

# Grapevine Newsletter

Quinte Christian High School

The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

Henry Knox Sherrill

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## Principal's Report

We are excited to be able to invite you to this year's drama production, "Halo" by Josh MacDonald, a Canadian playwright. The play is set in Nova Scotia and raises questions of faith and finding hope in the face of despair. It is the kind of play that I think speaks boldly into some of the issues of our time, and is worthy of the energy and commitment of our drama team.

We are thankful for the ongoing measure of *shalom* we are experiencing in the tone of the school. In the Bible, the Hebrew word *shalom* means a universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight – a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, all under the arch of God's love (Neil Plantinga from his book *Engaging God's World*). *Shalom*, in other words, is having life work the way God intends them to work.

We would like to welcome a new family, Mrs. Joanne Morrison and her son Danny (12).

We are delighted to have Danny join us as he finishes up his last semester of high school.

Our annual **Grandfriends/Grandparents Day** is coming up on **Tuesday, May 2**. Please invite grandparents and seniors that you are connected with to come and celebrate with us. The program will run from 9:30 – 1:30. This day is always fun and a blessing for our students and staff.

We are pleased to report that so far we have 110 families for next year; 34 Gr.9's, 2 Gr.10's, and one Gr.11 student. This is a decrease of 8 families, so there is still lots of room! Our official registration deadline for new registrations is March 31st. Although we register students after this date, it is very helpful to us to have numbers for next year as we prepare the budget and hire new staff. If you know of a family whom you feel would benefit from a call from me, please email me at [principal@qchs.ca](mailto:principal@qchs.ca). Thank you!

On Thursday morning, March 31, our Grade 10 students wrote the Ontario Grade 10 Literacy Test. This is a graduation requirement for all students. We are expecting excellent results again this year.

Education Week is May 1 - 6 and what better way to celebrate Education Week than to recognize an outstanding educator in Hastings and Prince Edward County. The Education Week Committee is seeking nominations for the 46<sup>th</sup> Sir Mackenzie Bowell Award for 2011 Educator of the Year. Any parent or student may make a nomination. For more information and a nomination form, go to:

<http://www.hpedsb.on.ca/ec/directorsOffice/EducatoroftheYear.html>

Finally, a very happy and blessed Easter to you and your family from all of us! May this Easter season be a time of encouragement as we look again to the death and resurrection of our Lord.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

When: Wednesday,  
May 4

Time: 6:00 - 9:30 pm

Please book your interviews after April 27 once you received the midterm report card. Midterm report cards will be sent home with students.





### Board Report

The board would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Julia French and "The French Café" for being awarded the 2010/2011 Eat Smart! Award of Excellence, by the Hastings and Prince Edward County Health Unit. We are thankful that our students have the opportunity to make healthy choices when buying lunch at school. Thanks Julia!!

In February's Grapevine the board began a community discussion on under aged drinking. If you didn't have the chance to read the article we would encourage you to go back and do so. We appreciate the responses we have had so far with regard to this topic and look forward to continuing this discussion with our parents and students.

QCHS continues to be a thriving place of students involved in the upcoming drama/play, badminton competitions, soccer and track & field. Please come out to these events and show your support for our students.

Have a blessed Spring season!

Brenda VanEgmond  
Secretary of the Board

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Nominations for Board members are being sought for the upcoming election being held at the Spring Membership Meeting. If you would like to nominate someone else or would like to be considered for the board yourself, please contact Brenda VanEgmond at 613-475-3262.

The Board would like to give our thanks to the Mortgage Reduction Committee and the many donors who have generously given to our mortgage/debt reduction campaign. We hope to begin a general Campaign in the fall of 2011 for this cause as well.

### QCHS Drama Production - Halo

What do you think of when you hear the term "Halo"? The video game? Angels? Maybe that "goody two-shoes" you grew up with? Well the play in production at QCHS really has nothing to do with any of those ideas...but it is called Halo. Please come out on April 8, 9, 15 or 16 to Maranatha Church at 7:30 and find out what it is all about. We promise this play is nothing like anything you have seen in past productions at QCHS. It raises questions about faith, and challenges its audience to look outside our Christian bubble at the broken world in which we live. Because of this, we want to encourage you to come with an open mind, willing to receive the message it offers. One of our cast members summarizes her experience in the following way...

"I play Casey in the upcoming production of Halo. The moment I read this play I knew that it was something special. I realized quickly that it was very different from the previous productions that QCHS has put on. Halo takes you out of your comfort zone and allows you to listen and see the beautiful messages it contains. Our cast is all extremely excited about the production and we trust that it will leave a positive, lasting impression on the audience."

