



THE MESSENGER

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Note: Next week's MESSENGER will be the last one for this school year.

The class of 2009-2010 would like to invite
the school community and its supporters to their

GRADUATION EXERCISES

to be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Redeemer Church building.



GENERAL NEWS . . .

1. ICS Band



After the band's performance at the recent spring variety event, we heard many words of praise in response to the band's remarkable accomplishments in just eight months. That confirmed my own assessment of the band's work. As I told the students many times, we couldn't do without any one of them. Each one played an important part in the success of the band as a whole and towards the production of a full and pleasant sound. Congratulations to all 39 students (2 in Gr. 10, 15 in Gr. 9, 10 in Gr. 8, 12 in Gr. 7) on your performance! Thank you for your diligence and hard work! Thank you also for your patience with me and with each other.

Band students, I count it a blessing to have been able to share my love of music with such a great group of young people! It's been a memorable year. I hope you all have been enriched by the band experience, too. For some of you it was a first-instrument undertaking, for others it was a second-, third-, or fourth-. But for all of you it was a new team experience. Together we enjoyed many wonderful moments of accomplishment—moments where all I could say was, “Wow!!” I hope that you will find ways to continue learning and making music and that you will always use your musical gifts and skills to the honour and praise of God, the Giver of all your talents and abilities!

Thank you, parents, for supporting and encouraging your children in this work. Thank you also for your words of appreciation.

Thank you, ICS staff and students, for putting up with “the noise.” Because 40 band members filled Mrs. Buist's room wall-to-wall, and 40 band members blowing warm, moist air through their instruments for an hour raised the temperature and humidity level in the room significantly, we had to keep the classroom door (and windows) open. Forty musicians ending a selection fortissimo creates quite a sound. It may sound like great music to those involved, but to the students and teachers in all the other classrooms in the school who are trying to concentrate on their work, it undoubtedly is just noise most of the time.

Thank you, ICS Board and Mr. Veenendaal, for your dedication to making music happen in the school, and for your help and support this year.

And finally, publicly: Thank you, Mrs. Buist, for your invaluable, behind-the-scenes work that contributed immensely to the success of the band this year. Thank you, Liz, for:

1. taking care of the classroom rearrangement before and after every band class, organizing groups of students to help. Before every class, that meant moving all the desks out of your room and stacking them in the hallway, bringing in band chairs and music stands, and setting everything up in band formation. After every class, chairs and stands had to be restacked in the carts and rolled into storage under the east stairs, and the desks had to be brought back into the classroom from the hallway and set up in rows again with chairs—all in time for the next class;
2. taking care of all the instrument malfunction issues, sending rentals for repair to St. John's Music and school-owned instruments to Quest Musique, keeping track of the exchange of rentals and loaners;
3. participating as an active member of the band and serving as coach for the flutes;
4. helping students, talking with parents, writing notes for The Messenger, planning and marking student projects, preparing marks and report cards;
5. serving me with good advice and keeping us sometimes from biting off more than we could chew;
6. assisting and supporting me as conductor of the lively group!

Liz's work freed me of many tasks that often fall to a band director. The delightful teamwork arrangement made the band workload manageable for both of us. It allowed me to focus on the actual lessons and maximize on class time for instruction. The students enjoyed the benefits!

ICS band students, you are invited to a year-end get-together on Friday, June 25. Exact time and place and further details to follow.

Wishing you all happy summer holidays and God's blessings in the years to come,
Mrs. Gortemaker

2. Reminder: Mark your calendars! Come one come all! The big school clean is coming Friday evening June 25 and Saturday morning June 26! Men and women, there are jobs for everyone. Please come out for a lot of fun and work so we can get the job done.

Additional cleaning dates are planned for July 5, 6 & 7th mornings and evenings. Everyone can expect a phone call to confirm so we can set up a schedule. Please keep time available for this.

The cleaning committee. Andrea Vandelden, Sacha Hofsink, Theresa Weessies



3. MEMBERSHIP DUES

June 30 is the fiscal year end for the school. It would be appreciated if all outstanding accounts could be caught up before then.

Please note that the new membership rates become effective July 1. The rates are:



Fam. with students	\$ 429
Fam. with K student	\$ 357.50
Fam. -no students	\$ 286
Single	\$143

Also a reminder that you are able to pay dues by automatic withdrawal. It is easy and convenient. Payments can be made on the first of each month or bi-weekly. Forms are available in the office, or just note on a Void cheque which payment method you would like to use.

