



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Why does WCS have a reason to celebrate?

Back in June, the staff sat down and selected a theme for this year: "New Heart; New Spirit" based upon **Ezekiel 36:26**:

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

As a principal I have elected to focus on celebration this year. Why have I done that? Well it is, after all, our 45th anniversary; that gives reason to celebrate alone! However, a Christian school is more than the years it has been in operation or the dedicated staff that serve our children.

There is a spirit here that guides everything that we do. When new excitement fades and tiredness settles in, there is a spirit that picks us up and grants us peace and security that what we do everyday has a higher purpose than we can ever understand. God's spirit guides and leads us as we work with the home and church to provide our students with a sound foundation to become independent persons who will want to seek God and His word.

When there are staffing needs, God's spirit grants us the energy to continually seek His face and trust in His undying love. When new curriculum offers challenges and keeps us awake at night, God's spirit gives us comfort and a good night sleep. When students test our classroom management systems, God's spirit guides our thoughts, giving us the wisdom to speak words of love.

I celebrate because God is great! His love and mercy gives us all that we stand in need of. I love the fact that I can take my Grade 7 & 8 students on a retreat and teach them about spiritual gifts. It gives them a foundation and perspective as they mature and seek ways to serve God in this kingdom in the years to come. I am amazed at how often they speak of this two-day event, even though it took place almost 2 months ago. A Christian school has the honour of shaping the hearts and minds of each child that attends. We do this in a Christ-centered educational setting.

As I write this, I am growing excited at what a wonderful place we have here. Joy abounds in this place! Let each of us take time to talk to our friends and co-workers about what an amazing school this is. Our parents are our best promoters to testify how God is shaping the hearts of their children. We need to share with others the stories that we are telling. Stories such as Anita Lubbers, who shared how grateful she is to have her child attend a Christian school that has teachers that will pray with her child when she is saddened by what is happening to her mom. It is a story like that which confirms that Christian education is powerful, through the Grace of God. I encourage each of you to speak and share of the wonder of God and how He is using this school. Let me know your stories for I want to share them with others. Let this be a year to celebrate and to testify to the Glory of God. Forty-five years ago this school started, but my feelings are it is only the beginning.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

Our Mission Statement

Wallaceburg Christian School is committed to helping our students to grow into independent persons who serve God according to His Word.



BOARD REPORT

The School has again been blessed with a dedicated staff working together with Mr. Alblas as the principal. Continue to uphold them in your prayers for wisdom and guidance as they teach our children about the wonders God has made, and the skills that they need as they mature.

The board continues to work on SQAP items in regard to vision, constitution and membership issues. This work is important, as it will leave future boards with a good working system with which to manage WCS.

We have seen a new course of studies put in place in the math program, updating our thirty-year-old materials.

We continue to be blessed with volunteers who work in committees, help in the school and do work behind the scenes that is invaluable to WCS. Thank you for your efforts!

There is a need for more helpers during school hours; if you can help out please call the office.

This year we are struggling with a deficit budget due mostly to an unexpected loss of membership. To address this, a deficit reduction drive was started about a month ago. If you can give to help out WCS financially, please send your donation to the School marked for deficit reduction. By God's grace we will overcome this bump in the road as well.

The board asks for your prayers for wisdom and staying steadfast to the cause of Christian education here in Wallaceburg.

We wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

THE BOARD OF WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Our committee now consists of Andy Alblas (who has replaced Diana Alblas), Joyce Haveman and Martha Hooyer (as returning members), Greg Hill (who has replaced Ed Hooyer as board rep), Justin Luth (who has replaced Wanda Luth), and Meghan Schenck. Joyce is the secretary, and Justin is the chairperson.

This summer the committee interviewed for permanent and supply teaching positions. We would still like to increase the number of people on our supply teacher list. Janette Richmond was hired as a French teacher and Nicole Vyn has been teaching Meghan Schenck's class during her leave of absence. Both have fit in very well, and we thank God for providing teachers to fill these important positions. We encourage everyone to continue to remember Meghan and her husband in their prayers.

The committee members visit the classrooms several times throughout the year,

which provides an avenue to communicate with the teachers and to become familiar with the daily classroom life.

