



Grapevine Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have had a great start to the year so far. Students and teachers are busy with new lessons and assignments, and coaches for girls basketball and boys volleyball have started team practices. It is good to be back!

At the opening assembly, we were delighted to have a number of you join us to celebrate this new beginning. We heard from the new student council who led us in prayer for the different aspects of the school community. Our board chair, Mr. John Scheerhoorn, brought us greetings from the Board.

Our enrolment is at 151 students and 113 families. This year we have 38 students in our Grade 9 class and 11 new students in Grades 10-12. They come from a variety of communities and schools. It is exciting to have so many communities represented in our school.

A special welcome to our new teacher, Miss Janet Breimer! Miss Breimer completed her undergraduate degree at Redeemer University College, where she majored in English and History. She completed her B.Ed. at Queens University in Kingston, and then spent this past year teaching in a school in England. We are delighted to have her on staff for this semester while Mrs. Wiles is serving in India. Although we said good-bye to Mrs. Wryghte last year, we are happy to report that she will be returning next semester to take over while Mrs. Serviss is on maternity leave. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Smeenk on the birth of their third child, Ellen Jayne Smeenk, 7lb 14oz, born Sept.25 at 11:55 am! Mother and baby are doing well.

We would like to offer our condolences to Ben and Patricia Bilker and Gerald (Gr.10) on the passing of Ben's mom and Gerald's grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

THEME FOR THE YEAR: THE AMAZING RACE

Theme Verse: Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?

"Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever." I Cor. 9:24-25



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Meet and Greet Dinner for new incoming parents on Tuesday, October 4th from 6:30-7:30pm.



BOARD REPORT

The new school year is off to a good start and so is the new board. Some highlights:

Thanks to the many community members who showed up for the opening assembly. It was a great way to start the school year.

The number of families for this school year stands at 113. When so many schools around us have shrinking numbers due to demographic shifts, we are grateful to be maintaining enrolment.

The atmosphere in the school seems to be very positive. What a healthy, wholesome and Christ-centred environment for our students!

The bus routes are operating well - and our cost per day is down significantly from last year!

In reviewing the final numbers from the previous school year, we seem to be coming in under budget with respect to operating expenses. However, when the interest on the mortgage is factored in, there is a small deficit. This underscores the need to reduce the mortgage as much as possible.

The Formal Gala Evening to reduce the mortgage is coming up this weekend. By the time you read this, Lord willing, it will be a great memory! Mrs. Sandy Brunsting

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CLASS TRIPS

On Thursday, October 6, this year's **Grade 9 class** will be heading to Camp Mini-Yo-We in Port Sydney, near Huntsville. This grade 9 trip always proves to be a highlight for the students at QCHS. We will be participating in activities to promote group work, team building and connecting with others they don't know. The students will get to choose from activities such as Rock Climbing, Ropes Courses, Archery, Mountain Biking, and Rappelling. Some students have already requested to go swimming (Brrrr). Look for the exciting details in the next issue of the grapevine.

The **Grade 10 Art class** is looking forward to their architecture tour of Ontario houses. The bus starts by touring through the streets of Belleville and then to Kingston, coming back through Napanee. \$20 will cover bus expenses and entry into some of the homes. The date is Wed. Oct 12. The bus will leave the school at 9:00 am and return at 3:00 pm.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

We are approaching the end of Year 3 of the QCHS Strategic Plan. Some of the areas we are working on in the school are spiritual growth and mentorship, service opportunities, staff wellness, and a school marketing plan.

A number of goals have been met. One of these is student workload. For two years in a row, we conducted an extensive 2-week homework survey with all the students. Some interesting highlights that came from the surveys we collected were:

- * Students appeared to answer the surveys with integrity.
- * Many of them indicated that they did very little daily homework, but would put in a large chunk of time on the week-end or on one night to catch up.
- * Most of the homework times indicated by students fell within the guidelines for homework published by the school.
- * There were a couple of areas where homework needed to be reduced.
- * Many students did not work ahead or plan to stay on top of work for a test or major assignment, but left this until the night before the due date.

