

Grapevine Newsletter

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 have been blessed to have Miss Janet Breimer with us for this semester. We want to wish her God's blessing as she leaves us and seeks further employment. Mrs. Wiles, Joanna and Nathan will join us for semester 2 after a remarkable semester spent working in India. We will invite the Wiles family to share some of their experiences with us in the near future. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Serviss on the arrival of Eli, 8 lb 11 oz and 22" long! Mom and baby are doing well. We want to welcome Mrs. Wryghte back to our ranks as she takes over for Mrs. Serviss for the remainder of the year.

In December we enjoyed Grade 8 Day with 50 potential Grade 9 students. On Wed-Thurs, Feb.22-23, we are offering our annual Mini-Enrichment Program for Grade 7 and 8 students. 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 website at

<http://qchs.ca/assets/pdfs/Mini%20Enrichment%20Course%202012.pdf>

We have a new and earlier registration deadline for new students for September. **Registration for the following year is now February 28.** This will help us with our budget planning.

We are blessed to be able to celebrate the completion of an excellent first semester. As we look forward to semester 2, we ask you to pray with us for God's blessing and guidance as we start again.

GRADE 8 MINI ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Wednesday & Thursday, Feb.22 & 23, 2012

Grade 7 & 8 Students: You are invited!

Come and experience a taste of high school at Quinte Christian High. Each two-day workshop is designed to provide a new experience in learning for you – a mini-enrichment experience. Come and make friends with students from other schools in the area. Meet and get to know some of our friendly and highly trained staff. Give your taste buds a workout with a free lunch and snacks each day from Mrs. French's kitchen.



February 7, 2012

7:30pm

Grade 5, 6,7 & 8 parents find out what we have to offer, join us for dessert and coffee, meet our staff and enjoy a tour.



BOARD REPORT

At the January board meeting, we started wrestling with budget issues. The Finance Committee and the Contract Partnership Committee are working hard to bring their best recommendations forward. We will continue to work on this in the coming months. Balancing the budget this year may be a challenge.

A big thank you to all who donated to the Mortgage Reduction Drive and a special thank you to all those who contributed an **extra \$88,500** in the closing days of 2011. The projected mortgage at the end of 2014 is now \$819,850!

Promotion for next year will be more targeted in both the Kingston and the Korean communities. Please pray for God's continued blessing on our enrolment.

We continue to be blessed by our talented and dedicated staff. They are looking at ways to incorporate innovation into the curriculum. We look forward to seeing the fruits of that.

There will be an Open House for potential new families on Tues, Feb 7th, at 7:30. If you know of anyone interested in checking out QCHS, let them know, or better yet, bring them out!

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TAX RECEIPTS

As a tuition paying parent, a portion of your tuition is tax receiptable (depending on the number of children you have enrolled at QCHS.)

For those who have children under 16, a portion is also allotted as a child care expense. Receipts will be sent out in the mail by mid-February this year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Laura Vink at the school at 613 968-7870 ext. 223 or finance@qchs.ca.

SCHOOL CLOTHING ORDER

Each year the school makes available school clothing which can be purchased.

This year we are also featuring a new style; instead of the embroidered logo, the word EAGLES is in double letters sewn across the front of the sweat shirt.

The sweat shirts come in blue, white or orange. We also have blue jackets with the embroidered logo which can be purchased.

Below you will find pictures of the two types of sweatshirts, one with the EAGLES and one with the logo. An order form is attached or available at the office.

Please have your order in by Feb 3. If you have any questions please contact me.

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IT KEEPS GIVING AND GIVING AND GIVING . . .

The little bunny in the commercial promoting long-lasting battery power reminds me of the enduring character of an endowment fund. Once established, it just keeps paying out money year after year after year. Unlike the battery that eventually runs down, the endowment fund lasts in perpetuity and perpetuity is a long time.

The permanence of an endowment is exactly what attracts some of our donors to this means of supporting Quinte Christian High School. Some supporters like the idea that the principal of their gift will stay intact while the income will be used for a worthy cause. These people realize that someday they will be gone and their outright annual gifts will no longer be available to help meet current needs. However, through an endowment they can keep making their annual gifts.

