

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Greetings, WCS!

We are blessed with the fact that we have wonderful caring teachers who are employed here. Daily I see our staff sharing the love of God with their students, through devotions and all subjects that are taught. However, it doesn't stop in the classroom; it extends to recess time and field trips. Our teachers model Christian living in all aspects of school life. They are helping our students find and develop a compass to guide their lives.

Our Staff is very diligent with communicating with the home about issues pertaining to the individual child; many phone calls take place, notes of encouragement are sent, and an online blog is kept in order that the home is better informed.

Our Staff consists of 10 members:

Bus Drivers – Nicolina Baisden

Arlene Feddes

Administrative Assistant – Laurie Hooyer

Grade 7-8 (p.m.) – Nicole Vyn

Grade 5-6 – Lauren Medenblik

Grade 3-4 – Natalie Nauta (**New**)

Grade 1-2 – Julia VanderEnde (**New**)

Kindergarten – Liz Lammers

Resource – Ruth Loxton

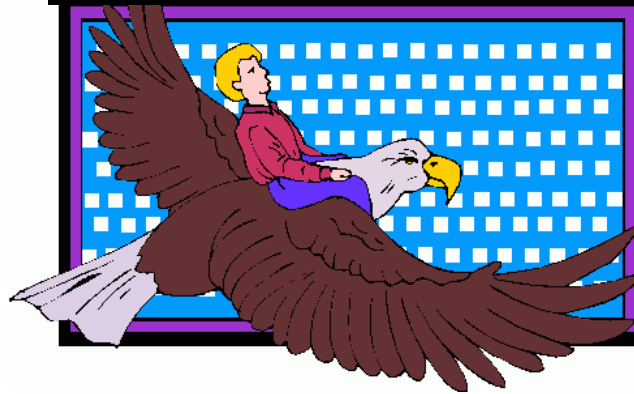
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This year our Staff has selected the theme: **Soaring on Eagles Wings**. Our school now has new sport shirts (uniforms) with the name Eagles printed on them. They look marvellous and many of the schools we compete with have given positive comments on them. In fact the first time we wore them, our girls' team came in 2nd place at the cross country meet, and received a banner for it. Currently, all banners we have won over the past 9 years are hanging in our computer room, so please take a peek some time.

This past June, seven students graduated from our school. I have been in contact with them; they are doing well and are very thankful for the experiences they have had at our school. As a result, I have begun collecting past graduate class photos in hopes of creating a Graduate Alumni Wall. Currently we have the years 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007; if any of you are able to lend us a class photo of past graduates for us to have a plaque made, please let us know.

As you can see, this school offers many blessings to our students and families. We aim to share your vision of Christian Education and make it a reality here. However, it comes at a price, of which you are all aware. I know many of you were hoping that something would have come out of the last election with so much attention given to faith based

## SOARING ON EAGLES WINGS!



funding. Sadly this was not meant to be. We must press forward and create goals and plans for maintaining the viability and security of our school for years to come.

If I think back to our theme once again, I imagine a bird with a rider on its back. The two need to become one in order to allow for the trip to run smoothly. As the bird turns, so must the rider turn in the same direction to allow for safe and effective travel. God is flying us and if you feel God is calling us to turn right or left, then we need to move with him, even

if the winds are strong and we don't think we have the strength. God is faithful and will guide us, but we must work with him. We must also work together as a team and community, seeing the same vision and staying true to the plans and actions that are set.

May God bless all of you as you prayerfully consider what you can give (time and effort) and how collectively we can see WCS bloom!

Shalom,  
Mr. Andy J. Alblas, Principal

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## Committee Reports

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### Board of Directors

The board would like, first off, to acknowledge those you give of their time so freely as volunteers – **THANK YOU.**

We also would like to say a **THANK YOU** to all of our staff for their diligence and the professional manner in which they do their work.

Again a big welcome to all of the new families who joined the school this year. Joy School has become an incorporated part of the school with lots of help from parent volunteers.

The board is mostly working on and making plans for tackling our deficit through increased enrollment, fundraising and tuition. We hope to bring you those ideas for your approval at a society meeting in the beginning of 2008.

Policies and mandates continue to be worked on for the better operation of the school.

Please continue to keep the staff and the board in your prayers as we lead. May the joys and the blessing of this Christmas season be yours and a happy and healthy New Year!