Please consider supporting the QCHS drama program. Tickets are available in advance at a discount by visiting the school office, or for regular price at the door.

Advance prices: \$10 (students, seniors), \$13 adults.  
Regular prices: \$13 (students, seniors), \$15 adults.

## Academic Progress

We are almost half way through the second semester and there are a couple of reminders for the parents.

Grade 9 and 10 half credit courses will be completed on **April 11**. There will be a culminating activity or final exam worth up to 30% in these courses.

**April 11** also marks the end of the first half of the semester and therefore midterm report cards will be given to students on **April 27** to allow them and you to know of their progress. These reports will not be mailed home, but will be given out to the students.

The marks on these reports indicate where the student is currently at in the course. There will also be comments, including ones which will give helpful advice in how to improve. Please be aware that 30% of the mark is completed in a culminating activity or exam towards the end of the semester, and therefore their mark at this time is a good indication, but without diligent work throughout the rest of the semester it is not a guarantee of the final mark. With increased effort, the mark can be greatly improved over the second half of the course.

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their student's progress on **May 4**. Notification will be sent out as to when you can contact the office to set up an appointment. If you have a concern prior to May 4, please contact the teacher and set up a time to meet and discuss your concern.

New half credit courses begin on **Tuesday April 12**.

**April 15** is a PD day for the staff which means no school for students.



## Senior French Class Dinner

### NO COOKING AND NO DISHES TONIGHT!

Mark on your calendars Tue. April 12, 6:00 PM. The French 12 students (and their parents!) are putting on a fundraiser dinner and dessert auction to raise money for the upcoming trip to Quebec.

We will be serving delicious crêpes with various toppings. Sweet or savory? It's up to you! We are still debating whether these paper-thin pancakes are of French or Dutch origin....

Tickets will be available from the QCHS office, at the door or Grade 12 French students.

So if you would like an inexpensive, delicious meal, and would like to avoid doing the supper dishes on April 12, get your tickets soon!



For High School BU Girls – Beautiful and Unique  
 Monday, April 11, 4:30-9 pm  
 Registration: \$35 incl. supper  
**The night includes:** Dinner, special speakers, activities, gifts, hanging out, worship, nail painting, interaction, drama presentations, games, concert  
 Discover that you are created by a loving God that has a purpose for you.  
 To register, please contact Pastor Todd Faught at 969-888 or [tfaught@calvarytemple.ca](mailto:tfaught@calvarytemple.ca).

## From the Finance Office

We will be conducting our **Annual Spring Budget Drive** from April 18 – 29, 2011. The annual drive provides parents and supporters of QCHS, who have the means to do so, with an opportunity to share their blessings with the community.

Revenue income from the spring drive is included in our budget and this year the budget calls for us to raise **\$90,000** which assists the school in keeping the tuition rate as low as possible.

Should you wish to make a donation but have not received a letter, or if you have any other questions about this year's drive, please contact Laura Vink at the school 613 968-7870 ext. 223. You may also give to the school online by going to [www.qchs.ca/giving](http://www.qchs.ca/giving).

**Donate Online:**

[www.qchs.ca/giving](http://www.qchs.ca/giving)

### QCHS is having a Yard Sale!!!



*Rain or Shine*

**Date:** Saturday May 7

**Time:** 8am till 12noon

Half of all proceeds will be donated to Gleaners Food Bank in Belleville.

Donations of **gently used items** (no clothing please) can be dropped off at the school on

**Friday, May 6**  
12:30-4:00pm

and

**Saturday May 7**  
6:00-8:00am

Volunteers are also needed the day of the sale from 6am-1:00pm

To sign up please contact :

**Leslie Bertelink**  
613 962-5188

or

**Margriet Borger**  
613 961-0799

### Student Council Report - 30-Hour Famine

**Cornerstone Christian Academy (CCA)**

*The annual CCA Sweets & Treats Auction is set for April 1, 6pm at the Strathcona Paper Centre. Cost is \$7 which includes all you can eat desserts. CCA is accepting donations of goods and services to be auctioned. Phone: 1-613-354-2354*

World Vision is, for the first time ever, allowing for the designation of the funds raised by our students in this year's famine to the area of our choice (eg. nutrition, child protection, education, etc.). This year our student body will be voting to decide what the funds we raise will be used for.

On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> students will start to fast at 6 p.m. and will not eat until midnight on Thursday night. Students will remain at the school after classes on Thursday for an evening of activities planned by the Student Council.