Some endowment donors are attracted to the opportunity an endowment gives to memorialize a loved one or other respected person. They use this perpetual giving arrangement to bring honour and recognition.

An endowment can be created during life, or at death through a bequest or trust remainder. It can be restricted to specific needs or unrestricted for general use. You can create your own endowment or contribute to the QCHS Endowment Fund which already exists.

Endowments can be made at once with a single gift or established over time with repeated gifts. Endowments can originate from a single source or through the efforts and support of many people.

Endowments are especially useful in drawing other family members into the giving arena. For example, grandparents who contribute an amount to the endowment fund are providing their children and grandchildren with a continuing tie to Quinte Christian High School.

There are other good reasons for supporting the QCHS Endowment Fund. You owe it to yourself, and your family, to consider this charitable option.

Quinte Christian High School has developed sound policies for creating and managing our endowment funds. This information is available upon request. Furthermore, our Christian Stewardship Services representative, Wayne De Boer, is able to show you a variety of ways you can plan your legacy gift to make an endowment dream come true.

The reply form below will let us know how to assist you. Please take a moment to fill it out and mail it in. We will respond immediately.

If you would rather talk to Wayne De Boer personally, you can reach him directly at 1-800-267-8890.



COMPUTER TROUBLES

QC has recently encountered some trouble with a Trojan that redirects web traffic to malicious websites.

The concern is great enough that our internet service provider contacted us and has provided some guidance as to how to deal with it. So far, the Trojan has not been found on any of our computers, but we are still looking.

Student laptops and other mobile devices that use our network should also be checked. In fact, for the time being, students will not be allowed to use their own computers on our network without ensuring that they are clear of this Trojan.

For help on finding out if your student's laptop is infected, go to this site address:

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/em/ccirc/2011/in11-002-eng.aspx>



Dear Friends at Quinte Christian High School:

Please send me more information about the endowment program at Quinte Christian High School.

- I would like to learn how I can make a legacy gift to QCHS through my will.
- I am interested in learning how I can support QCHS yet still receive an income for myself.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

explore

If you are a student in Grade 11 or 12, are interested in improving your French, and would like a 5-week paid vacation in Quebec, then the Explore program is for you!

Students get to choose a location in Canada where they would like to go (I personally recommend Trois-Rivières, QC), and fill in an on-line application.

Students who are selected for the bursary receive language instruction at their level, food, accommodation, and entertainment (including day trips!) for five weeks.

So, if you are flexible about summer work, this could be a fun way to improve your employability and knowledge of Canada!



**Five-Week French-Language
Bursary Program
Most expenses are covered!**

Talk to Mrs. Bootsma for more information, or check out www.myexplore.ca

Bon voyage!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Do you need help budgeting your finances? Purchasing Gift cards, can help.

Every month you can purchase a set amount of grocery cards and/or gas cards, and then use them for the month, to help you stay in your budget. Some gift card users find this very helpful.

We want to thank all of our faithful monthly buyers. This fundraiser helps generate substantial amounts of "free" money for our school.

The only effort involved is to make the time to:

- ◆ commit to a regular order being sent home, or

- ◆ buying from the school regularly with an order form, or

- ◆ dropping in to get your cards.

We accept debit, cheques or cash, and we will accept credit cards for the gift cards that bring in 5% or more profit.

Come in and see our variety of cards, or call the school or one the volunteers to ask any questions.

Thank you,

Sue Wiarda and Judy McCaughen
Parent Volunteers for the
Gift Card Fundraising Committee

ARTS NIGHT 2012

Arts Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 pm.

Arts Council is currently in the process of drumming up a variety of student acts, as well as organizing items for a Silent 'Arts' Auction. The evening will be a café style in the gym, featuring student actors, artists, singers and instrumentalists.



You won't want to miss this amazing opportunity to experience the wide range of talents here at Quinte Christian High School!

CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church in Trenton, ON, is actively seeking a part-time Church Administrator.

This person must have a committed love for the Lord and a willingness to support the ministries of our church.

The ideal candidate must possess exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills while working in a team environment.