As a response to these results, teachers are working with Grade 9 and 10 students on a yearly basis to improve their study skills. Where homework needed to be cut back, the principal implemented a strategy to reduce the workload in these areas.

Mr. Dirk Hogewoning, Strategic Plan Chair
Mr. Johan Cooke, Principal



Eagle Run 2011

WHY A LATE KINGSTON VAN?

This year we have a late van leaving at 5:30 pm for Kingston each day as needed, so that students from Kingston can participate in extracurricular activities. You may be wondering why Kingston and not other communities?

For some years parents in Kingston have wanted to send their teens to QCHS, but because of the distance (an hour each way on a good day), most parents have voted with their feet and chosen a Kingston high school. Most families cannot manage the extra two hours a day to make the trip. For instance, many sports teams have 2 or 3 practices a week plus a game. Furthermore, because we manage to attract 2 or 3 families at most, car pooling is not a viable option yet for parents.

Two years ago, a number of Kingston families initiated a meeting with us to see if we could start a QCHS satellite high school in Kingston. By the end of our meeting, it became clear that a satellite school could not offer the range of programs and extracurricular activities that we currently offer at QCHS, and that what was needed was a way to transport students for extracurricular activities.

Kingston is the largest city in our catchment area, and we would like to make a way to attract more students from Kingston. Unless we continue to expand in areas such as Kingston, we are unlikely to experience the growth we need to sustain our broad academic and extracurricular programs. In the next few years, we are hoping to grow the number of Kingston families as well as recruit more international students.

Last year, the board agreed to put the Kingston late van on the road if we could attract one more family from Kingston. Despite our attempts, this did not happen. The week before school started, a new family to the school heard about our need and made a donation to fund the Kingston van to the tune of a whole tuition! This was so exciting and provided the added nudge we needed to step out in faith and try the late van for Kingston.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to email me at principal@qchs.ca

Mr. Johan Cooke, Principal

WELCOME & GOODBYE

We would like to welcome the following new families:

David & Jody	Bevaart, Marlisa	9
Sunny	Choi	10
Angela	Devries, Jessica	9
David & Annette	Eastcott, Jeffery	9*
Bryan & Darcy	Emmerson, David	12*
Troy & Heather	Fallaise, Mikaela	9
Chris & Sonja	Hengeveld, Noel	9
Dennis	Kim	11
Heather	Lee	12
Kevin & Kimberley	Leeman, Harrison	10
Kevin & Monica	Macgregor, Holly	9
Jim & Janice	Mason, Jared	12
Jamie & Heather	Moore, Makenzie	9
David & Angela	Prinzen, Daniel	9
Jim & Kathy	Roeper, David	9
Rick & Sandra	Sweeney, Jasmine	9
Mitch & Holly	Vanberkel, Isaac	9
Joshua 11, & Kaila 12		
Diane	Vance-Mulvihill, Alina	9
Wendy	VanRoon, Aidan	9
Brent & Stefanie	Vreugdenhil, Emma	9

*Returning after a year absence

We would like to say farewell to the following families who are no longer with us - we hope you will keep in touch with us:

Paul & Susan	Adams
Scooby	Ahn
Bill & Deborah	Bronson
Bill & Cindy	DeRoos
Bill & Dee	DeSnoo
Andre & Anita	deVries
Gerald & Joanne	Draaistra
Frank & Karen	Haveman
Dirk & Hermien	Hogewoning
Earl & Shelley	Jones
Andrew & Donna	Jongenotter
Jung	Kim
Fred & Betty	Kroezen
Elias & Carolyn	Maraghi
Jeremy & Abby	Mills
Joanne	Morrison
Ken & Julie	Neshinapaise
Ken & Marg	Kew
Jong & Shinsook	Park
Gregory & Tammy	Peck
John & Ingrid	Roeper
Gary & Debbie	Tweedy
Maurice & Brenda	VanEgmond
Kasey & Liz	VanderVeen
Paul & Beth	Vreugdenhil
Joseph & Ann	Waswa
Ken & Eleanor	Wielemaker

COMPUTER LAB

We are pleased to announce that we now have a second lab located in the west end of the school in the music room.

