

# KINGDOM NEWS

NEWSLETTER



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## ● A Message from the Board



This year, the Board chose to focus heavily on policies and procedures. It may not sound glamorous, but it is essential work. We want to build a strong foundation that keeps our school rooted in its mission and values, regardless of changes in Board members, staff, or families over time. Strong governance creates consistency, fairness, accountability, and confidence in decision-making. Our Board participated in excellent governance training this year that has continued to guide and motivate us toward that goal.

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We also began this year facing a significant deficit, which caused all of us concern. We worked hard to understand how it happened and to put systems in place to help prevent it from happening again. Alongside that, we've continued strengthening our committees, including introducing a new tech committee to support Ed Hooyer, who has faithfully carried so much of that responsibility for years. Ed, we are deeply grateful for your dedication and service.

This year also reminded us that Kingdom work is often unseen. Over Christmas break, volunteers spent days repairing a major plumbing issue in the school. It certainly wasn't glamorous work, but it was faithful work, and we are so thankful for everyone who quietly serves in ways that keep this school going.

As we celebrate our 65th anniversary, I've been reflecting on the faithfulness of those who came before us. In 1951, fourteen men gathered with a vision for Christian education. Ten years later, the school opened, and today we are still benefiting from the seeds they planted in faith and obedience.

Recently during prayer, the Lord gave me a picture of a bridge being built from both sides across a deep chasm. As I looked closer at the beams underneath, I saw that each one represented prayers prayed, sacrifices made, acts of kindness shown and faithfulness lived out over time. And I felt the Lord remind me that every beam was ready exactly when it was needed.

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I believe our school is like that bridge. For decades, people have faithfully prayed, sacrificed, volunteered, taught, given, and served. Every day our doors open is evidence of countless acts of faithfulness and of a God who continues to sustain our school and community.

As Board Chair, I also want to acknowledge our teachers and staff. We know this season has brought uncertainty and difficult changes, and we recognize the weight that carries. Please know that we see you, value you, and are deeply grateful for the work you do in leading and caring for our children. The Board has made decisions prayerfully and carefully, and we remain committed to listening, learning, and walking alongside you well.

Thank you to each person who continues to serve this school community. I truly believe this work matters deeply to the heart of Jesus, and it is a privilege for all of us to be part of it as we pour ourselves out for the least of these.

*Jocelyn Kraayenbrink*  
Board Chair



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\$15,600 at our Dinner and  
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Wallaceburg Christian  
School are thankful.

### ● Principal Ponderings

Another year has flown by. In many ways, it feels like just yesterday I first walked through these doors, and yet remarkably, this marks my sixteenth year at Wallaceburg Christian School.

Sixteen years of classrooms filled with laughter, learning, prayer, challenges, victories, and countless reminders of God's faithfulness. And like every year before it, this is one worth remembering.

This year feels especially significant as we celebrate an incredible milestone: 65 years of Christian education in Wallaceburg. Sixty-five years of God's provision. Sixty-five years of faithful families, dedicated teachers, visionary leaders, sacrificial supporters, and generations of students who have walked through these halls. As I reflected on this milestone and on this school year, one word continually came to mind: Joy. That is why we chose our school theme: "Joy in the Journey." It felt fitting not only for this year, but for the story of Wallaceburg Christian School itself.

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What a journey it has been. Like any faith journey, our story has included mountain-top moments: student success, graduations, growth, celebration, and blessing. But it has also included valleys: financial uncertainty, difficult goodbyes, changing seasons, building projects, and moments where the future may have seemed unclear. Yet through every season, one truth has remained: God has been faithful.

When I think about joy in the journey, I often think of the Apostle Paul. Few people understood what it meant to walk a difficult road while holding onto joy. Paul experienced dramatic conversion, fierce opposition, imprisonment, beatings, shipwrecks, hunger, and uncertainty. He planted churches, encouraged believers, challenged communities, and wrote some of the most powerful words in Scripture. And yet, from a prison cell, Paul wrote: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice."

Paul understood something we often forget. Joy is not the absence of hardship. Joy is not found in comfort, success, or easy circumstances. Joy is found in Christ. It is rooted not in where the journey takes us, but in who walks with us through it.

That has been a challenge for our school community this year. We have encouraged our students to discover what it means to have joy not only in the victories, but in the struggles; not only on the mountain tops, but in the valleys. Because one of the greatest things we can teach our students is that Christian joy runs deeper than happiness. It is steady, resilient, and rooted in Jesus.

