



# Christ Church Cathedral School Newsletter

September 29, 2016

Dear CCCS Families,

We are one of the few permanent missions of the Christ Church Parish and the Cathedral has set aside the month of October as *the School's month*. As the highlighted mission this month, we will have the attention of the entire parish and will also receive the special donations offered during October. I would love to show the parishioners why Christ Church Cathedral School is a mission worth their enthusiastic support. Many parishioners don't know that much about the school because they do not get to see our students in chapel on Wednesday mornings nor do they hear the daily sound of play and laughter on the playground. Let's help them get to know who we are.

In October we are going to do everything we can to bring as many CCCS students into the Cathedral for Sunday worship. This Sunday, October 2 at the 9:15am service, is the annual Blessing of the Animals. This is a favourite among our children. One year, long ago, someone brought a donkey! Let's have some fun with this and bring a diversity of pets. What exotic pets do you have? A lizard? A snake? A parakeet? Surprise us! On October 9 and again on October 30 there is a combined service held at 10:30am (no 9:15 service). I will be contacting the parents of the different classrooms to try to get as many students to particular Sunday services as we can. Our relationship with the Cathedral is a very special and a mutually supportive one. Please join us at the Cathedral during October.

This afternoon we are all heading down to Heywood Field at the edge of Beacon Hill Park in order to *Make a difference like Terry did!* The Teachers have organized our annual Terry Fox Trot that will punctuate the learning taking place in the school this week. All our students have learned about Terry Fox's incredible determination to make a difference and raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Our Grade 8s created lesson plans and then conducted those lessons in every classroom. And what a wonderful job they did! We have until October 7 to reach our goal of \$2,500 (last year we raised \$2, 475)! We have encouraged our students not to simply ask you for a donation, but instead to do something extra to earn some money. Extra chores at home, run a neighbourhood bake sale, or if they are old enough, go door to door with a friend. Terry was such an inspiration and continues to inspire people around the world. Help us keep the dream alive.

*Stuart Hall*

## **Safe Online: Digital Citizenship & Safety Presentation**

Last week we hosted Merlyn Horton for a presentation about Digital Citizenship and safety. It was attended by a dozen interested parents. There was so much important information shared that I asked if we could share it with the rest of our busy school community and received permission to do so. Please take a moment or two to look at the attachments: [Parenting in a Digital Age, Key Messages](#) (which is also on our website) and the *Parent Reference Handout*, which is full of links to positive sites and also has links to sites describing some serious dangers on the internet. If I were to sum up in a couple of sentences what we heard in Merlyn's 90 minute presentation it would be this: Talk to your children about using the internet, about their online or gaming friends, and about the sometimes unhealthy pressures that online social circles can place on them. Be sure that they understand that your family values continue to be very valid when they are online. And further, to ensure a healthy life balance, it is very important that your children develop many face to face relationships and engage in an abundance of fresh air activities rather than spending most of their time online with 'friends' they've never met and in activities that only exercise their thumbs. Technology can play an important role in our lives but it does have its place.

# Weekly Calendar

Thursday, Sep 29	- Cross Country Meet - Beaver Lake 10:30am - 12noon - Terry Fox Trot - 1:15 pm
Friday, Sep 30	VISAA gr 4&5 co-ed Soccer Jamboree 12:30 - 2:30pm Carnarvon Park
Sunday, Oct 2	Blessing of the Animals – 9:15am Cathedral Service
Monday, Oct 3	Cross Country - Beacon Hill 3:45 - 5:15pm
Tuesday, Oct 4	Girls & Boys gr. 6 - 8 soccer practice after school
Wednesday, Oct 5	Early Dismissal 2:00pm
Thursday, Oct 6	- Individual Photo Day - PSC Meeting 6:30pm prior to Curriculum Evening - Curriculum Evening for parents 7:00pm - 8:30pm



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<http://eepurl.com/cg-Y25>

## Upcoming Events, Activities, and Items to Note:



### Sunday, October 2 – Blessing of the Animals:

Bring your pet (big or small) to the Cathedral during the 9:15am service for a special blessing in celebration of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. There will be activities on the South Lawn following the service.

**Spanish Classes – starting Oct. 3:** Patricio will be teaching Spanish again this year! Lessons will be after school from 3:00 - 4:00pm on Mondays & Fridays between October 3 and November 21. There will be no classes on October 10 (Thanksgiving), October 21 (Pro-D) or November 11 (Remembrance Day). The cost for these 12 classes is \$120.00. Cheques are to be made payable to the school.



**Meg Hickling**  
 Sexual Health Education  
 for Families

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Cost: \$15/family Her new book: *Talk Sex Today*

First Met United Church  
 Quadra & Balmoral

For Registration call 250-388-5188 ext. 221  
 or visit [www.firstmetvictoria.com/cyyaf/](http://www.firstmetvictoria.com/cyyaf/)

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**Picture Day – Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:** Individual student photos will be taken on the morning of October 6<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a form to hand in on picture day which simply has your child's name and grade. This is not an order form to receive prints. Order forms will be sent home with students after proofs are created.

**Curriculum Evening — Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:** Mark your calendars.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm we will hold our curriculum evening. Please be on time for the introductions. During the evening teachers will explain to parents about the year's learning opportunities, they will share their students' timetable, communication protocols, homework expectations, and the classroom expectations and routines. You will also learn what is different and what stays the same with our new provincial curriculum. Count on about 90 minutes for this part of the evening. Preceding this information session, the PSG will hold its first meeting of the year, beginning at 6:30pm. This a great opportunity to meet the new PSG executive and lend them your support. They will have to be voted in first, of course. We are looking forward to a great year ahead, both in the classroom and in our vibrant school community.

**"Who Are We, Who Are They?" Workshop for children on October 21<sup>st</sup>, a Pro-D day 9AM until 3 PM only \$20, \$30 after October 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today!**



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."

In 1992, Smith won the U.S. Department of Education's "A+ for Breaking the Mold" Award for his work. Time magazine, NBC's Today Show, the L.A. Times and the Associated Press, among others, have acknowledged Smith and the success of his curriculum.

Through his work with teachers, Smith developed the idea of creating a realistic picture of the world that would be understandable and accessible to young people. By imagining a village where each inhabitant represented 62 million individuals, David was able to pare Earth's population down to a village of 100 people. The result is *If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People*.

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! \$20 per child before October 12<sup>th</sup>, \$30 dollars after. Best for children above Grade 3.

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

**SWIM CLUB 2016 – NEW DAY: MONDAYS**

We are excited to offer Swim Club with Tye Swim Club at the Crystal Pool again in terms 1 and 2. Note the new day: Mondays. Space is limited; there are a maximum of 25 spots. There will be 8 sessions per term. Please sign up on the form posted outside Mr. Lurie's Grade 3 classroom. Students will be assessed and placed in an appropriate level. Cost varies with each level but ranges from \$52-\$74/term; payment will be delayed until placement has been determined. The school bus will transport swimmers to and from the Crystal Pool. If you pick your child up at the pool, please "sign out" with a sponsor teacher.

Mondays 3:30-4:15pm: Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, (31<sup>st</sup> No Lesson), Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.  
(CCCS Sponsor Teachers: Matt Lurie, Julia Borzoni, Melissa Masse)

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