The new lab currently holds 15 computers which allows classes access to computers when the main lab is booked or when there is a regularly scheduled class occupying the lab as a classroom.

A further benefit is that the technology and computer composition component to the music program can be better serviced. We are always working to improve student access to technology and making the most of what God have blessed us with.

David Grills

6TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT SALE

November 18 5-9 pm
November 19 9am-3pm

We are looking forward to welcoming many of the vendors who have participated in previous years as well as a good number of new vendors.

Some of the great crafts being sold this year include various styles of Woodwork, Photography, Jewellery, Cross Stitch, Knitting, Watercolour Paintings, Sewing, Art & Floral Arrangements.

Other gift products will be available from businesses such as Avon, Hearts to God Christian Books, Arbonne, Trish's Plant Place. Someone will be on hand so you can stock up on gift cards for Christmas gifts as well as cards for everyday shopping.

The Cafe' will be serving an excellent selection of hot lunches and tasty desserts. We will also be taking orders for croquettes so you will have them before Christmas.

We will also run a bake sale with all the proceeds going directly to QCHS. For these tables we are taking donations of baked goods. Of course we can only make this happen with the help of many volunteers. You will be getting a call in the next few weeks. We are hoping you will all be able to join us for some great fellowship and a whole lot of shopping! :)

There are still some spaces available! To apply contact Margriet Borger margriet@kos.net 613-961-0799 or Dee DeSnoo bill_dee_snoo@live.com 613-771-9920

STRATFORD FESTIVAL

The Quinte Christian High School tradition of the senior trip to the Stratford Festival continues this year.

The Grade 11 and 12 English classes will be seeing Shakespeare's The Twelfth Night. The cost for the day is \$65 which includes transportation and a theatre ticket.

Students have received a full itinerary of the trip which is expected to be handed in no later than Thursday Sept. 29th with a cheque for the amount payable to Quinte Christian High School.

Miss Janet Breimer and Mrs. Kristen Brown

NEW CREATION

Rehearsals for this year's edition of New Creation are well on their way. This exciting new music program at Quinte Christian High School allows students to earn music credits for performance.

Once again, our repertoire will be a mix of Contemporary Worship music and Classic Rock songs. Too date, music has included a very authentic version of Blood, Sweat and Tears – Spinning Wheel, Manifesto – by a new Christian Rock Band out of Cambridge, and Lead Me to the Cross.

Plans for the year include performances at Grade 8 Day, Membership Meetings, and New Parent's Night as well as a brief tour in the Spring.

Mr. Ian Adams

GRADE 9 GUIDANCE MEETINGS

On Sept. 13 I met with the entire grade 9 class to discuss life at QCHS. We addressed the topic “The Way High School is supposed to be”. We had a lively and meaningful session of brainstorming and sharing. We engaged God’s call to love others as He has loved us. The grade 9s suggested wise and excellent ways to deal with new friendships, cliques, bullying, school work and teachers. We were able to paint a picture of the kind of safe and loving school we hope QCHS will be for them. We also embraced the fact that their choices will have a large impact on what QCHS will be like.

In addition to this large-group session, small-group, sessions have begun. I am meeting with the grade 9s in groups of five or six, so that we can get to know each other better, address any questions or concerns they may have, and encourage them to make the most of the opportunities God gives them at QCHS. Those opportunities usually arise in areas such as academics, extra-curricular, and social relationships. It is my hope that the students will feel welcome here at QCHS, and that they will not hesitate to ask for help from me or any of the staff.

Mr. Brent Smeenk, Guidance Counsellor



*“Student council has only one major fundraiser to pay for school events... We are asking for your generous support during our MAGAZINE sales campaign. When ordering online at www.qsp.ca use the code **11583** as our group number.”*

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council has had a busy September so far.