As principal, I believe that challenge begins with me and I say that humbly. Leadership is not simply about making decisions or setting direction. It is about modeling what we hope to see in others. If we ask our students to walk with joy, then they should see that joy modeled in their teachers, staff, and yes, their principal. And if I am honest, that is not always easy. Leadership comes with difficult conversations, heavy decisions, and moments of uncertainty. There are days when joy must be chosen before it is felt.

And in those moments, I am reminded, just like Paul, that true joy does not come from circumstances. It comes from Christ alone.

As I look around this school, I am reminded that Wallaceburg Christian School is more than a building or an institution. It is a testimony. For sixty-five years, God has sustained this place, provided in times of need, raised up leaders, brought faithful families, and continued to write this story.

As we celebrate this anniversary and approach the end of another school year, my prayer is that we would continue to be a community marked by joy—a joy that perseveres, a joy that points others to Jesus, and a joy that reminds us that after sixty-five years, by God's grace, the journey continues.



*Matthew Charron*  
Principal

Thank you to re:find for  
a total of **\$240 000**  
donated to WCS over  
the 2025- 2026  
school year!!  
Wow!



## Introducing Our Grads!



*Dustin Loewen*

**Favourite subject:** Poetry

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**  
TBD

**Favourite memory at WCS:** My favourite memory from WCS was on the day of track and field. Navy, Ashton and Seth and I were walking back to the school. We found a baby bird along the way when all of a sudden a group of birds started to fly at us.

**My favourite Bible verse:** Romans 8:28  
And we know that all things work together for good to those who love him, and have been called according to His purpose.

*Kiersten Luth*

**Favourite subject:** Writing or art.

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**  
Undetermined, possibly something in the arts or writing.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** One of my favourite memories at WCS was at the year end field trip to Canada's Wonderland. It was really fun riding the Yukon Striker with Macy, Amelia and Ashley. We did it 5 different times since it was so fun.

**My favourite Bible verse:** Galatians 5:22-23  
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



## Introducing Our Grads!



### *Navy Atkins*

**Favourite subject:** Phsyed and Poetry

**What you aspire to be or do when you are older:** Get involved in one of the trades.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** One of my favourite memories at WCS was when Dastin, Seth, Ashton and I saw a baby bird and we grabbed it. About 10 other birds started chasing us all the way back to school. Making great friends is one of my favourite things about school

**My favourite Bible verse:** Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

### *Ashley Klassen*

**Favourite subject:** Gym because I love doing sports. Bible too because I love getting close to God.

**What you aspire to be when you are older:** At the age I am at right now, I don't know completely, but I know I want to do something in the church.

Either with singing or playing my guitar.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** My favourite memory was when Amelia, Kiersten and Macy and I were at Canada's

Wonderland. We were going on our first ride and Amelia was so scared she was crying. I couldn't help but die laughing.

Overall she did love the ride and we went on it 4 more times.

**My favourite Bible verse:** Psalm 119:105  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path.



## Introducing Our Grads!

*Gara Vinger*

**Favourite subject:** Art

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**  
I want to go on lots of trips and missions to spread the gospel.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** My favourite memory at WCS is our trip to Lakewood. The reason that was my favourite memory is because all my classmates got together well and didn't fight. We played volleyball without arguing and it was really fun. We also went to the beach and went on a walk in the forest at the beginning of the year.

**My favourite Bible verse:** John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



*Macy Vandendool*

**Favourite subject:** Science, and writing  
**What you aspire to be when you are older:**  
An author, something in the science field, and missions.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** My favourite memory at WCS is going on overnight trips to Lakewood with my class.

**My favourite Bible verse:** Matthew 17:20  
'He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."



## Introducing Our Grads!



*Evelien Kramer*

**Favourite subject:** Bible and Gym.

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**

I don't know what I want to be yet.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** My favourite memory at WCS is when Raelynn and I went on the Leviathan ride together at Canada's Wonderland. Both of us started freaking out. The ride finished and me and her looked at each other and Raelynn told me... Well that is our secret. Making great friends is a favourite memory of mine at WCS

**My favourite Bible verse:** Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future..

*Trent Kramer*

**Favourite subject:** History

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**

When I am older I want to be a historical reenactor.

