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● **A Message from the Board**

As we reflect on the school year so far at Wallaceburg Christian School, there is much to be thankful for. We are grateful to welcome two new members to our Board: Cornelius Unger and Hedy Kramer, who is serving as Treasurer. We are thankful for their willingness to serve and share their gifts with our school community. It has been encouraging to see the strong support for our school through several successful fundraisers, including our annual Golf Tournament. These events not only support our programs but also strengthen the sense of community that makes WCS so special. Our students have enjoyed some wonderful learning experiences outside the classroom. One highlight was a festive field trip to Sloan's Nursery, where all students enjoyed fun together. We are also pleased to welcome new families to WCS this year and are thankful you have chosen to join our school community. As we look ahead, we ask that you begin thinking about items or experiences you may be able to donate to our Spring Fundraiser Auction. Whether it's a service, gift item, homemade creation, or a unique experience, every contribution plays an important role in the success of this event and helps support our students and programs. As always, we encourage parents and supporters to volunteer with WCS. It is a wonderful way to get involved, build relationships, and become part of our encouraging and caring school community.

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On a lighter note, some of you may be aware that our staff toilet seems to “blow up” on a weekly basis. We are happy to report that proper repairs are scheduled over the Christmas holidays. A sincere thank-you goes out to those who are generously giving their time and skills to finally solve this ongoing mystery!

On behalf of the Board, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

— Isaiah 9:6

Jocelyn Kraayenbrink



● Principal Ponderings: Joy in the Journey

Christmas is right around the corner. The weeks seem to fly by faster as December approaches. Classrooms sparkle with decorations, students rehearse for performances, and there is a growing sense of anticipation in the air. It is a beautiful time of year, filled with excitement, reflection, and hope. As I've been thinking about the season ahead, I can't help but reflect on how perfectly it connects with our school theme this year: Joy in the Journey.

The journey that led to the birth of Christ was not an easy one. Mary faced uncertainty and fear. Joseph wrestled with questions and responsibility. They traveled long distances under difficult conditions, only to find there was no room at the inn. And yet, woven through every challenge were moments of deep peace, faith, and divine purpose. The journey was not smooth but it was joyful because God was at work through every step. That story continues to remind us that joy is not dependent on everything being easy or comfortable. True joy is found in trusting God along the way.

In many ways, our school year since September has mirrored that truth. The journey has been full, sometimes busy, sometimes challenging but always meaningful. From the excitement of our opening day assembly to the rhythms of daily learning, we have seen joy take root in countless ways. Our Grade 5/6 students have been living out joy through service on Fridays, learning firsthand that serving others is one of the deepest sources of fulfillment. Our discipleship program has continued to shape hearts and minds, grounding our students in God's Word and in their faith walk.

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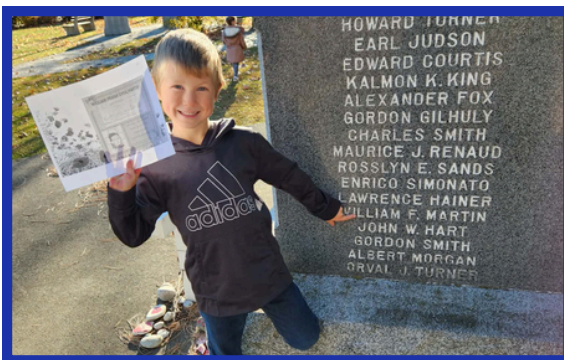
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We have also celebrated joyful moments through sports competitions where teamwork, perseverance, and school spirit have been on full display. Our STEM projects have sparked curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving as students stretch their thinking and work together to innovate. These moments, big and small, are all part of our shared journey this year. Each experience has shaped our community and reminded us that joy is often found not in the destination, but in walking the faith journey together.

As we approach Christmas, my prayer is that we would pause to recognize how richly God has blessed our school so far this year. Joy has shown up in laughter in hallways, in acts of kindness, in learning breakthroughs, in friendships formed, and in challenges that have helped us grow stronger. Just as the road to the manger was marked with both hardship and hope, our school journey too has been filled with moments that have shaped us in lasting ways.

May this Christmas season remind each of us students, staff, and families, that joy is not something we wait to find at the end. It is something we are invited to live out each day, trusting God with every step of the journey.

Principal
Mr. Matthew Charron



Classroom Updates

Over the past few months, the **Grade 1** class has been busy growing, exploring, and discovering new things across all subjects! In Science, students have learned about matter and materials, using their senses to observe, compare, and investigate the world around them. In Math, they have been developing their understanding of telling time, practicing how to read and use clocks with increasing confidence. Our Phonics lessons have focused on strengthening reading skills through work with long vowel sounds, helping students become more fluent and expressive readers. A highlight of the term was our exciting field trip to Sloan's, where the students got to enjoy time together as a school body. In Bible, we spent time studying Moses and the 10 Plagues, exploring the story's lessons and its place in biblical history. Altogether, it has been a rich and rewarding season of learning and growth!

Grade 2 has been hard at work this fall. We have been studying important Canadians and wrapped up our unit by studying local Canadian war heroes. Each student was able to learn about the life and sacrifice of a local soldier. When the projects were complete we traveled to the cenotaph where students found the names of their soldiers. We also studied fire safety this term. Students were tasked with working in groups to create a home that has an escape route and smoke detector in each room.



The first months of our school year have been a wonderful reminder of our theme, "Joy in the Journey." Each day in **Grade 3** has given us new opportunities to learn, grow, and see the goodness of God at work in our classroom. As Psalm 16:11 tells us, "You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." It has been a blessing to watch students discover that joy—both inside and outside the classroom.

