

Grapevine Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2*

Most hearty and joyful congratulations to our senior boys volleyball team who were the undisputed winners at OFSAA in Manitoulin! A BIG thank you to John Scheerhoorn, their coach, and Calvin Kennedy, Colten Lasher and Jared Moelker who helped out with practices, as well as parent drivers and all those who have supported the boys along the way. The attitude of our boys on the court was a wonderful testimony to God's work in their lives.

Our annual **Grade 8 Day is coming up on Monday, Dec.5** (snow day back up date Dec.6). If you know of a family who might be interested in having their Grade 8 student check out the school, please encourage them to join us for the day. Our visitors receive a free lunch and snacks from Mrs. French's Cafe. The day runs from 9 – 2:15. The student promotion team is presenting to our 6 feeder schools this week to invite all Grade 8 students to come for the day.

A sincere thank you to the Craft Sale committee, including Margriet Borger, Dee DeSnoo, Leslie Bertelink, Beth Lake and Erika Palen and the many volunteers who helped out for the craft sale again this year. It was a great success!

Also a very big thank you to Brenda VanEgmond, Henrietta Couperus and Betty Kroezen, and their team of parent and student assistants who participated in the pie making fundraiser in the QC kitchen. They made 300 apple pies and raised \$1800 which will go to the student fundraising project to develop the courtyard behind the school.

Parent Teacher interviews happened this past Monday on our PD day. The staff really appreciated the interviews and the change to conducting during the day and early evening. They felt much more alert than they did when we had them during the evenings after a day of teaching.

Our condolences to the Christiaanse and Olsen families on the passing of Cori and Marg's mom, and Mary's grandmother. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. On behalf of the staff and students of QCHS, I would like to wish you a joyful and blessed Advent season as we wait for the coming of the Lord again this Christmas. May your times with family and friends be blessed. We pray for safe travel for all those on the highways over the holidays. May the Lord bless you and your family richly in 2012.



GRADE 8 DAY

All Grade 8 students are invited for our annual Grade 8 Day on Monday, December 5, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Students who are considering QCHS are invited to spend the day with us.

STRATEGIC PLAN CORNER

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We are currently looking at the new OACS guidelines for office staff. The new guideline makes a more careful attempt to recognize the many responsibilities carried by the office staff, and to reward them appropriately.

This year we also did a review of the extracurricular program, and concluded that we are offering a considerable amount of choice.

Built into the recommendation is that we consider student requests on a case by case basis, assessing the viability given our staff and resources, and the benefit to the student body.

Johan Cooke
Principal

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STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council organized a “gym riot” again this year, with all new activities. Students were grouped into house teams, which competed against each other in a number of silly relay events: scooter races down the hallways, cheerio transporting with a toothpick (!?), and walking with 2 x 4 snowshoes.

Also new this year were a number of “food challenges” which involved demonstration events, in which 2 students from each grade volunteer to be the competitors. They participated in messy activities involving food items – equally fun for spectators!

We are also planning for our Christmas banquet, “Carnival in Venice” on Dec. 10. Tickets are \$20 this year and the food will be great! Students are asked to wear masks for the first part of the evening.

THE FUTURE

Where is QCHS headed in the future? This fall John VanderWindt and I attended the OCSAA conference in Orillia. We were treated to workshops with Dr. Barrett Mosbacker, superintendent of the Briarwood Christian Schools in Birmingham, Alabama. He brought us up to speed on how the world is changing rapidly in the way technology is being applied, and the possibilities for new kinds of learning in education – very exciting.

One of the questions Dr. Mosbacker asked us was this one: *Are we preparing our students for the world they are going into, or for the world we’ve come from?*

This year we are committed to exploring some of the new technology and learning ideas that are happening out there in education. We want to create a plan for innovation for the future. We always need to be open to change and growth in how we teach and how kids learn. Last week I spent 2 days in Calgary at Masters Academy and College, a K-12 school that is pioneering some innovative ideas in learning. Could it be that God is nudging us to grow our program here, to help us establish our niche in the educational community, and further enhance the learning for our students? Please pray for us to be led as we go on this journey.

Johan Cooke
Principal

BOARD REPORT

The November School Board meeting was quite encouraging as we received some reports about the 'shalom' that God has granted us here at QC. We are very thankful for that!

The late van to Kingston is operating well and we are hopeful that this will result in a more favourable reception for QC in the Kingston community.

Thanks to the Fundraising Committee for an excellent Craft Show. \$5000 was raised. An additional \$23,779 has been pledged towards the mortgage since the gala. These funds will be matched dollar for dollar by anonymous donors. Any more pledges before the end of the year will be matched up to \$50,000 so if you have been holding off, we encourage you to pledge soon.

