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Winter 2011



Our entire school cheered on Rick Hansen's Man in Motion tour that went through Wallaceburg recently.



The WCS student choir has been representing our school beautifully at different performances, including the Salvation Army Campaign Kickoff at the Capitol Theatre in Chatham, and the Wallaceburg Community Carol Service on December 13, under the excellent direction of Mrs. Jenn Matheson.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Greetings, WCS Community:

The Christmas Season is upon us as indicated by what we see on the shelves of the dollar store (already back in October), and music that has been playing on 100.3 for the past several months. However, all of that seems unreal to me until I hear children singing songs of joy and celebration as they ponder the wonder of God's amazing love.

At our first whole school devotions on December 1, our 79 students belted out "Joy to the World" with such enthusiasm that it was hard not to see a smile and tear of joy in the eye of every teacher. I simply could not help but stop my own singing, gaze around the room and watch God working in the lives of each of his children.

I know I have said it many times before, but this is the reason why I work in a Christian school. With all of its possible ups and downs, it is when a child turns to you and gives you a big smile, or when they freely desire to lead a class in prayer, that I know God has placed me in the right place.

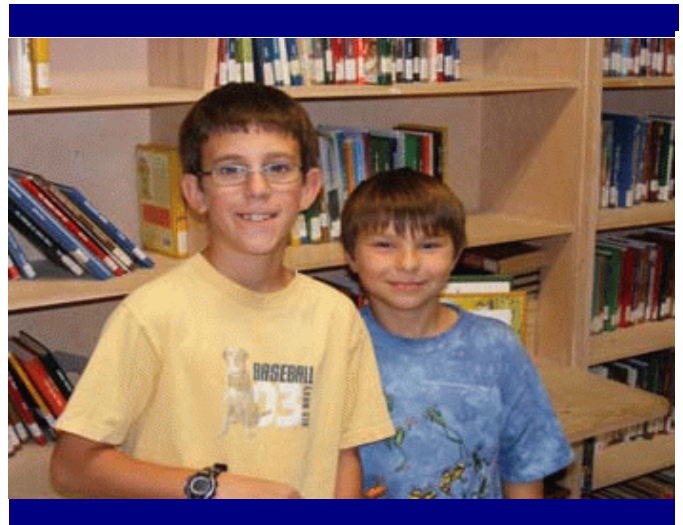
Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, for all that I have mentioned and all the memories that flood back from years past. I remember while growing up, my family would attend a candlelight service every Christmas Eve. I always treasured this; the music was breathtaking, the building was filled with people, many of whom I had not seen in awhile. There was a spirit of unity and celebration as we all gathered together to worship our God and His amazing Gift.

I pray that this Christmas season will allow you the opportunity to be renewed and refreshed by God's amazing grace and His undying love for each of His people. I also pray that you will find yourself surrounded by loved ones, as you eat, experience fellowship, and play games with one another. Until we meet again in the New Year, may God bless and keep you all.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

Our Purpose Statement
Wallaceburg Christian School
exists to provide quality,
Biblically-based Christian
Education.

"...we will tell the next generation the
praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..."
Psalm 78:4



Merry
Christmas

from the staff and students of

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Don't miss what's happening at WCS!

- January 26** – Winter Fun Afternoon
- February 2** – Open House
- February 6 - 10** – Week of Prayer
- February 17** – School skating at the Wallaceburg Arena, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Everyone is welcome!**

ALUMNI CORNER

Rick Luth, son of Albert and Martha Luth, graduated from WCS in 1982. He attended Lambton Kent Composite School in Dresden and later graduated from Calvin College with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. While there, he met his wife Becky and he commenced his working career at African Lion Safari near Rockton. He later moved to Sea World in San Diego, California, working as a avian trainer.



Rick moved to Vancouver to attend the University of British Columbia, married Becky and together they returned to San Diego where he taught for 3 years. At the end of that term, the Luths worked in Papua, New Guinea, teaching for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Rick furthered his teaching vocation in California, Tanzania and currently resides in Salmon Arm, BC, teaching various subjects at King's Christian School.

Some of his favourite memories while at WCS include building forts in the back yard of the school, sledding on the hill at the park, and track and field days. He recalled a memorable art project with Mrs. Irene Kraayenbrink. Together, perhaps with Ken Vandendool and John Vanderlaan, a whole rock and roll band was created from 'pom poms' and a strategically placed hidden tape recorder belted out Led Zeppelin tunes. Hmmm.

Rick looks back upon his days at WCS as significant for laying a firm Christian foundation during his later schooling in secular schools. While at WCS, he had the opportunity to befriend classmates from Walpole Island. This early 'cross cultural' experience helped enable him to be prepared when living in Papua New Guinea and Africa. Rick also related fond recollections for the significant influence Mr. Sprenger and Mr. Vanderwall had on his life lessons started while at WCS. We congratulate Rick for well representing us in his vocation, family, community and elsewhere.

Don't forget to "save the date" for our 50th Anniversary celebrations, June 30-July 1, 2012, for an Open House and a dinner!

STUDENT LIFE – Grade 7 & 8

Reformation Play –

This the Grade 7-8 students were charged with the task of teaching the school about the Reformation. In order to do this, they created a 15 minute drama about the life and times of Martin Luther, a man who changed the world by writing 95 theses on why the church had been going in the wrong direction and what needed to be changed.



Hannah (Martin Luther) and Jillian (his wife) after being married



Josh, Daniel, and Jenessa are examining Luther's 95 theses



Friends of Martin Luther are by his side during his final hours.

Reading Buddies –

Once a month our students get together for a time of reading and praying together.



A-Team –

This year the members of the A-Team are Nicole, Jillian, Robert, and Samantha. This team is charged with organizing different event around school raise money for missionaries, as well as other community events such as the Thanksgiving food drive you see on the right.

Currently they are selling candy cane o'grams.



Volleyball Tournament –



Bible Class –

Currently in Bible class, the students are studying the book of Esther as a means for understanding styles of leadership. In order to assess their understanding, students were required to produce a multimedia project such as a power point, website, newspaper, or graphic art. Another key element of this unit was understanding what it means to live a faithful life.

Curtis produced a website use a free on-line website called wix.com



What is a Faithful Life?

By: Liza

Living a faithful life is giving your heart to God, and walking in his ways, even when it may be hard. God loves you even when you sin. He is very forgiving, and knows your heart. A faithful life is also following God's commands, and doing what is right, rather than wrong. Even though it is tempting to do wrong, follow God and turn away from sin. Doing God's will is also part of living a faithful life. God wants us to do good, rather than bad. Doing God's will makes you feel good, and makes God proud. Reading God's will and talking with him helps us to learn more about him. When we read the many stories in the bible, it teaches us many different things about how great God is. When you pray to God, and talk to him about your requests, or praises, always remember God answers prayers in many un-expected ways, some you may not expect. When you learn more about God it brings you closer to him, which gives you a better relationship with him, and a better understanding of the Bible. Have a good time reading and learning more about God, and bringing your relationship with Him closer to you.



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