A new math curriculum has been purchased and is being implemented this year. Certainly the teachers, students and parents have all felt the new demands placed on them by an unfamiliar curriculum, but we are confident that the effort to implement this new course material will be rewarded in the future in the students' ability to apply math to every day situations and in an improved math score in the Canadian Basic Skills testing.

A combined Joy School / Kindergarten class was implemented. We are very thankful for the willingness and flexibility of Liz Lammers to accommodate this combined class.

The Health curriculum was carefully reviewed and approved, and steps were taken to keep parents informed and aware of the subject material.



We are continually reviewing and updating policies and procedures as suggested by SQAP. We are currently reviewing the interview questions and hiring policy, compiling

procedures and policies for students who are home-schooled part time, and reviewing options for Joy School next year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Forty-five years of Christian education – how wonderfully God has blessed Wallaceburg Christian School. The students, the parents, the grandparents, supporters, volunteers, and the great staff together make up our society – what an amazing thing to be part of!

We have all been through trials and triumphs in our personal life and as a school society. First building the school 45 years ago, then the addition in the 90's, and 2 new buses 2 years ago, just to name a few. God stood behind the founders of this school, stood beside them all through the years, has carried us along when needed, and stands before us for the future.

As treasurer of WCS and as society members, we passed a deficit budget for the 2005-06 year of \$13,000. Due to unforeseen circumstances this year, that deficit could possibly grow to approximately \$40,000. At our

recent society meeting, I was very encouraged by the feedback I received. Yes, we have a deficit, but by no means is it unmanageable. The board also feels the same way, and therefore decided to start a deficit reduction drive. Currently, I have received pledges and money totaling \$7,500 towards deficit reduction from board members. I pray that the Lord will touch everyone's heart, that we can eliminate this deficit together quickly.

Like I said earlier – trials and triumphs. I believe God is watching over us through this trial. He will not leave us. In one year from now, I believe we will be praising Him for carrying us through this little bump in the road.

Praise God – all we have has been given by our Lord and Saviour.

Treasurer
Jim Kraayenbrink

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Before introducing the new Fundraising Committee, it is important to thank the former committee for their hard work and dedication. As a new parent coming into the school, I was willing to do the bare minimum required of me, not planning to give anything more. Watching Erica, Marlene and Linda inspired me to do more; they were able and willing and made me realize I had so much more to give, as we all do. Now I really want to do it, it brings much joy to my heart to give, so I say a very big thank you to those three ladies.

Our new committee consists of Amy Malott, Jennifer Powers, Karlene Kraayenbrink, Lucia Kraayenbrink and Patti Metayer.

Lucia Kraayenbrink is the new "TRIP"

lady. She is in charge of the grocery certificates, and will be taking over the ordering for TRIP from Laurie in the next year. Your participation raised money for:

Tuition reduction for 2006-07:	\$3210.91
Tuition Assistance:	<u>832.45</u>
Total:	\$4043.36

This total was matched plus more went directly to our committee for various expenses and the budget. Some recent expenses that Fundraising has covered are:

June 2006	Fixed the slides	432.14
July 2006	Teacher class exp.	259.89
August 06	Teacher class exp.	132.27
	Floor waxing	1200.00



KINGDOM NEWS



Hotdog Day has been very successful! On average, we profit \$120 per month, which goes toward end of the year class trips. We also purchased new tables used for snack tables, meetings, projects, etc.

Our June BBQ was a great success. We had a lot of fun, and a lot of learning exercises along the way. Thanks to the donation of the meat, we were able to make a large profit for the school of about \$1000.

As most of you know, we tried something different this year, poinsettias. Our goal was to sell a \$1000 minimum order so we could have them delivered to the school. We kept our prices low so more people would be able to afford them, and we could see what they were like for the first year. Much to our surprise, we surpassed our goal, almost tripling it!!! We will be serving a free pizza meal with cupcakes to our students in December!