Proficient knowledge of computer programs/skills (ie. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, ChurchPlus) is essential. The Church Administrator will be accountable to the lead pastor. This position becomes available May 15, 2012. Eligible candidates please submit a resume via email to Jacqueline Vink @ jhvink@hotmail.com by February 29, 2012.

For full job description, including salary and required hours, please contact Jacqueline by email or phone @ 613-392-1415.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The season has a couple of weeks to go before the Bay of Quinte Championships.

Both teams are doing very well and currently at the top of the league. Schedules, scores and league standings can be seen at the following website;

<http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/~nicc/bqvolleyball>.

Standings and updates:

Junior Girls

- Currently tied for 1st place in league, looking to finish strong before the Bay of Quinte Championships on February 23 at Marc Garneau.
- Play at COSSA on February 27 at QCHS.

Senior Girls

- Currently in 1st place in league, looking to finish strong before the Bay of Quinte Championships on Feb 22 at Nicholson.
- Will play in the Christian School tournament hosted by QCHS on February 3 and 4.
- Play at COSSA on February 27 at QCHS.
- The top two teams from COSSA will qualify for OFSAA this year, we have a good chance of being one of the top two in COSSA. OFSAA is March 5 – 7 in Toronto.

**SEMESTER 1 FINAL
REPORT CARDS WILL
BE MAILED HOME ON
FEBRUARY 3, 2012.**

**EARLY BIRD REPORTS
FOR SEMESTER 2 WILL
BE MAILED ON MARCH
24, 2012.**

“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, and on the roads as we continue develop and share the gifts He has given us for His glory.”

BOYS BASKETBALL

This year the Bay of Quinte league is playing in one tier, therefore we will play every-one else in the league. This has made for some very challenging competition for the boys. Information about the league, as well as schedules and scores can be found at the following website <http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/~nicc/bq/bqmain.html> .

Standings and updates:

Junior Boys

- Currently in 7th place in league. Top 8 make the play-offs.
- Looking forward to competing in play-offs which begin February 14.
- Will play in Kawartha for COSSA on February 22.

Senior Boys

- Currently in 10th place in league standing.
- Will travel to Hamilton for the Christian School tournament on February 3 and 4.
- Will play in Kawartha 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 5 – 7, in St. Catharine's.

REMINDER: FEBRUARY 1 ONTARIO COLLEGE “EQUAL CONSIDERATION” APPLICATION DEADLINE

College applications received and paid for on or before this date will be given equal consideration by the colleges.

After this date, applications are still processed, but are considered by the colleges on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications are made on www.ontariocolleges.ca. Students will need their OEN from Mr. Smeenk or Mrs. Hogewoning in order to apply.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Smeenk bsmeenk@qchs.ca .

**QUINTE CHRISTIAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

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.

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BADMINTON & TRACK AND FIELD

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 or 613-968-7870 ex 222.

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 or 613-968-7870 ex 222.

GAME DATES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

| Date | Team | Time | Place |
|-------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| Feb 1 | Boys Basketball | Jr 5 & Sr 6:30 | NCC |
| Feb 3, 4 | Sr. Girls Volleyball | All Day | QCHS (OCSSAA) |
| Feb 3, 4 | Sr. Boys Basketball | All Day | Hamilton (OCSSAA) |
| Feb 7 | Boys Basketball | Jr 5 & Sr 6:30 | ENSS |
| Feb 7 | Girls Volleyball | 4 & 6 | QCHS |
| Feb 22 | Boys Basketball COSSA | All Day | Norwood |
| Feb 22 | Sr. Girls Volleyball B of Q | All Day | NCC |
| Feb 23 | Jr. Girls Volleyball B of Q | All Day | ESMG |
| Feb 27 | Girls Volleyball COSSA | All Day | QCHS |
| TBA | Sr. Boys Basketball Play-off with Ottawa | | Ottawa |
| Mar 5, 6, 7 | Sr. Girls Volleyball OFSAA | All Day | Toronto |
| Mar 5, 6, 7 | Sr. Boys Basketball OFSAA | All Day | St. Catharine's |



The QCHS Athletic Council is hosting their annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

March 3, 2012
Cost: \$20/player

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Contact Matt Serviss at merviss@qchs.ca or John VanderWindt at athletics@qchs.ca by February 24.