On the first day of school “clans” were organized to welcome the new grade 9s into the school. As well as an informal tour of the school and help with stubborn lockers, new students received a coupon for a delicious giant cookie from the French Café. Student council also provided snacks for the entire student body.

Students are currently enjoying the “clothespin game”, during which students attach a clothespin to their intended “victim” of the day.

Classroom representatives have been elected for this year: Kathryn Davies and Garrison Oosterhof for grade 9, Lindsay Van Vark and Daniel Tapp for grade 10, Jocelyn Carney and Blake Scheerhorn in grade 11, and Maria Siebenga and Didi Weyer for grade 12. Congratulations, and thank you to all students who were let their names stand for election.

Student council has only one major fundraiser to pay for school events this year, so we are asking once again for your generous support during our MAGAZINE sales campaign. Magazine sales run from September 20 until October 11. We are strongly encouraging students/families to place orders online; that way the magazine subscriptions are processed in a more timely manner.

In keeping with thousands of other students in North America, we will be meeting for “See you at the Pole”, an international day of prayer for schools. Students and parents will meet at 7:00 AM Wednesday the 28th of September. Student council will be preparing a delicious breakfast (and coffee) for sleepy/hungry prayer warriors!

Our theme of the year is “The Amazing Race”, inspired by 1 Corinthians 9:24,25. Indeed, at QCHS, students are in training for a kind of race, one with an eternal reward! May we run it well!

Mrs. Lisa Bootsma, Staff Adviser for SC

WILLING WORKERS FOR QCHS

It is our 34th year of fundraising, which now is exclusively BA-ZAARS - one bazaar in the spring and two bazaars in the fall, all in Belleville.

Our dates this fall are:

- * October 17, 18 & 19 at Bay View Mall (No Evenings)
- * October 24-29 at Quinte Mall (Monday-Friday Evenings)

New volunteers are continually needed for selling and/or baking. The public likes the large and varied amount of baking we have. Please package (securely) and label your baking; we will price it.

NOTE: We are announcing that the fall bazaars at the Armoury Mall in Picton will be discontinued after 22 years due to ongoing decline in mall traffic.

For more information contact Sadie Bakker at 613-476-7525.

DISCIPLINE OR DISCIPLESHIP

Quinte Christian High School is intentional about helping parents raise young people to be active citizens in God's world. This includes modeling God's love and discipline to our young people.

We all make mistakes and experience God's grace. It is through this grace that we learn who God is and how much he loves us. We follow those same principles as we administer discipline at QCHS.

It is not about the rules, but how to do life within a community of believers.

It is true that in any community, there has to be rules, but there also needs to be grace and learning and that is what we try to encourage among our students.

If you ever have any questions about discipline or how we encourage growth at QCHS feel free to contact John VanderWindt at athletics@qchs.ca or 613-968-7870 x222.

EAGLE RUN

It was a cool September morning on the 17th when about 150 participants descended on the Quinte Conservation area across from the school. We thank the local businesses who supported this fundraiser with over \$4000 in funds. This money will help with purchasing of uniforms, updating the medical kits, reducing some of the student athlete fees and other needs of the athletic department.

The Athletic Department would like to thank all the runners and corporate sponsors that participated in the event and made it an incredible success.

Congratulations to our medal winners:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Medal</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>
Junior 2K	Gold	Brian Koning	9:50
	Silver	Josiah Siebenga	10:07
	Bronze	Daryl Koning	10:17
Junior 5K	Gold	Chris Hoftzyer	23:20
	Silver	Liam Bootsma	27:34
Women's 5K	Gold	Marlisa Bevaart	22:12
	Silver	Jessica Luttjeboer	27:26
	Bronze	Breanna Adams	29:47
Men's 5K	Gold	Daniel Siebenga	22:06
	Silver	Gabe Zimmerman	22:15
	Bronze	Jeremy Petrusma	23:00
Women's 5K over 30	Gold	Leslie Bertelink	32:24
Men's 5K over 30	Gold	Paul Zimmerman	23:24
	Silver	Rob Haggarty	25:08
	Bronze	Peter Bouwma	26:18
Women's 10K	Gold	Susan Neely	1:11:20
	Silver	Marlene Wolters	1:37:26
Men's 10K	Gold	Ben Luttjeboer	44:55
	Silver	Ben Mills	46:20
	Bronze	Mats Serviss	47:52

