

# Grapevine Newsletter

Quinte Christian High School

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:23-25

## Principal's Report

What a blessing it is to see the Lord painting the trees and underbrush again with such vibrant colours! When the sun comes out, the trees are radiant. We live in such a beautiful part of the Creation, don't we?

Next week our teaching and office staff will be attending the annual Ontario Christian School Teachers Association convention in Hamilton. I can hardly wrap my mind around how quickly the year is going! The theme this year is *Woven together in God's Faithfulness* from Hebrews 10:23-25. The keynote speakers are Dr. Steven Garber, the director of The Washington Institute for

Faith, Vocation and Culture; and Dr. Gideon Strauss, CEO for the Center for Public Justice, a network of faithful Christians in the political and educational areas. We hope that these days will provide some extra time for students to work ahead on their major assignments, such as ISU's, or catch up on homework.

On Remembrance Day this year, we are pleased to have Alistair MacKay speaking at an assembly at 9 am. Please join us if you would like to.

We are eager to communicate with you regularly about your student's progress. We know we are more effective when we can work together

to support and encourage your student. You received an Early Bird report card three weeks into the semester. Every 2 weeks progress reports, emails or phone calls happen for students who are falling behind with homework.

Midterm report cards will be handed out to students on Tuesday, November 16, which is also the date of our fall membership meeting.

Our condolences go out to Bill and Cindy DeRoos, Rebecca (alumna 2009), Josiah (11) and Miriam (10) on the passing of Cindy's mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## Calling All Grade 8 Students

Grade 8 Day happens on **Monday Dec. 6**. If you know of a Grade 8 student who might be interested in joining us for the day, please pass along the information. There will be information posted shortly on our website [www.qchs.ca](http://www.qchs.ca). Students receive a free lunch from *The French Café!* The day runs from 9 am- 2 pm.

The student promotion team will be visiting our 5 feeder schools the week before to invite all Grade 8 students to come for the day.

Parents and students are still our best promotion!

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QCHS

Membership Meeting

**When:** Tue, November 16

**Time**

7:00 P.M. Fellowship

7:30 P.M. Meeting starts



Parent/Teacher  
Interviews

**When:** Tue, November 23

Thurs, November 25

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:20 P.M.

Please send an e-mail to the main office after November 16 to schedule appointments.

Appointments are set up in 10-minute intervals per course.

## Board Report



Fall is here and not only have we been blessed with an incredible season of autumn colours, we have been blessed with amazing Christian Education for our children. It is truly a reason for being thankful.

We have an opportunity to share our commitment to QCHS by attending the upcoming Fall Membership Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 16th, 2010. Social/Coffee time starts at 7:00 p.m and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., in the school gym.

This is your venue for sharing any concerns, participating in discussions and dealing with relevant issues. We value your input and cherish your support! We look forward to seeing our members and introducing our newest members and staff.... please take the time and come out to this important meeting.

Your Board continues to work diligently and behind the scenes. Each board member is assigned to a committee and reports back monthly to keep the Board up to date on issues and decisions.

The various committees are Finance, Fundraising, Program, Transportation, Building and Grounds, Mortgage Reduction, Membership and Community Relations. We are so grateful to all the members who serve on these committees and dedicate many hours of time to the betterment of Christian Education. Thank You !

See you at the Membership Meeting !

Brenda VanEgmond  
Secretary of the Board

The school office  
will be closed  
Thursday and Friday  
October 28 and 29.

## Policy Corner-Family Holidays & Attendance

### Rationale

There are times when students miss classes due to family trips throughout the year. Although we understand that there are different needs and considerations for taking a family trip during the school year, it is important to carefully weigh the importance of the learning that is lost as a result. In high school many of the courses have a large participation component and there is learning that takes place through activities in class which cannot be done by reading a textbook and answering questions. As a result students miss out on a significant part of a course, and in some cases create hardship for the group with whom they are working, such as a play or presentation.

### Guidelines

1. It is most beneficial for your student's learning to be in school for every class.
2. The school attendance policy states that medical, school sponsored activities and other special situations, such as family weddings and funerals, are the only valid reasons for absence from regular classes.
3. Students who miss more than 15 classes in a course risk losing the credit.
4. Parents are required to contact the office at **least 2 weeks in advance** of taking students out of school.
5. The student is responsible for making arrangements with the teacher and fellow students to catch up on the work. The student may ask his/her teachers to provide work ahead of time. This will depend on what is happening in those lessons. In some cases, it may not be possible to give the student the work in advance. The student should arrange with another student in the class to share notes and assignments. She/he needs to make every effort to catch up. **It is the student's responsibility.**



## The QCHS Endowment Fund

Currently the QCHS Endowment Fund sits at \$241,709. The 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 provide a permanent annual income for QCHS. Last year we received **\$9,264** in investment income. This income helps make Christian Education affordable.