There will be designated rooms including the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Asian movie night room courtesy of Mr. Grills

(if you like reading subtitles – this one's for you!), games in the gym, board games in the cafeteria, two movie rooms, a video games room (games rated E), and a knitting & tea room J. Students need to raise a minimum of \$60 each to participate. Come out, have fun and raise money for people in need!



## Graduate Requirements

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students about the 40 hours of community service requirement.

In order to graduate from high school in Ontario students must complete 40 hours of community service. Forms are available in the main office. Please hand them in to the Guidance Office.

Grade 12 students' midterm marks will be sent to OCAS on **April 22**, and to the OUAC by **April 28**.

**Please note that students are responsible for checking their web-application file to ensure that the marks are correct and that the courses in which they are currently enrolled are also correct.**

This is very important.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me (Mr. Smeenk) immediately by email ([bsmeenk@qchs.ca](mailto:bsmeenk@qchs.ca)) or by phone at 613-968-7870 ext. 242.

## Guidance - 2011 Course Selections

Course selection time is here. In the coming weeks, grades 9, 10 and 11 will be making their course selections. This year, for the first time, we are using timetable, scheduling software to create the timetable. It is very important to note the following items as we go through this new process.

- Course selections will be done on-line.
- Students, and parents will each receive their own usernames and passwords to log in.
- Courses will be chosen from a list of all courses available.
- Mr. Smeenk will teach/guide students on how to make choices that will prepare them to graduate and to be prepared for college and university applications in grade 12.
- All of the student choices will be "uploaded" and coordinated by the computer to create a timetable that meets the most student choices as possible.
- It is inevitable that not all students will get all of their choices. Please be prepared for this, and be prepared to adjust your choices once the time-table has been created in the case that you do not get all of your choices.
- When the timetable is created and made available, Mr. Smeenk requests that you communicate to him any conflicts that you may have. If there are two classes in the same period, and both are crucial for your graduation or university/college acceptance, that conflict will be addressed (by Mr. Smeenk).
- This is the first time that we have used a computer to do this. I ask for your patience and understanding. The first timetable created may have to be adjusted, creating a 2nd or 3rd draft. Please be prepared for that as a potential outcome.
- I/we will do our best to meet the needs of as many students as we possibly can.

Quinte Christian High School's Athletics Council is hosting their annual



## 3 on 3 basketball tournament

Date: May 7

Registration: \$20.00/pp.

If you are interested in playing in the tournament contact

- Mats Serviss at [mserviss@qchs.ca](mailto:mserviss@qchs.ca) or
- John VanderWindt at [athletics@qchs.ca](mailto:athletics@qchs.ca)

by May 1 to ensure a spot in the tournament.

## Athletic Department

### Girls' A Volleyball OFSAA

WOW, what an exciting time was had by all during a busy 3 days in March. Quinte Christian High School hosted the Girls' A Volleyball OFSAA championships and as was said on the CKWS news, it was quite an undertaking for our small high school. We were blessed by incredible student and adult volunteers who worked before the games in preparation for the banquet held in our gym, during the matches keeping score, taking pictures, retrieving volleyballs and watching lines, to cleaning up after a busy two days of competition. An exciting first for QCHS was the live streaming of all the games played at our school. The games were watched by more than 7000 computers including one school showing it on a big screen so their whole school could watch. Games were played at QC as well as Marc Garneau and Loyalist College. We even had an alumnus come back to help convene one of the sites, thanks Jen DeVries. The tournament was supported by so many local companies, with a major contribution from Whitley Financial and Intac Insurance. So much happened and hopefully you were able to read some of it in the daily reports of the Intelligencer. Thank you to all who were a part of this massive undertaking...together we were able to host 20 teams from all over Ontario and send them home with a positive experience of being at a small Christian high school and seeing how God is at work.



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### Curling

Congratulations to the competitive team of Zachary Fledderus, Waldo Hogewoning Kevin Pennings and David Timmins on finishing a fine curling season in qualifying for the Bay of Quinte Championships. They finished 6th overall. Thank you again to Harold Fledderus and Curtis Vreugdenhil for coaching and providing transportation for the team this year.

### Badminton

Practices have begun and the teams are preparing for the Bay of Quinte Championships which take place from April 12 – 14, and the Christian School tournament on April 29 and 30 in St. Catharines. Our coaches are Lori-Ann Bouwma and Kay Snedden. The junior team consists of Caleb Chant, Tanya Couperus, Danielle Dibbits, Joel Fox, Gabe Guadagnin, Bethany Koenes, Nathan McEwan, Justin Neely, Brett Whitley and Troy Wolters. The senior team members are Jacob Adams, Mary Christiaanse, Mark Couperus, Andrew Fox, Ben Hoftyzer, Waldo Hogewoning, Jung Kim, Kathleen Kennedy, Kadra Pond, David Timmins, and Hayden VanVark. The team will miss Calvin Kennedy who is out due to a serious ankle injury.