## **Finance Committee**

God has blessed Wallaceburg Christian School faithfully for the past 46 years. Students, parents, grandparents, supporters, volunteers, and a wonderful staff are vital to the cohesiveness of our school – thank you!

We have faith that God will continue to bless us and guide us into the future.

As society members, we recently passed a deficit budget for the 2007-08 year of \$49,000. We will be working toward reducing that deficit through various means during the year. Your ideas are always welcome; feel free to contact us any time.

## **Education Committee**

We've had a busy few months!

We'd like to welcome the new teachers to the meeting, Julia VanderEnde, who is teaching Grade 1 & 2, and Natalie Nauta who is teaching Grade 3 & 4 and the French curriculum. We would also like to welcome Nicole Vyn, who is teaching Grade 7 & 8 for Andy Alblas while he is seeing to his administrative duties in the afternoons.

We've interviewed and hired two new supply teachers, Justin Anjema and Heather Wilsie, both whom have had the opportunity to supply in the school this term.

Classroom evaluations have begun with an Education Committee and Board representative at each visit. It's fun to be

One fundraiser that is currently being organized is a Spring Bazaar on March 1, 2008. The bazaar is a time of fun, fellowship and fundraising – we'll see you there!

Praise God – all we have has been given by our Lord and Saviour. As a school society, let us all continue to put our trust in Him as we work together to provide Christian education to our children.

able to see the classroom activities and the teacher-student interaction. We are certainly blessed to have such fine models for our children.

We have outlined and adopted a homework guideline that has been incorporated into the Parent-Student handbook.

We are continuing work on revising the Discipline Policy. To date we are approximately 50% complete.

We are currently reviewing and updating the Retention and Program Modification Policy. This was done to provide a more current and inclusive policy that will enable the teachers to make more informed decisions on student capabilities and how to help them reach their full potential.

## Fundraising Committee

*The fundraising gals  
Would like you to know  
A few little details  
That keep us on the go.*

*Amazing Amy  
She's doing what she's able  
Counting the collected  
Campbell soup labels!*

*Kool Karlene  
Is ready and able  
To keep things straight  
On the hot dog snack table!*

*Lovely Lucia  
She's as quick as a whip  
What would we do  
If she didn't do TRIP?*

*Jolly Genny  
Is new to our bunch  
We love her laughter  
That she brings to hot lunch!*

*Princess Patti  
Has a great group of gals  
She's blessed to call them  
More than just pals!*

*Spidey weenies, Kraft dinner  
Hamburgers and more  
We try to make school lunches  
Never a bore.*

*Pizza kits from Caesar  
Were really a hit  
We made nine hundred and eighty five dollars  
From one hundred and ninety seven kits!*

*There's much to be said  
About a school with heart  
It's a blessing to many  
When we all do our part!*



## Political Affairs Sub Committee

The past provincial election campaign, concluding with the re election of the Liberal Party of Ontario on October 10th, was dominated by one issue – government funding to faith based school systems, as well as the Catholic and French Catholic boards as proposed by the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, while fiscally minor quickly became the focus which the other political parties and the media fixated upon.

The current Premier, Dalton McGuinty, and Deputy Premier, George Smitherman, had both given statements of support while in opposition to the PC party led by Mike Harris. This issue was the wedge which split the PC party and allowed the Liberal Party to engage in what was considered by many people in the faith based school communities as the most blatant bigotry seen in many years of Ontario electioneering.

For me the greatest impact this issue has had is opening my understanding to what our neighbours and fellow church members think about faith based education. Jesus told us to expect misunderstanding and outright hostility for identifying with him. The ‘cost’ we have borne sending our children to this school is minuscule compared to what he bore upon the cross.

I again want to thank the leaders and members of WCS for their generous support of my family in years past to help us in experiencing what we have received through this little school.

Sincerely yours,  
Dale Maris, Chairperson of the  
Political Affairs Sub Committee  
And vice chair. And secretary.  
And membership.



**Hat and Gum Day:**  
**An A-TEAM Fundraiser for**  
**sponsorship of a Christian school**  
**in the Dominican Republic**



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**\* SPRING BAZAAR \***  
**MARCH 1, 2008**

**AT THE WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN  
REFORMED CHURCH**

Doors Open: 10:00 a.m.

Live auction: 1:30 p.m.

**Merry Christmas**



**FROM THE STAFF AND STUDENTS  
AT WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**