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each year our students have the opportunity to participate in numerous extracurricular activities.

This year students can be part of organizing groups, such as Arts Council, Athletic Council and Student Council, which plan and help with the organizing and running of the school drama, athletic events and activities for the students at school.

They can also participate in noon hour activities in the shop, where they plan on making a fishing net or clock.

Other noon activities include being part of a choir (something new for this year) or jazz band. There is also a prayer team which meets weekly and also plans activities such as prayer around the pole.

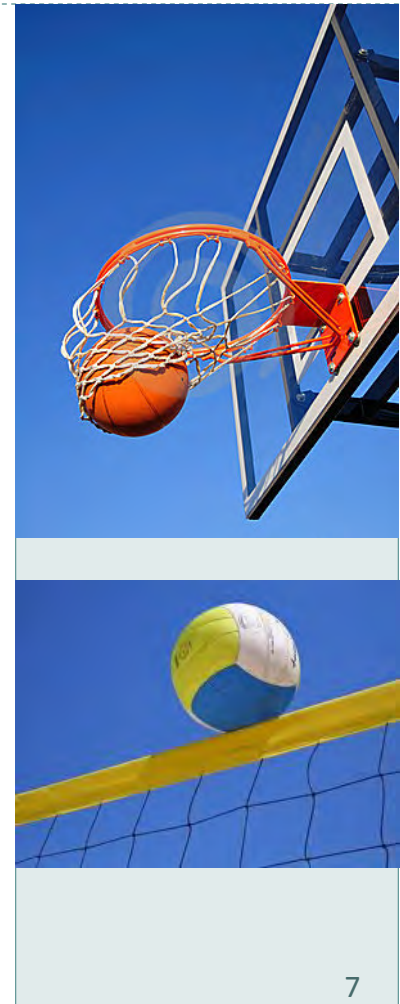
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GAME DATES FOR OCTOBER

Date	Team	Time	Place
Oct 3	Boys Volleyball	5pm & 6pm	CSS
Oct 4	OCSSAA X – Country	All Day	Orilla
Oct 6	Girls Basketball	Jr. 5pm Sr. 6:30pm	QCHS
Oct 11	Sr. Boys Volleyball	4pm	QCHS
Oct 12	Girls Basketball	Sr. 5pm Jr. 6:30pm	CSS
Oct 14	B of Q Invite X – Country	All Day	Goodrich Loomis
Oct 17	Girls Basketball	Jr. 5pm Sr. 6:30pm	QCHS
Oct 19	B of Q Champion X – Country	All Day	Goodrich Loomis
Oct 19	Jr. Girls Basketball	5pm	QCHS
Oct 20	Boys Volleyball	5pm & 6pm	NCC
Oct 21	Jr. Boys Volleyball	All Day	Toronto
Oct 25	Sr. Girls Basketball	5pm	NHHS
Oct 25	Boys Volleyball	4pm & 6pm	QCHS
Oct 26	COSSA X – Country	All Day	Lindsay
Oct 26	Girls Basketball	Sr. 5pm Jr. 6:30pm	QCHS
Oct 31	Girls Basketball	Jr. 5pm Sr. 6:30pm	CHHS
Nov 1	Sr. Boys Volleyball	5pm & 6pm	QSS
Nov 2	Jr. Boys Volleyball	5pm & 6pm	NAEC
Nov 4, 5	Senior Girls Basketball	All Day	Hamilton (OCSSAA)
Nov 4, 5	Senior Boys Volleyball	All Day	Bowmanville (OCSSAA)