### Helpful tax tips from Christian Stewardship Services:

Taxes – said to be one of the certainties of life! Few people like paying taxes, but if you pay them you are likely among those who have been blessed with employment. In “managing Caesar”, it’s about paying what’s just and fair.

When asked about paying taxes, Jesus held up a coin and made the remark “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s” [Mark 12: 17]. Jesus indicated that the coin was clearly marked with Caesar’s image. Similarly our money has an image of the Queen, marked by the Bank of Canada. Money is a man-made invention that facilitates trade. With money I can buy time (wages for trades people who work for me), talents (architects to design my home or entertainment) and stuff (possessions, land, etc.). In church we use it for our giving/tithing for Kingdom work.

Most of the money I earn I use for my family and myself, but only after our Caesars (Harper and McGuinty) take their cut through payroll deductions. We can “manage Caesar” to maximize what we keep by reducing what Caesar gets, as in the following examples:

- Donations: get a charitable donation tax receipt so that Caesar (the CRA) subsidizes your donation!
- RRSPs: shelter some of your income for your retirement so that Caesar will have to wait or might not get anything at all from what you save!
- Charitable Gift Annuities: a means to allow you to support your favourite charity with a gift and enjoy an excellent (and tax-free or low tax) income for life. Caesar will get substantially less as well.
- Charitable Bequests in your will can offset taxes due from your Estate.
- Charitable Beneficiaries for your RRSP or RRIF - just signing a form can make your favourite charity or CSS a beneficiary -no probate fees and an offset to taxes.
- Appreciated Securities: donate them directly (don’t cash them out) and pay no capital gains tax
- Professionals can save you money - use them to address ‘capital gains’ issues to minimize Caesar’s cut.

These are just a few things that a steward can do to ensure that Caesar only gets what he is entitled to, AND ensure your capacity for Kingdom giving will be enhanced.

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

A great  
PLACE TO LEAVE  
A legacy

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

*Philippians 4:6*

Weekly Friday morning prayer meetings at QCHS from 9-10 am. Come and join us as we pray for our students, staff and school community.

For more information, call Helena Bootsma:

613-398-6597 or

Anne Post: 613-771-0123.

## Ultimate Cookie Dough & Muffin Mix



A new fundraiser we will be starting on **November 5** is a Cookie Dough and Muffin Mix sale with Ultimate Fundraising Inc. This sale will run for three weeks ending at the close of our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on November 20.

Each 3lb tub sells for \$14 Gourmet and \$15 Premium with lots of flavours to choose from. Our goal is to raise \$2000 for the school.

If every QC family buys or sells 4 tubs our goal will be exceeded.

Just scoop n' bake - delicious gourmet cookies in less than 20 minutes! Dough stays fresh for months in the freezer.

Delivered frozen.

Can be thawed and refrozen.

'Trans Fat Free' - made with non-hydrogenated margarine.

No preservatives added.

All products are produced in a completely nut free facility and are kosher.

Not available in stores.

Order forms will be sent home with students.

## School Clothing Orders Now Due

*QCHS school clothes make excellent Christmas gifts!*

The Athletic Council is giving our community an opportunity to purchase QCHS clothing. We are selling sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, and a variety of other clothing. They make excellent Christmas presents; they should be ready in time for Christmas and the order can be kept secret.

**This is not a fundraiser**, but simply a way to provide the community an opportunity to show support for our school.

Order forms are be available at the school office or contact Mr. J. VanderWindt at [athletics@qchs.ca](mailto:athletics@qchs.ca) for more information.

**All orders must be in by November 5.**

## Bus Cancellation Lists



Each year we are grateful for the busses and the drivers who are able to bring our students to and from school. We have also been blessed with safe travels and we continue to pray that the Lord will protect the busses as they travel.

As winter approaches I would like to remind you of the bus cancellation phone chain. In the back of your directory is a list for the bus on which your student rides. If you are called, please call the next person on the list. If you get the answering machine, leave a message, and it is extremely

important that you **then call the next person on the list**. You need to continue to call people on the list until you personally speak with a person on the list. The last person on the list is asked to please call the school office. This allows us to know that everyone was contacted.