4. Check out what is happening at I.C.S. in the next two weeks . . .

- Monday, June 21** - **Grade 3 students to Gimli museum**
- **Grade 9 students to Gimli**
- Tuesday, June 22** - **Grade 7 students to Stonewall Quarry (P.M.)**
- Wednesday, June 23** - **Grade 4 students to Stonewall Quarry (all day)**
- **Kindergarten students to the Zoo**
- Thursday, June 24** - **Grade 6 students to Fun Mountain**
- **Grade 5 students to Bird's Hill**
- **ICS GRADUATION**
- Friday, June 25** - **Grade 1 students to Oak Hammock Marsh**
- **Grade 2 Students to St. James Museum 1:30 – 3:00**
- Monday, June 28** - **Grade 7 students to Grand Beach**
- Tuesday, June 29** - **Closing Assembly in Grace Church at 1:00, which will include Kindergarten Graduation.**
- **Students Dismissed at 2:15**

5. CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT - The Speed Chess Round Robin Tournament is finished. Ryan Gritter came in first, Bailey Dewitt second and Riley Raap third. Congratulations! Thanks to all who participated.

6. Causes for Creativity (talk to Jeff Dykstra)

1. Write or e-mail the media, its ad sponsors, or your MLA or MP.
2. *Teen Ink* has an online poetry contest.
3. See Mr. Dykstra for short story, essay, poetry, and/or play contests.
4. Click on the tag *activism* on delicious.com/literatureman.
5. A contest promoting democracy has a June 30 deadline: hundreds of dollars in prizes!
6. Contest relating to Manitoba provincial parks includes four photography categories – Scenery, Wildlife, Action, and Youth Photography – or send in a personal Manitoba park story, in 500 words or less. Visit <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/parks/celebrate/contests.html>.

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SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Information and applications for the **Canadian Blood Services scholarship** are now available. Check the bulletin board for more information and applications. The deadline to apply is also **July 31st!** We have had several ICS students earn this scholarship. Let's keep the trend going!

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The following poem was submitted by a grade 12 student as a response to our study of the book of Ecclesiastes.

One live on chance on hope.

So many strive for money
Many crave to have good looks
Some will be in movies
Some will write world famous books
Some will strive for wisdom
Many live their life for fun
What will YOU complete
Before your life is fully done?
When you end up in the grave
what will you take with you?
Laughter?
Money?
Fame?
Good looks?
The things you've learned to do?
Will you take your friends
Or all the things you did for fun?
No.
You see?
It's meaningless!
This life under the sun.
These things ...
They all lack meaning –
Though good times may still be had,
With family, friends and talents
You'll have good times you'll have bad.
Don't worry 'bout the small things
Take it one day at a time
Enjoying life, the things you do
Is surely not a crime.
The thing that you must live for though
Is life lived for the LORD
Then when you leave this life of pain
You'll enter your reward
Debbie Wiesema

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY ...



One for the Summer at our school library

Sharon Creech's *Love That Dog* is a story about a boy who learns to love poetry as much as he loves his dog.

Take it out when the school library opens over the summer.
Summer hours will be: Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 12:00 and
Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00

The following students still have overdue library books. Perhaps we would get them in on Monday morning and that way the librarians can begin their inventory.

Grade 2:	David N.	Kevin D.	Shania K.
Serena S.		Austin V.	Kenneth V.
	Grade 5:	Aveline V.	
Grade 3:	Nate D.		Grade 9:
Luke M.	Nathan D.	Grade 7:	Mikayla T.
Grade 4:	Carrie P.	Emily D.	Thomas V.
Shelby D.	Stephen S.	Mark M.	
Evan M.	Grade 6:	Grade 8:	

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NEWS FROM THE SPORTS CORNER ...

A number of junior high athletes competed in the Junior High provincials on Wednesday, June 9, braving the cold and wind. Two school records were set at this meet – Caitlyn Veldman in the 100m and Shayna Toet in the 800m. A number of high school athletes also competed in the High School Track and Field provincials last week Thursday to Saturday. Our best finishers were Ryan Versteeg, who finished 4th in the Varsity Boys discus, and Nicole Poppe, who finished tied for 9th in JV Girls High Jump.

We also had our Awards evening Wednesday, June 9. Congratulations to all who won, but also to all who participated this year. Thanks again to the parents, coaches, and all who contributed to the different sport seasons that we had this year.

I'd also like to thank everyone for their kind words and their gifts. It means a lot to me, and I will certainly have positive memories of my work here in this area.

Here follow the Award Winners from that evening:

<u>Sport</u>		<u>Most Valuable</u>	<u>Most Improved</u>
Cross-Country	high school	Nick Mostert	-----
	Junior high	Stephanie Dewitt	-----
Badminton		Kylie Kuik	-----
Track and Field		Sarah Nienhuis	-----
Junior Girls Volleyball		Shania Kuik	Emily Dewitt
			Hannah Poppe
JV Girls Volleyball		Kylie Kuik	Anna-Marie Versteeg
V Boys Volleyball		Scott Nienhuis	Jon Weessies

V Girls Volleyball	Regan Veenendaal	Sonya Nyhof
Junior Boys Basketball	Kenny VanderVegte	Darren Gritter
Junior Girls Basketball	Caitlyn Veldman	Hannah Poppe
JV Girls Basketball	Nicole Poppe	Kristi Raap
V Boys Basketball	Paul Kuik	Scott Nienhuis
V Girls Basketball	Megan Toet	Rachel Poppe
Boys Soccer	Matt Hoogerdijk	Derek Douma
Girls Soccer	Amy Weessies	Rachel Poppe

Athletes of the Year: Female	Megan Toet
Male	Scott Nienhuis

ICS Christian Character Award Winner Rachel Poppe

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ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM NEWS . . .