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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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Quinte Christian High School athletes are truly blessed to be able to play in such a state of the art facility. As athletes and coaches we are extremely grateful for the sacrifices and support from our parents and friends. We hope you will again support and encourage us this year. We also want to thank you in advance for driving to practices and games. The athletes love having fans in the gym supporting them. Be sure to check the sports schedule for all the upcoming games. Game results and other information will also be posted on the QCHS Facebook page. Information will also be posted on the athletics page of the QCHS website, www.qchs.ca.

Throughout the season our school participates in two different leagues and at a number of different schools. The local league in which we participate is the Bay of Quinte, which is part of Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA), one of a number of regions which make up the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA). We also participate in the Ontario Christian Secondary School Athletic Association (OCSSAA) which is made up of 19 Christian High Schools in Ontario. The Bay of Quinte schools are: In Belleville, Centennial Secondary School (CSS) Nicholson Catholic College (NCC) Quinte Secondary School (QSS) Moira Secondary School (MSS) and St Theresa Secondary School (STSS). In Quinte West, Bayside Secondary School (BSS), Escole Marc Garneau (ESMG) by the Trenton Air Base, Trenton High School (THS), and St Paul Secondary School (SPSS). The other schools are Picton Educational Collegiate Institute (PECI), East Northumberland Secondary School (ENSS) in Brighton, North Addington Educational Centre (NAEC) in Cloyne, Centre Hastings Secondary School (CHSS) in Madoc and North Hastings High School (NHHS) in Bancroft.

Our school will be the host the OCSSAA girls volleyball tournaments in Feb 2012.

Fall sports teams

The junior girl's basketball team is very young with only one returning player from last year's squad. They are coached by Mrs. Serviss. The junior team members are Kathryn Davies, Robyn Dilworth, Tessa Mills, Breanne Scheerhoorn, Jasmine Sweeney, Marissa teBrake, Alina Vance and Emma Vreugdenhil. They have already participated in 4 games and have a record of 0-4.

The senior girl's basketball team is coming off the school's first COSSA gold medal in girls basketball and with many of the players returning we are looking for another strong year. The team members are Mary Christiaanse, Tanya Couperus, Rachel DeBruyn, Kathleen Kennedy, Rachel Patterson, Leanna Petrusma, Kadra Pond and Kaitlin Vanberkel. They have played 3 league games and are off to a great start with a record of 3-0. They will also participate in the Christian School tournament on November 4 and 5 in Hamilton.

This year's junior boy's volleyball team is coached by Mr. Tim Hoornweg, with the assistance of Mr. Steve Veenstra (both alumni of QCHS). League play is just beginning and they will once again participate in the tournament at Toronto District Christian High on Oct 21. The team members are Gerald Bilker, James Bootsma, Joshua DeHaan, Nathan McEwen, Justin Neely, Garrison Oosterhof, Jeremy Petrusma, John Rhebergen, Timothy Salomons, Daniel VanNoy, Nick Wolters, Todd Wolters, Andrew Wryghte, and Michael Wryghte

Last year our senior boy's volleyball team came home with the gold medal at the OFSAA championships. Even though many members of the team graduated, the team looks to do well in league again this year, with the hopes of once again participating in OFSAA. Last weekend they took home the bronze medal at the Queen's University Tournament in Kingston. The team is coached by Mr. John Scheerhoorn with the assistance of Calvin Kennedy, Colten Lasher and Jared Moelker. The senior team members are Jake Adams, Kevin Borger, Andrew Fox, Ben Hoftzyer, Harrison Leeman, Blake Scheerhoorn, Tyler Scheerhoorn, Hayden VanVark, Brett Whitley, Mark Wikkerink and Troy Wolters.

This year we will also have a cross country team, or at least a runner, Marlisa Bevaart. She will represent QCHS at the local meets and the Christian School meet on October 4.