Thank you to those members who provided feedback after the Fall Membership Meeting about marketing the school to international students. We will be pondering the implications of having more international students at upcoming meetings. We will be reviewing the Strategic Plan to ensure that some of the very good recommendations are being implemented. Congratulations to the Senior Boys Volleyball team for their OFSAA Gold! And thank you to those sponsors who covered the team's costs for the trip. Sandy Brunsting, Board Secretary

OFSAA GOLD MEDALIST 2ND YEAR IN A ROW!

Congratulations to John Scheerhoorn and Calvin Kennedy for leading the senior boys team through an incredible season finishing with a record of 39 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties. The team won their 3rd consecutive gold medals at the Bay of Quinte championships, and OCSSAA. They captured their 7th consecutive COSSA championship. Last weekend, the team traveled to Manitoulin Island, for OFSAA and went into the tournament as the defending Gold medalist and ranked #1. They won all their round robin games and their quarter final game. The semi-finals against Woodland is where they really showed their mental toughness. After losing the first set and being down in the second set 20 – 14, they came back and won that game 26 – 24 and the final set 15 – 18. The finals against Mère Teresa from Hamilton was a back and forth series until part way through the 4th game. We lost game 1, 28 – 26, won game 2, 25 – 21, lost game 3, 26 – 24, game 4 was tied at 10 – 10 and then the other team showed that they were physically and mentally tired, as we went on a run and won game 4, 25 – 13. We won our second straight OFSAA gold medal in the 5th set with a score of 15 – 10.

The junior boys volleyball went through some early coaching changes and came together under the direction of Tim Hoornweg and Steve Veenstra (both former QCHS volleyball players) and the hard work by the team to paid off as they were able win enough games to qualify for the Bay of Quinte championships in 6th place and finish 5th at the tournament. After a slow start at COSSA they came back and played an excellent championship match against Marc Garneau, we took the silver.

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

If you are planning to make a tuition payment or donation to the school before December 31 it must be delivered to the office by December 22 (can be post-dated to Dec. 31).

Otherwise it must be mailed to the school and post-marked on or before December 31, 2011 in order for it to count for 2011.

Laura Vink,
Financial Assistant

MORTGAGE REDUCTION DONATION MATCHING OFFER TO EXPIRE DEC 31, 2011

We are pleased to announce that a few anonymous donors have come forward who are willing to match any new donations designated for the mortgage, up to \$50,000.

That means we could possibly reduce our mortgage by another \$100,000! What a wonderful potential gift to the school!

We are so thankful that God has provided us with such a supportive Christian community and understand that many of you already support QCHS in so many ways and may have already given towards the mortgage.

However, if you have not yet donated to the Mortgage Reduction Campaign or would like to take advantage of this offer, please do so soon as it is only valid until Dec. 31.

CHRISTMAS ALIVE 2011

THROUGH WAR AND PEACE

- * A musical drama about finding peace in our times
- * Featuring International Gospel Tenor, John Starnes, from Nashville, TN
- * On Dec. 9,10,11 at 7 pm
- * At Calvary Temple, 679 Dundas St. West
- * There is no charge for admission, however, there will be a free will offering.
- * Nursery care is provided for children up to 3 yrs.
- * Wheelchair accessible
- * Come early for the best seating.
- * We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT TRENTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

HOPE HAS HANDS

At Trenton Wesleyan Church
(125 Dixon Drive, Trenton)

Sat, Dec 3 & Sun, Dec 4 at 6 pm

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through music.

An offering will be received for the Care & Share Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

The evening will conclude with refreshments. For more information, please contact the church office at 613-392-1075

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The senior girls finished their season by winning silver at COSSA. The girls finished 3rd in tier 2 of the Bay of Quinte. They also played in the Christian school tournament, where they played some of their best ball of the season winning the "B" championship. At COSSA they won their semi-final game against Lakefield and then lost a heart breaker to St. Thomas Aquinas from Lindsay, giving them the silver medal. Final score 37 – 36.

The junior girls team learned a lot over the season, but unfortunately was not able to put together a win during the season. We are hoping

that what was learned this year, will be a building block for next year's season. Thank you to Lindsay Serviss for coaching the team this year.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The season also comes so quickly on the heels of the fall season, with the first games coming this year already at the end of November. Schedules, scores and league standings can be seen at the following website; <http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/~nicc/bqvolleyball>. The senior team is coached by John Bertelink with some help from last year's team member Ali Haveman. The senior team is made of Kaitlyn Bertelink, Mary Christiaanse, Tanya Couperus, Cassandra Fledderus, Kathleen Kennedy, Rachel Patterson, Leanna Petrusma, Kadra Pond, Shaelyn Prins, Maria Siebenga, and Tanisha teBrake. The juniors are coached by Greg Stoffers and Gerald VanVark, The junior team members are Marlisa Bevaart, Nikita Bulten, Bethany Koenes, Sophia Lachapelle, Tessa Mills, Breanne Scheerhoorn, Lydia Siebenga, Courtney Stoffers, Jasmine Sweeney, Marissa teBrake, Lindsay VanVark, and Emma Vreugdenhil.