### Track and Field

Track and Field practices have begun. This year most of our meets are in Belleville at the Bruce Faulds track, on Palmer Street, close to Centennial Secondary School. The first meet is April 29. We invite you to come and watch whenever you can. We still need adults willing to help coach the team. If you are interested, please contact John VanderWindt at [athletics@qchs.ca](mailto:athletics@qchs.ca) or 613-968-7870 x222.

### Soccer

We are very excited to announce that we will have a senior girls soccer team participating in the Bay of Quinte this year. Alistair Mackay will be coaching the team along with Kristen Werkhoven. Our school will also participate in the Christian School in the boys and girls soccer tournaments again this May 7 & 8. Please consider being one of the parents needed to drive our athletes to these tournaments. The boys team, coached by David Grills, will begin practicing in a few weeks. There may be a few morning practices.





Congratulations to Alicia Roeper on winning the Kindness Award for all the high schools in Belleville!

We are proud of you!

## GOLFER REGISTRATION FORM

Number of Golfers is limited. Please register early. Registrations will be accepted until May 14th, 2011. *Prepayment is required to eliminate delays the morning of the tournament.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Golfers: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Foursome)	Address

Clip & Mail to: Quinte Christian High School  
138 Wallbridge-Loyalist Rd.  
Belleville, ON K8N 4Z2

Or Call: John Scheerhoorn  
613-922-4428  
hoserjohn@kos.net

**\$75 FOR GOLF, DINNER & POWER CART  
\$65 FOR STUDENTS**

## IF EVERYONE DONATES *Everyone Wins*

With the support of our community as a prize contributor or a tee sponsor, your company or organization will receive maximum exposure to business people from the Quinte Area, not to mention your support of our Christian Youth!

### THIS EXPOSURE INCLUDES:

*A sign installed at all tees and greens & around putting green during chipping & putting contests.  
The list of donors and sponsors on each table at the dinner.*

### DAY INCLUDES:

*Green Fees • BBQ Steak & Salad Bar • Trophies • Putting Contest*

**Individual Hole Sponsorship Available  
at a minimum of \$200.**

**\$75/GOLFER**

This years proceeds will be given to the three local Christian Schools Foundation.

Join us at Bethel Church  
77 Herman Street - Trenton

**Thursday, April 14, 2011, 7 pm**

Calvin Smith from Creation Ministries will share information-rich, multimedia presentations sure to change lives.

Session Titles:

**“Genesis: The Missing Piece of the Puzzle”**

and

**“Noah’s Flood: Fact or Fiction”**

There will be a short refreshment break between sessions with a question period at the end. There will be a collection to help cover expenses.

For more details regarding CMI go to [www.creation.com](http://www.creation.com)

or call the church office at 613-392-5742 for more details.

## Game Dates for April, May & June

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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
Apr 12	Badminton B of Q Jr. doubles	All Day	East Northumberland SS
Apr 13	Badminton B of Q Sr. doubles	All Day	East Northumberland SS
Apr 14	Badminton B of Q Jr. & Sr. singles	All Day	Bayside SS
Apr 18	Girls soccer	3:30	QCHS vs STSS
Apr 19	Girls soccer	3:30	CSS
April 19	Badminton COSSA Sr.	All Day	TASS (Peterborough)
April 21	Badminton COSSA Jr.	All Day	ENSS
Apr 27	Girls soccer	3:30	QCHS vs THS
Apr 28	Girls soccer	3:30	PECI
April 29, 30	Badminton OCSSAA Jr. & Sr.	All Day	Brock University (St. Catherines)
April 29	Track and Field B of Q Invite	All Day	Belleville
May 2	Girls soccer	3:30	BSS
May 3	Track and Field OCSSAA	All Day	Hamilton
May 4	Girls soccer	3:30	NHSS
May 9	Girls soccer	3:30	QCHS vs CHSS
May 10	Girls soccer	3:30	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

## Golf Tournament for Christian Schools



It's time again for the annual Christian school's charity golf tournament. This year's event will be held at the Oak hills Golf Course on May 28th, 2011 with an 8:30 shot gun start. The cost per golfer is \$75.00 including 18 hole green fees, cart and steak dinner. To register a team or sign up as an individual call John Scheerhoorn at 613 922-4428 or email to [hoserjohn@kos.net](mailto:hoserjohn@kos.net)

The tournament has sold out the last couple years, so sign up early. (Registration form on Page 7)