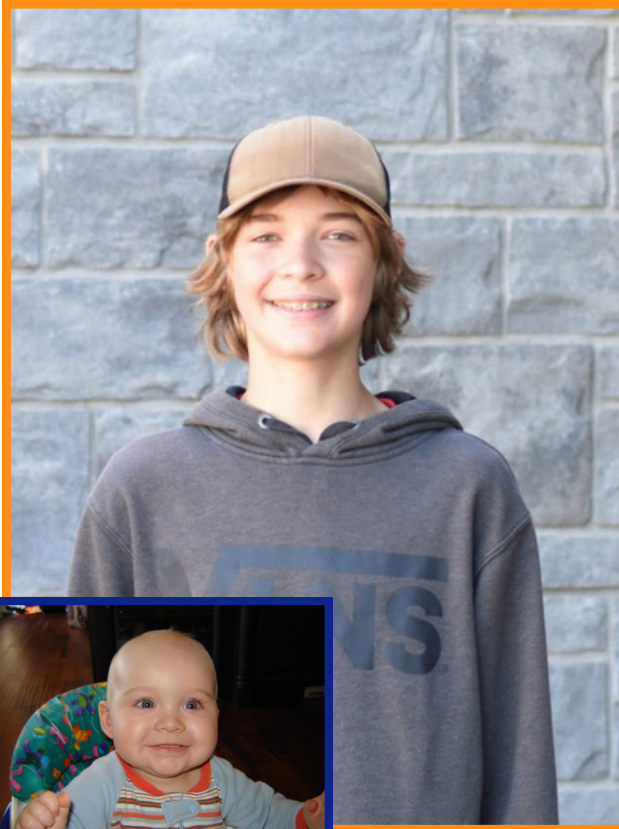
**Favourite memory at WCS:** My favourite memory at school is when we went to Canada's Wonderland for the end of year school trip.

**My favourite Bible verse:** John 14:15

If you love me, you will keep my commands.



## Introducing Our Grads!



*Geth Hooyer*

**Favourite subject:** Math

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**

I am not quite sure what I want to when I get older

**Favourite memory at WCS:** I really enjoyed our Lakewood camping trip that we did as a class

**My favourite Bible verse:** Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

*Auburni Verbeek*

**Favourite subject:** Gym or Writing

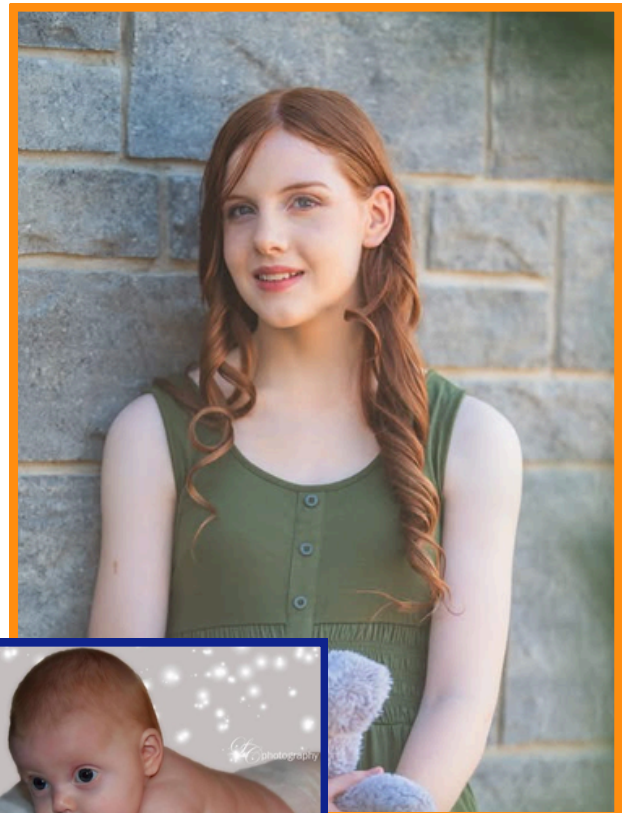
**What you aspire to be when you are older:**

A Detective

**Favourite memory at WCS:** Going to Lakewood this year.

**My favourite Bible verse:** Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love him, and have been called according to His purpose.



## Introducing Our Grads!



*Ashton Riesebos*

**Favourite subject:** Science

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**  
I've always aspired to game and NOT work at Mcdonald's.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** My favourite memory here was first joining my first sport, going to district and being chased by a swarm of birds

**My favourite Bible verse:** 2 Corinthians 4:16  
Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

*Amelia Unger*

**Favourite subject:** Writing and Science

**What you aspire to be when you are older:**  
I want to be a teacher. I also, not as a job, want to share the Gospel in my everyday life.

**Favourite memory at WCS:** A favourite memory was when we went to Canada's Wonderland as a class. Macy, Ashley and Kiersten got me to go on my first roller coaster in years. I was crying so hard, and I think Ashley was laughing so hard she was crying too. I ended up going on it 4 times, and now I really like roller coasters.

**My favourite Bible verse:** Isaiah 41:13  
For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