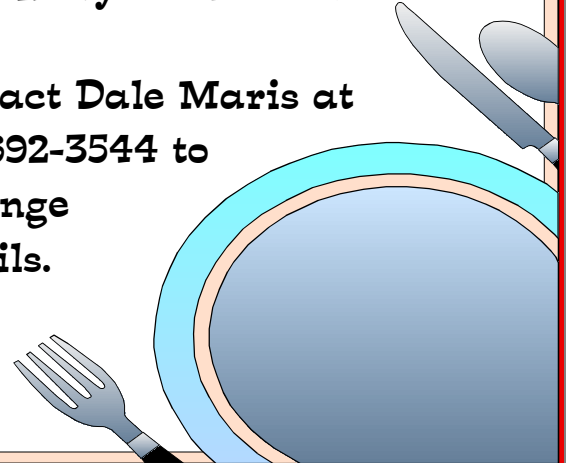
Before Christmas break we will be having 3 Kapow days. We have decided to sell the temporary fun tattoos along with Kapows due to food allergies of some of the children.

Please feel free to call any member of Fundraising with questions or concerns.

Looking for a country brunch?

For a \$75 donation to WCS, the Maris family will provide a country brunch for up to 8 people at their farm, Shady Grove Farms.

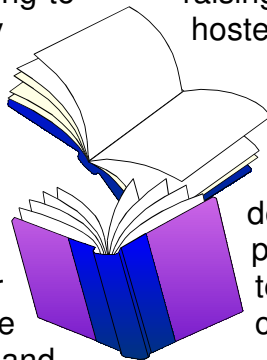
Contact Dale Maris at 519-692-3544 to arrange details.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Our library continues to be a useful resource for our school. We are continuing to add books on a regular basis, particularly in our A.R. program.

In the spring our pop cans that were collected raised approximately \$300. This money was used to provide prizes for the A.R. program as well as a special treat for each student who reached 100 points in their A.R. Thank you to the Smiths for taking the pop cans to London for the library. There were some funds left over, and these were used to purchase a "World of Literature" set for the grades 3-6.



Our Book Fair is an exciting time for raising additional funds for book purchases. We hosted the Panorama Fair during the Parent-Teacher interviews and Deb Emery from Living Books will be bringing along a collection of Christian novels for purchase. Each one of these book fairs, depending on sale totals, will give a percentage toward purchases. Last year the teachers received approximately \$40 per classroom.

We continue to have many additional needs for our library, including more resource materials on such topics as creation, etc.



PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee has met a couple of times to plan the events for the school year. Included in the plans are the usual events as well as some newer events based upon last year's experiences.

We hosted a pastor's appreciation lunch for the Wallaceburg Ministerial Association on October 18th. We had a good turn out as this was their regularly scheduled meeting day. Thank you to the society members who contributed food and time in the preparation, serving the meal and cleaning up.

Our Good Neighbour Campaign will include events in conjunction with Sydenham Residence. As well, 2007 is a provincial election year. The Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools will be looking for community involvement to raise issues related to justice for privately funded schools.

After much discussion, and in light of the budget constraints, we will be looking for heightened cooperation by the society in the

promotion of your school. We are preparing a short promotional DVD for you to show at your church or community group. Rather than rely upon increasingly expensive mass advertising, with a dubious return on our investment, we will be asking the families to consider distributing promotional materials in your neighbourhoods.

Our staff contact person is Season Hoogstad, our board representative is Bernard Kraayenbrink, and the society representatives are Carrie McCaughrin, Matt Riedl and Dale Maris.

The most effective means of promoting this school are the conversations which you have with your family, friends and neighbours. We are relying upon you to keep this school functioning into the future. All other school systems are competing for students; we must be diligent in telling the story of God's faithfulness in providing Christian education in Wallaceburg, Dresden and the surrounding areas.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

To date, the Transportation Committee consists of Rick Kraayenbrink, Wilf Allaer, and Garrett Luth.

This season, the buses have been running well. To keep them running smoothly and to avoid misunderstanding, we would like to remind everyone once again that notes are required for a change to the bus routes. Another helpful item would be for parents to review the

bus safety policy with their children. As time goes on, it becomes ever more important that our policies are followed.

From the discussion at the Spring Membership Meeting, a member is looking into applying for the proper plates for us to be able to rent out the buses. This process will take some time yet. As of this time, we are still not in the position to rent out the buses.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT

Our website can be found at www.wallaceburgchristianschool.com

You can keep up with what's going on at WCS by viewing the Newslines online.



Please check in as we hope to keep it continually changing and growing.