Kindergarten: Mrs. Nyhof

This week we were busy with instrument making, Father's Day, final assessments, animal studies, and final paintings to mention a few. We had a guest, Tamarah Nagtegaal, in our class on Wednesday. Tamarah will be joining the class in grade 1. The students enjoyed the day together. Welcome back to our class!

Here's what is planned for next week:

Monday: Home reading books and bags are due. Most are in already.

Wednesday: Field Trip to the Zoo: A note will go home on Monday with the details. (Friday is the rain date)

Show and Tell: M-Benjamin and Drew, W-No Show and Tell, F- Hannah and Ashley

Bible: M-Paul the Missionary, F- Paul and Silas

Memory Work: Song: **Hymn 61:1**, Text: **Gal.5: 22-23, The Lord's Prayer**

ELA: Reading and Writing activities. Review of Word Wall Words

Math: Review of math concepts

Theme: Animals

Music: Learning about instruments

Grade 1: Miss Harke

We have reached our last full week of school! On Friday, June 25, we plan to go on our field trip to Oak Hammock Marsh. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to drive! If you haven't already done so, please sign and return the permission slip for this field trip as soon as possible. Also, for this week's home reading I have sent home just the books and no activities. **Please return the home reading kits on Wednesday, June 23.**

Memory Work Song: review of past songs

Memory Work Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23b-26 (we will learn this but it won't be tested)

Word Wall Words: review

Show & Tell: M – Jordan H., T – Kiana, W – Abigail, Th – Jennifer

Church History: baptism, profession of faith, Lord's Supper

ELA: review

Math: 2D shapes and 3D objects

Social Studies: Connecting with Others

Gym (K&Gr.1): Review and Games

Grade 2: Miss Vandermeulen

Memory Song: Psalm 140:10 (due June 18)

Memory Text: Isaiah 40:1-5 – Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed,

that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." (due June 29)

Bible: Church History: People From All Times and All Places. At the end of this week we had a quiz on the martyr Polycarp. In the coming week we will do a mini unit on Martin Luther.

Math: Addition and Subtraction: We will continue to do a cross number puzzle every day until the end of the school year in connection with this unit. We will also continue to work on addition and subtraction word problems in our math journals.

Mental Math: Continuing with Thinking Strategies for Subtraction.

Lunch: Berenstain Bear books by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Science/Social: Unit: Properties of Solids, Liquids and Gases. In the coming week we will study states of matter and we will do experiments related to floating and sinking.

Grade 2&3 Gym: Gym Days: Mondays and Wednesdays. In the upcoming week we will set up exercise stations again to review some of our skills and to continue practicing with skipping skills, both short rope and long rope.

Spelling: We are finished our spelling book! We will do some review activities in the coming week.

Word Wall Words: We are finished our list of word wall words for grade 2! We will do some review activities in the coming week.

Show and Tell Schedule: June 18 - Kazia, Benjamin, Brianna, Aiden, Kirsten. June 25 - Taryn, Serena, Katy-Beth, Emily, Nicole

Field Trip Schedule: Thank you to the drivers/chaperones who volunteered to help us out when we went to the Science Gallery this week! That was very much appreciated! Our second field trip will be to the Historical Museum of St. James where we will learn a little about the history of Winnipeg including pioneer life and aboriginal history. Details and permission slips for this trip will be sent home in the coming week. The date for the second trip is Friday, June 25th in the pm.

Grade 3: Miss van Doornik

Memory Work: For June 25 – Psalm 145:1

Memory Text: For June 25 – Romans 12:4,5

Math: We are learning the 3 and 4 timestables. In the last few days we will be introduced to division.

Spelling: We have finished spelling for the year, but we will continue spelling practise in daily activities.

Social Studies: In connection with our Vikings unit our year-end trip will be visiting to Gimli on Monday, June 21.

Grade 4: Mr. den Hollander

Students have worked very hard this past week. As we come closer to the end of the school year we often have changes in our schedules and different types of activities. I was pleased with how well students focused on their work and completed assignments in a timely manner. Keep it up Grade 4. This coming week we'll be rounding out our units and enjoying a field trip to Stonewall.

