



Christ Church Cathedral School Newsletter

October 13, 2016

Dear CCCS Parents & Guardians,

When children express gratitude for the gifts they receive while also showing compassion for others who have less, they are bringing to life an important part of the Christian teachings. Gestures both small and large – “Thank you for saying that.” “Would you like to borrow my coloured pencils?” “Can we have a bake sale to raise funds for Terry Fox?” “What can we do to help the people in Haiti?” – help create a culture of caring and result in “can do” attitudes. Following are two examples of how our students can demonstrate gratitude and compassion:

This Sunday is World Food Day and tomorrow is the last chance for students to bring in non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food bank. Supporting food banks is a very effective way to ensure our donations directly support the people most in need. Some of our students will be participating in an assembly tomorrow, followed by a walk, along with St. Andrew’s High School students, to the St. Vincent de Paul Society on View St. And *all* our students are encouraged to bring in a food item tomorrow, if they have not already done so.

Hurricane Matthew recently devastated Haiti, parts of Bermuda, the east coast of the US and our own Maritime provinces. As you know, Haiti has borne the brunt and suffered incredible damage to infrastructure and houses and over 1,000 people have lost their lives. Todd Fitzsimmons has a very personal connection with Haiti. This year, his family is hosting a student who spent five years in an orphanage in Port-au-Prince, before being adopted by a Canadian family. Todd has reached out to the Langford Fire Chief, Bob Beckett, who will visit our school after he returns from his own relief mission to Haiti this month. The Outreach Club has passionately taken up the cause and will be collecting donations next Thursday.

Yours,

Stuart Hall

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, October 13	PSG Meeting (tonight) 7:00 pm at the back of the Penny Farthing
Friday, October 14	Food collection delivered to St. Vincent de Paul
Monday, October 17	VISAA Cross country final @ Beaver Lake starts at 1:15
Tuesday, October 18	Soccer Practice @ Heywood Field from 3:15 - 4:15
Wednesday, October 19	Gr. 6-8 Girls Soccer games @ Gordon Head Middle School from 3:45 - 5
Thursday, October 20	"Extra Recess" fundraiser for Haiti. 1:00pm (details in newsletter)
Friday, October 21	Pro-D Day. No School. If you require Lux Mundi care, contact Todd

Upcoming Events, Activities, and Items to Note:

World Food Day: Tomorrow, Friday, Oct 14th there will be a short assembly at 10:00 am in the gym. After this, some classes will walk down to St. Vincent de Paul on View Street, carrying banners. Each student will carry one item of food, and Todd will transport the rest.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this cause. If your child has not brought in a contribution, we are accepting non-perishable items until Friday morning.

Hurricane Relief Fundraiser

The CCCS middle school Outreach Club is planning an "**Extra Recess By Donation**" next Thursday, October 20th at 1 pm. We are raising funds for students in Haiti who, last week, after Hurricane Matthew, are in desperate need of many things. All cash donations will be appreciated and delivered directly to Chief Bob Beckett of the Langford Fire Department who has been visiting a couple of orphanages in Haiti since the devastating earthquake of 2010. Chief Beckett is returning to Haiti at the end of the month.

Funds will be used for:

- a solar panel
- a transformer
- school repairs
- support for 2 orphanages

Thank you for helping us to support these children.

- The Outreach Club



With the stormy weather this week, we thought we'd remind you about how we communicate a school closure to our families. Following is an excerpt from the Parent-Student Handbook, which can be read in full on our website: <http://cathedralschool.ca/parent-information-handbook/>

Arrangements For School Closure

In the event of the School having to be closed because of snow, power outage, etc. we will notify local radio stations as soon as possible. We will also post a notice of School closure on our website, <http://cathedralschool.ca/>.

Please listen to the following radio stations for an announcement. They will specifically mention Christ Church Cathedral School.

CFAX 1070 AM

The Q 100.3 FM

The Ocean 98.5 FM

CBC 90.5 FM

"Who Are We, Who Are They?" Workshop for children on October 21st, a Pro-D day 9AM until 3 PM \$30. Sign up today! Call 250-383-2714 to register.



David J. Smith is a classroom teacher with over 25 years experience teaching. He achieved national recognition for his unique method of teaching seventh graders to draw maps of the entire world from memory, now published as a highly successful curriculum, "Mapping the World by Heart."

Don't miss this incredible, affordable opportunity. David will teach from 9AM until 12, children will respond with a guided art activity afterward. Spread the word! Cost is \$30 per child. Best for children above Grade 3.

Pro-D – Friday, October 21st: School is closed. Lux Mundi is available. ***If you require childcare for Friday, October 21st, please make arrangements with Todd as soon as possible.***

Annual General Meeting: The AGM of the Christ Church Cathedral Educational Society is Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the School with a meet and greet beginning at 6:30 pm.

Interim Reports: Interim reports will be distributed on **Friday, October 28th.**

Halloween Dance – Friday, October 28th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Come in costume and have some spooky fun at the annual CCCS family dance.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Monday, October 31st: Please sign up on the parent board if you have not done so already. ***If you require childcare for Monday, October 31st, please make arrangements with Todd as soon as possible.***

Photo Retakes: If your child was absent for individual photo day, or you would like to have a retake done, please mark your calendars. Photo retake day is **Friday, November 4th.**

Stay up to date with CCCS Athletics: facebook.com/ChristChurchCathedralAthletics



UPDATE: You can now order CCCS Athletic Wear! See the order form attached with this newsletter. Order deadline: October 21. Orders will arrive in mid-November.



Reminder: Swim Club: Starts this Monday, October 17th! **Spaces still available.** See Mr. Lurie for more information.

Beginner Strings Program: Mrs. Erickson still has spaces for students interested in playing the cello only. (Violin spaces are now full).

Where: School Auditorium **When:** Fridays 3:00-3:45pm **Dates:** October 28, November 4, 18, 25, December 2. **Cost:** \$ 60 / 5 sessions

This program is for students in Grade 2 or above who have little or no knowledge of the violin or cello. They will need to bring their own instrument (Larsen Music and Long & McQuade both do monthly instrument rentals).

If you have any questions, or to register, please contact Mrs Erickson at school or by email kathy.erickson@cathedralschool.ca