## Guidance

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents, especially those with a student in grade 12, to let me know if you have any questions about post-secondary education. You can email me at [bsmeenk@qchs.ca](mailto:bsmeenk@qchs.ca) or you can call me at 968-7870 ext 242. I am available for consultation through email, on the phone, or if you prefer, we can set up an appointment to meet at the school.

Quinte Christian High School hosted the Christian University Advantage Tour on September 28.

It was a great opportunity for our students to speak with representatives from 12 Christian Universities located throughout North America.

On October 20, our grade 11 and 12 university bound students took busses to Moira Secondary School for the **UIP (University Information Program)**.

This walkabout style event was very helpful for many students as they researched their post-secondary options.



**Place:** Maranatha CRC  
100 College St. West  
Belleville

**Date:** Friday Oct 29

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

## University/College Application Deadlines

Ontario University applications are done online through the OUAC at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca).

**Access codes (PINs) have been distributed to students.** The equal consideration deadline for the OUAC application is **January 12, 2011**.

- Ontario College applications are done online through OCAS at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca).

The equal consideration deadline for the OCAS application is **February 1, 2011**. Students can apply at any time after receiving their OEN from Mr. Smeenk.

Other schools (such as Calvin, Redeemer, Tyndale, Dordt, TWU etc...) provide their own applications, set their own application fees and deadlines. Check out each school's website and contact their admissions department for more information. **Many have early application benefits, such as reduced or waived application fees.**

## Why Consider Christian Universities or Colleges?

What makes a Christian College or University unique is its Christ-centred perspective on the content which is taught and the Biblically based design for student and academic life.

In general, the same information is taught in both Christian and non-Christian institutions (much like QCHS compared to Public High Schools). It is the Christian perspective on the information, and corresponding insights which are unique to Christian education.

In addition to this, great value can be found by students in the Christian College or University community. In those schools they have the opportunity to grow in, be fed by, and contribute to Christian community, both inside and outside of the classroom.

The College Information Program (CIP) takes place during the morning of **Tuesday, November 2**, at Loyalist College. We will be providing transportation for our grade 11 and 12 students to this event where they will be able to research their options at Ontario Colleges.





## Policy for Dropping a Course

1. If a student chooses to drop a course, it must first be approved by the Guidance counsellor.
2. A student in Grades 9, 10 or 11 may not have a scheduled spare unless there are unique circumstances which are approved by the Guidance department. A student in Grade 12 is permitted spares as long as the student has the required number of credits to graduate.

3. Ministry of Education policy states that:

*A semester course which is dropped after the midterm report (November for semester 1, April for semester 2) must remain, permanently on the student's transcript. The grade/mark which was earned up to that point must be entered on the transcript along with a 'W' to indicate that the course was withdrawn.*

Therefore it is in the student's best interest to make a course switch or drop a course **before November 16.**

4. Students are required to make course changes by the end of the first week of a semester unless there are unique circumstances which are approved by the Guidance department.

## A New Focus Program at QCHS

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addition to a drummer, a bass guitar, a lead guitar and a vocalist.

Rehearsals have been progressing very well, with repertoire ranging from jazz classics like Sway to the contemporary worship song *Our Great God.*

Students in the program will be earning either Stage Band or Vocal Jazz credits. Our first public performance will be during Grade 8 Day on December 6, with numerous other opportunities planned for second semester.

## Girls Night "Fun"draiser



**When:** December 3, 2010

**Where:** QCHS

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Who:** High School Girls Grades 9-12

**Purpose:**

Girls night is a chance for high school students to relax, socialize and enjoy being pampered while raising money for *Invisible Children*. Girls will have an opportunity to have their nails, hair, make-up done by professional beauticians. All the money raised will go to *Invisible Children*.

The event is open to the community. Students are welcome to invite their high school girlfriends even if they are not attending QC.

<http://InvisibleChildren.com>

## Athletics Department

This fall has gone very well for our athletes. We have been witnessing great things from our girls basketball teams and boys volleyball teams. As the fall season draws to a close during November, we are also preparing for the winter season. This year we are planning to field junior and senior teams in girls volleyball, boys basketball as well as curling.

### Upcoming Christian School tournament

Senior Boys Volleyball at our school and Senior Girls Basketball in Hamilton on Nov 5,6.