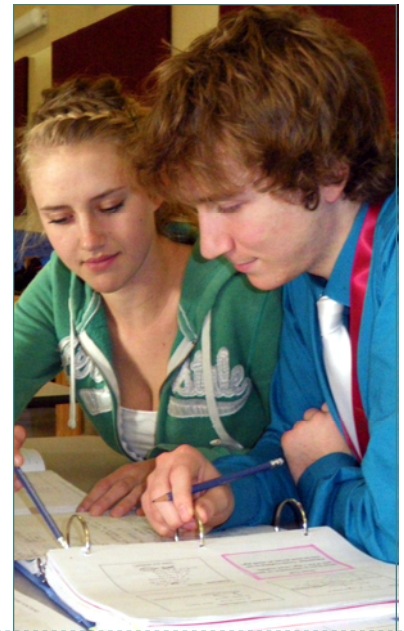
BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys who were not involved with volleyball began practicing a few weeks ago early in the morning as the fall team sports needed the gym for afternoon practices. This was a good thing since their first game came one day after the senior boys volleyball team came back from OFSAA. Last year the teams played in a tier system, this year all the teams are in one division and therefore our team will play all the other schools. This means lots of games which makes it harder to get in the necessary practice time. They have already had two games. The schedule and results can be found on the following website: <http://www.alcdsb.on.ca/~nicc/bq/bqmain.html> The teams will be coached by Mats Serviss and Ryan Meeks. The junior team consists of Jake Benn, Gerald Bilker, James Bootsma, Joshua Lasher, Noah McCaughen, Daniel Perry, Jeremy Petrusma, Aiden VanRoon, Mark Wikkerink, Andrew Wryghte and Jake Zimmerman. The senior boys team is made up of Jake Adams, A. J. Bootsma, David Emmerson, Ben Hoftzyer, Caleb Hutchinson, Ben Mills, Jonathan Post, Thomas Vink, Brett Whitley and Gabe Zimmerman.

ACADEMIC UPDATE

We are approaching the end of the semester. It is important for students to finish the semester strong. We recommend that students begin studying the week or two before their exams. In order for students to receive credit for their courses they must complete all the requirements of the course. This means that all assignments need to be completed. The final date to hand in assignments is **January 16**. The final week of classes will be a time for wrapping up the course and preparing the students for their final exams.

The exams are scheduled to be written on **January 24** and **January 26**. January 23 and 25 are study days where the students are to study at home. January 27, 30 and 31 are marking and turnaround days for the staff to finish up the first semester and prepare for the second semester. There are no classes held these days. Second semester begins on **Wednesday February 1**.



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GIRLS NIGHT 2011

Girls Night 2011 was held on Nov. 25 at QCHS. There were just under 50 girls who attended to be pampered by our 8 manicurists and 4 hair stylists.

The girls spent the evening listening to Lucille Kyle, guest speaker from Bancroft, give a talk on friendships before getting their nails or hair done, baking, socializing, giving each other facials or spending sometime outside around a bon fire - if not all of the above! Beauty Works Day Spa, the Body Shop, LUSH Cosmetics, No Frills, Starbucks, Liz's Place and Rosewood College were able partner with Girls Night and provided some amazing donations - from gift cards and free makeovers to products such as hairspray or nail files to beautiful baskets used as raffle prizes.

Combining the money from the raffles and the donation of each girl for the evening we were able to raise just under \$1000 for African Inland Missions and the Bunia Street Kids Project.

We say a HUGE thank you to each company that donated, as well as to our amazing volunteers for the evening!

We hope to continue this event in the future and if you are looking to get involved for next year's event, or have any questions, feel free to email qcgirlsnight@hotmail.com.

Carrie Post, Kristen Brown, and Erika Haveman (Girls Night Organizers)



**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.

GAME DATES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Date	Team	Time	Place
Dec 6	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	QCHS
Dec 7	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	QCHS
Dec 7	Girls Volleyball	5 & 6	PECI
Dec 8	Jr Girls Volleyball	5 & 6	STSS
Dec 8	Sr Girls Volleyball	4	STSS
Dec 9	Jr Girls Volleyball	ALL DAY	TDCH (Toronto)
Dec 12	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	CHSS
Dec 13	Girls Volleyball	4 & 6	QCHS
Dec 15	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	QCHS
Dec 19	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	QCHS
Dec 22	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	PECI
Dec 22	Girls Volleyball	4 & 5	MSS
Jan 10	Girls Volleyball	5 & 6	CHSS
Jan 12	Boys Basketball	Jr 5 & Sr 6:30	NCC
Jan 16	Boys Basketball	Jr 4 & Sr 5:30	SPSS

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A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

presented by

Trenton Wesleyan Church
125 Dixon Drive, Trenton

*Saturday & Sunday
December 3 & 4
6:00 pm*

A freewill offering will be received
for the Care & Share Food Bank and the Salvation Army.