently has 2 wins and 3 losses. They have one match left and then will have to see if they make it into the playoffs. Complete results of the curling teams can be found by going to <http://www.cossa.ca/> after you click on this site, go to *winter sports* and click on *curling*, then go to *schedules* and click on the *Bay of Quinte* and you will find all the information about our league.

### Girls Volleyball

This is a special year for girls volleyball at our school. We are the host school for OFSAA. Since we are the host school, our senior girls will participate in the tournament, but they are working hard so that they will be able to contend at OFSAA. The season has a couple of weeks to go before the Bay of Quinte Championships. Both teams are doing well in the league standings. Schedules, scores and league standings can be seen at the following website; <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/~nicc/bgvolleyball>. Standings and updates:

### Junior Girls

- ◆ Currently in 10th place, 2 points out of the last qualifying spot for Bay of Quinte Championships on February 16 at Centre Hastings in Madoc.
- ◆ Play at COSSA on February 23 at Lakefield, near Peterborough.

### Senior Girls

- ◆ Currently in 5th place in league, looking to finish strong before Bay of Quinte Championships on February 17 at Marc Garneau..
- ◆ Will play in the Christian School tournament at Durham in Bowmanville on February 4 and 5
- ◆ Play at COSSA on February 23 at Lakefield, near Peterborough.
- ◆ Will be the host school for OFSAA, March 7 – 9. Since we are the host, they are guaranteed a spot in the tournament.

### Boys Basketball

This year we are again playing in tier 2 of the Bay of Quinte league. Information about the league, as well as schedules and scores can be found at the following website <http://www.alcddb.on.ca/~nicc/bq/bqmain.html>. Standings and updates:

### Junior Boys

- ◆ Currently in 2nd place in tier two.
- ◆ Looking forward to play-offs which begin February 14.
- ◆ Will play at QCHS for COSSA on February 22

### Senior Boys

- ◆ Currently 1st in tier two
- ◆ Will travel to Hamilton for the Christian School tournament on February 4 and 5.
- ◆ Looking forward to play-offs which begin February 14.
- ◆ Will play at QCHS for COSSA on February 22
- ◆ If they win COSSA they will play a team from Ottawa in Ottawa for the right to go to OFSAA, March 7 – 9, in North Bay.

### Badminton

It is amazing at how quickly the seasons change. We are already looking forward to the Badminton season at QCHS. The first practices will begin in February. Lori Ann Bouwma will coach the seniors, but we are still looking for a junior coach. If you are interested please contact John VanderWindt at [athletics@qchs.ca](mailto:athletics@qchs.ca) or 613-968-7870 ex 222.

*Our senior boys basketball team hosted and played in the Hoops for Hope tournament on January 15 and 16. This is a tournament which Jim Barbeau of Nicholson puts on each year as a fundraiser for the cancer ward in the Belleville Hospital. Our School is a site for some of the games. They won their second last game and lost the last game in overtime.*



## Game Dates for February

### Quinte Christian High School

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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:

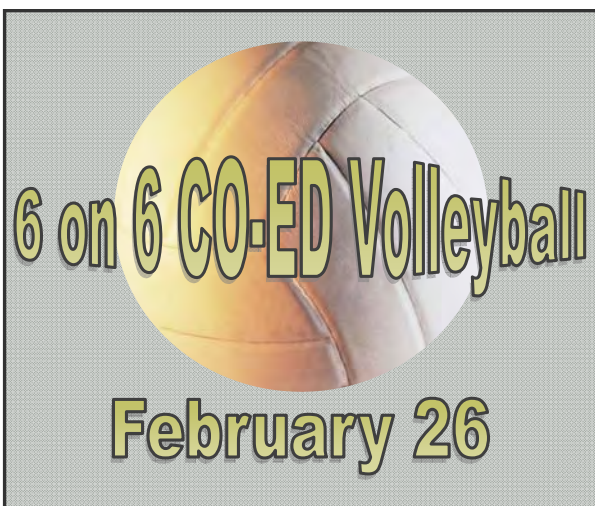
As a vibrant Christian high school, Quinte Christian will provide dynamic programs to a diverse student body preparing them to actively engage in God's world.

Date	Team	Time	Place
Feb 4, 5 (OCSSAA)	Sr. Girls Volleyball	All Day	Bowmanville
Feb 4, 5	Sr. Boys Basketball	All Day	Hamilton (OCSSAA)
Feb 7	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	BSS
Feb 9	Girls Volleyball	5 & 6	ENSS
Feb 14	Boys Basketball B of Q playoff	TBA	TBA
Feb 15	Boys Curling	3:00	Bancroft rink
Feb 16	Jr. Girls Volleyball B of Q	All Day	CHSS
Feb 17	Sr. Girls Volleyball B of Q	All Day	ESMG
Feb 18	Boys Basketball B of Q playoff	TBA	TBA
Feb 22	Boys Basketball COSSA	All Day	QCHS
Feb 23	Sr. Girls Volleyball COSSA	All Day	Lakefield
Feb 25	Jr. Girls Volleyball COSSA	All Day	Lakefield

### Track and Field

Those who are interested in participating in Track and Field should start working out on their own. We are also in need of adults who would be willing to help coach the team.

If you are interested in Track or Field and would like to help out, please contact John VanderWindt at [athletics@qchs.ca](mailto:athletics@qchs.ca) or 613-968-7870 ex 222.



On February 26, our school will be hosting a **6 on 6 coed volleyball tournament**.

Registration is **\$20/person** and teams must be registered by **February 21**.

We are hoping to have enough teams for competitive and non competitive divisions.

Competitive will play at men's height and non competitive will play at junior boys height, since it is co-ed, there must be two females on the court at all times.

Contact John VanderWindt at [athletics@qchs.ca](mailto:athletics@qchs.ca) or 613-968-7870 ext. 222, if you are interested in participating.