Church History: We'll be busy rounding out our Church History unit with the study of Dr. K Schilder. This past week we enjoyed learning more about the writers of the Heidelberg Catechism. If time permits, we'll also have a short unit on the Book of Daniel. Our last Bible unit focused on the Israelites in exile so this short study will be a follow up.

Math: We are still working on our introduction to division. Although it is too bad to leave it to the end of the year, it has given us a lot of time to spend on making sure we understand the different steps. We'll continue with this over the coming week.

E.L.A: Now that we have finished polishing our favourite stories, I have decided to do some reading practice yet before the end of the school year. We are enjoying a short novel study on the book, "Stone Fox". So far students are really enjoying the story line.

Social Studies: We'll keep on plugging through this unit. We may have a short quiz on this during the week. During our trip to Stonewall, we'll also be receiving a historic tour of the town.

Science: We are also working on one last short unit on Rocks and Minerals. Mrs. Vandenberg is capably teaching this unit. We'll focus on how rocks are formed, mining, as well as minerals.

Memory Work: There will be no more memory work.

Grade 5: Mrs. Heidema

The year flew by. God blessed us richly in all kinds of ways. We regularly find ourselves looking back and see growth in different areas: spiritually, socially, academically and/or personally. That makes us feel humble because it often happened in spite of our efforts.

This week some things will be out of the ordinary:

- The students may choose where they would like to sit in the classroom.
- Every day two new helpers volunteer (to be determined on Monday).
- On Thursday we are hoping to go on a Fun Field Trip to Birds Hill Park (weather permitting).
- On Friday there will be the class council party.

Finally, this Sunday is Father's Day as well. Thank you dads for all your support and good example to the children. May God bless you!

For next week:

Helpers: Two different volunteers each day.

ISC Safety Patrol: Grade 5 members team 2: Ashton & Daniel

Memory Work: Song: Hymn 48:1

Bible: We are doing some short studies on New Testament letters (parts of them) and we will discuss the main themes of Revelations.

ELA: Last week we discussed the meaning of the words prejudice and stereotype. We realized prejudice can show in many ways and that Christians are not at all free from it!

We will finish our Unit called 'What's Fair?' with the story 'The Saltbox Sweater'.

Spelling: No spelling homework!

Math: The Unit on Geometry will be finished with some assessing activities.

Social Studies 5+6: The topic is still World War II. The last two topics will be Forgotten Heroes (women and aboriginal Canadians in the armed forces) and the liberation / D-Day.

Science: There will be a Science test (Weather) on Wednesday June 23! The red folder and the review sheet have been sent home last Wednesday. Students make sure you study well!

Grade 6: Mr. Folkerts

Class Trip: Thursday the class will be going Fun Mountain.

Industrial Arts: The last I.A. for the year will be on Friday.

Patrols: Erin & Julie

ELA: This week we finished reading *Shiloh*. Next week we will spend some time looking at short stories.

Math: We will wrap up. Our final unit is on Transformations.

Science: Next week we will compare and contrast vertebrates and invertebrates.

Bible History: We will finish up our Bible history with the Tower of Babel and Abraham.

Grade 7/8:

Band 7/8: We still have a couple of band classes next week! Students will have their performance test on Monday, June 21. On June 25 in the evening there will be a “Band Wind Up” at Bird’s Hill Park. Details to follow.

ELA 7: We will watch the video based on *Lost in the Barrens* in order to compare and contrast the book and the movie. The last Spelling test will be on Wed. June 23.

ELA 8: We will conclude our novel study on Monday or Tuesday. We will end the year with a short unit of study on the Crusades. The final Spelling test will be on Wed. June 23.

Bible 7: We will finish studying selected chapters from the book of Nehemiah. Students will have a test on this unit on *Thursday, June 24*.

French Gr: 7 - There will be a test on Unit 5 on Thursday.

French Gr. 8 - There will be a test on Unit 9 on Thursday.

Math 7: We continued with our Geometry unit this week. Students will have to work hard this week, because I am determined to finish this unit by the end of this week. Count on a daily quiz as well Grade 7.

Math 8 – Tues. – QUIZ on Transformations; Wed. – QUIZ on Tessellations; Fri. – TEST on the Geometry Unit (Chapter 8).

SocSt 7 – Students are required to finish their assignments on a European country at home. They will be due Tuesday, June 22. In the meantime we have begun a short overview of the Americas. Students will focus on one city in N America, and prepare a short presentation on it. They will also select a country in Central and South America to prepare a quilt square for. We will use fabric markers for this, and hopefully it will result in an impressive looking class project. Clearly we will be busy!

SocSt 8 – This week students will study the Crusades. We will be watching some films about it, and if time we’ll complete a class mural depicting this history.

Science 7 – Next week we will look at design features that strengthen structure. Students will write a quiz on internal and external forces next week Wednesday, June 23.