There is so much that goes on during the season that it is impossible to capture all the exciting moments. We encourage you to come and watch our athletes as they compete in our gym or at other schools. Here are some of the highlights from the sports seasons so far

### Junior Girls Basketball

- Showed improvement as a team throughout the year despite not being able to win a game.
- They will play Lakefield College from Peterborough in a semi-final for COSSA.

### Senior Girls Basketball

- Finished season play with a record of 7 - 3.
- Waiting to see if they finish in the top 2 out of 7 teams in tier B and qualify for the Bay of Quinte play-offs.
- Going to the Christian School tournament in Hamilton on Nov 5, 6
- Will play St. Paul for the COSSA championship and then a team from National Capital in Ottawa for the right to go to OFSAA.

### Junior Boys Volleyball

- Won two games during league play this year, with 4 games left.
- Played in the TDCH tournament in Toronto on Oct 22.
- Play is improving, but currently we are not in the top 8 of the league.
- Going to Lakefield College near Peterborough for COSSA "A" championships on Nov 16

### Senior Boys Volleyball

- Undefeated so far in league play with a record of 12 - 0 in games, averaging more than twice the point of the other team.
- Currently 1st place in league
- 2nd place at the Queen's tournament, winning the semi-final game 23-25, 32-30, 17-15 and losing in the finals 35-33, 27-29, 10-15...an exciting and excellent day
- Hosting the Christian School tournament on Nov 5, 6
- Will defend their title of Senior Boys Bay of Quinte Champions on Nov 10 in Bancroft
- Going to Lakefield College near Peterborough to defend their COSSA "A" championship on Nov 16
- If they win COSSA, they will go to OFSAA in Mississauga on Nov 25 - 28

# Craft Sale!

November 19 5-9 pm

November 20 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.

We are hoping you will all be able to join us for some great fellowship and a whole lot of shopping!

Gift Cards will be on hand so you can stock up on gift cards for Christmas gifts as well as cards for everyday shopping.

The Café will be up and running, serving an excellent selection of hot lunches and tasty desserts along with a couple of extra Dutch delicacies, croquettes and oliebollen.

### Also of Note:

In addition to the wide range of gifts and crafts being offered this year we are also adding face painting, popcorn and a silent auction. If you would like to contribute an item to the silent auction please feel free to drop it off at the school on the week of November 19. Your help for this fund raiser is greatly appreciated.

There are still some spaces available for vendors so if you were planning to apply for a space, NOW IS THE TIME!

For further information contact  
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613-961-0799 or  
Dee DeSnoo [bill\\_dee\\_snoo@live.com](mailto:bill_dee_snoo@live.com)  
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## Game Dates for the Rest of the Fall Season

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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
Nov 1	Jr. Girls Basketball	5pm	QCHS
Nov 2	Boys Volleyball	Jr. 4pm & 6pm Sr. 6pm	QCHS
Nov 5, 6	Senior Girls Basketball	All Day	Hamilton (OCSSAA)
Nov 5, 6	Senior Boys Volleyball	All Day	QCHS (OCSSAA)
Nov 9	Jr. Bay of Quinte VB	All Day	NCC
Nov 10	Sr. Bay of Quinte VB	All Day	NHHS
Nov 17	COSSA Volleyball	All Day	ESMG
Nov 25-27	OFSAA Volleyball		Mississauga

## Student Council

Hello readers of the Grapevine! The main highlight of this month was magazine sales; we had a very successful campaign, although we don't have a total yet. Thank you to everyone who purchased magazines.

We had a wonderful day this month where everyone dressed up as hippies. It was a lot of fun and the school was very colorful.

We have the bike-a-thon coming up soon which will raise money for the United Way. That is all for October. Have a fun and safe November!

AJ Bootsma  
for the QCHS Students Council

## Important Upcoming Dates for Academic Reporting

We are almost half way through the first semester already and there are a couple of reminders for parents. Grade 9 and 10 half credit courses end on Tuesday **November 9**. New half credit courses begin on Wednesday **November 10**. This marks the end of the first half of the semester and therefore midterm report cards will be given to students on **November 16** 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 about the student's progress, including ones which will give helpful advice in how to improve. Please be aware that 30% of the mark for the course 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 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 also be an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss their student's progress on **November 23** and **25**. Notification will be sent out as to when you can contact the office to set up an appointment. If you ever have a concern, please don't wait for parent teacher interviews, but contact the teacher (their e-mail and phone number is in the directory) and set up a time to meet and discuss your concern.