Learning in the Classroom

From September to December, Grade 3 has been busy building routines, strengthening friendships, and diving into exciting new learning. In reading, writing, and math, students have worked hard through hands-on tasks, group challenges, and daily practice. In Bible, we've reflected on God's guidance in our lives and how we can find joy as we walk with Him each day.

The Trees of the Field: God's Grand Garden Gifts

Our Creation Studies unit, "The Trees of the Field: God's Grand Garden Gifts," fit beautifully with our theme. Students learned how trees are a reminder of God's provision and creativity, offering us shade, beauty, food, and oxygen. We talked often about how noticing God's creation helps us slow down and appreciate the joyful moments He places along our path.

Our trip to L.C. Henderson Conservation Area brought this learning to life. As we explored the trails, identified tree species, and observed ecosystems, students were able to see God's handiwork up close. It was a peaceful, joy-filled day of learning outdoors, surrounded by the natural beauty God designed.

Harvest Days at Ridgetown College

Another highlight of our journey this fall was our visit to Ridgetown College for Harvest Days. Students rotated through interactive stations, learning about farming, machinery, crops, and the work that goes into producing the food we enjoy. The excitement was contagious, and many children commented on how fun and memorable the experience was. It was another moment where we saw the joy that comes from learning together.

Growing in Community

Alongside our academic work, we have focused on building a caring classroom community. Students have practiced kindness, responsibility, and teamwork—finding joy in helping each other, celebrating successes, and encouraging their classmates. It has been wonderful to see friendships deepen and confidence grow.

Grade 4 is an incredibly diverse group of learners. Each student brings a unique set of gifts to our class. These kids love one another deeply, and they take good care of each other. Grade 4 loves to learn with their hands, especially in Science class. Earlier this fall we built devices using pulleys and gears. These included carnival rides, a well, several working elevators, and a car. Students are now caring for live earthworms in habitats they built in our study of habitats and communities. It is a joy to watch these students grow, particularly as they develop a deeper understanding of their identity in Christ.



The **Grade 5/6** class has had a strong start to the new school year! We took time adjusting to a full class and we are grateful God has blessed us with Ms. Waugh. We have continued our JK/SK buddy time planning various outdoor centres and leading the children.

Something new this year has been our service time on Friday afternoons, it provides our class with the opportunity to serve in our classroom and the larger school community. Some of the various jobs are reading and homework support in various grades, recycling, playground clean up, technology, library and blessing the staff with small gifts or treats and being helpful. We are learning to be more Christ-like and not expecting to get something in return for our work. Our class works hard in all areas. We just finished reading Narnia, we went to the conservation area to study biodiversity in a pond setting, and now we are doing projects on each province of Canada.





We have had a great start to the **Grade 7/8** school year. A few highlights have included our trips to Lakewood and Sloan's Christmas village. Projects like building a human or plant cell and making media projects about the story of Esther have also been great learning experiences for our class. Many of our students take part in the discipleship program where they are walking alongside younger students in faith. We are looking forward to making more memories together as a class.



Save the Date: 65 years!

We are thrilled to announce a very special milestone in the life of our school: our 65th Anniversary Celebration! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13th, as we come together to celebrate 65 years of faith, learning, community, and of course, joy in the journey.

For over six decades, God has been faithfully guiding our school through seasons of growth, challenge, and incredible blessings. Generations of students, families, and staff have walked this journey together, each playing a meaningful role in the story God continues to write here. This anniversary is not just about looking back. It is also about celebrating what God has done and looking ahead with gratitude and hope.

A dedicated committee is already hard at work planning a memorable celebration. While all the details are still coming together, you can expect a day filled with food, music, a walk down memory lane, and more as we reflect on the past and rejoice in what lies ahead. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, celebrate, and share in the joy of our school's story.

More information will be shared in the months ahead, but for now save the date: Saturday, June 13th. We can't wait to celebrate 65 years of Joy in the Journey with you!

Principal

Mr. Matthew Charron



For information regarding the auctions,
or to donate auction items, please contact Brittany at
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March 16-21 2026

Online Auction

More details coming soon!

Wallaceburg Christian School

DINNER AND AUCTION

APRIL 18TH

at Wallaceburg CRC
150 Bruinsma Ave Wallaceburg
Doors open at 530 pm
Dinner at 6pm

TICKETS \$30

LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION

Pasta Bar: build your own pasta with a great variety of combinations!

Contact bhooyer@wallaceburgchristianschool.com or the School for more info!



A Word from re:find

re:find Charity Thrift Shoppe was established in 2013. It began as a vision to help sustain Wallaceburg Christian School as well as support and bless the Wallaceburg Community. In return, the community supports and blesses re:find with their generous donations. This has been even more present in the last couple of years. For 12 years now, re:find has continued to thrive and serve our community. We are so blessed. If you feel the call to join our team, please come in and see us. We are always taking new volunteers.

Why Thrift?

It's affordable and eco-friendly.
It's less expensive, too!

It supports a good cause: re:find is operated by and supports the work of Wallaceburg Christian School. re:find also blesses a number of local charities in our community like Knox Presbyterian Soup Cellar of Wallaceburg, Habitat for Humanity Chatham-Kent, Dresden Food Bank and others.

Can I Volunteer? YES!

Volunteers help with day-to-day operations. Volunteers are always welcome! Try it twice a month, once a week or every day. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with heavy lifting as well as pickups and deliveries. It's a wonderful way to meet new people, have fun, learn something new and support the community.

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What Can I donate?

Thank you for choosing the eco-friendly option of donating your surplus goods!
We accept clothing and household items such as:

Antiques and collectibles
Hardware

Bedding and linens
Home Décor

Books
Household Goods

Clothing
Jewelry

Footwear
Toys

Furniture

