

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Welcome back to another Principal Newsletter! We have so many things going on all the time around here that it is tough to keep this letter to one page but here it goes!

The month of October seemed to be the “Guest Speaker” month at CCS. The kids were so excited to see the Moose Jaw Warriors come to school to spend time reading with the Grade 1-4 classrooms. Lots of smiles, pictures and autographs with their hockey heroes. The next day the kindergarten class welcomed guests from the Burrowing Owl Centre, and they did some Owl pellet dissection. Sounds smelly to me! The high school was entertained and challenged by the “Refined/Undignified” dance crew from Briercrest College. Their message was all about breaking free from the chains of this world to pursue a life with Christ. To end the month, we were blessed to have the Christian College and Universities tour stop in and speak in chapel and then our high school kids were able to spend some time talking to the various institutions about post-secondary opportunities across Canada.



October was also “Field Trip” month! The grade 11 and 12’s took part in a mega Career Fair here in Moose Jaw. There were over 100 vendors from colleges, universities, and trade schools to every business you can think of, trying to recruit students and giving them a chance to try an occupation. What an opportunity for our kids to see just what is out there in the world! The High School SLC spent 2 days

out at Dallas Valley Camp on their annual Saskatchewan Christian Schools Leadership retreat. Mr. Driscoll and Mrs. Garland took a big crew out there and the feedback was that it was just an amazingly motivational experience for the Christian leaders of today. The grade 6’s enjoyed the beautiful October weather and went to Wakamow Valley for 2 different trips. The first was a nature walk with an Indigenous storyteller and the second was to play disc golf during Phys. Ed. class.



This year we have incorporated a special element to Practical and Applied Arts in grade 8. Our students have not only been doing mechanics and cooking, but each week a group of students are learning real life skills like shingling a roof, installing vinyl siding, pouring cement, and painting. We are blessed to have journeyman carpenter Mr. Fisher and shop assistant Mr. Ellard guiding the students safely along with our teachers Mrs. Thorn and Ms. Perry.



Once again, the Fall Musical of Disney’s The Little Mermaid was a huge success and the talk of the town. Talking to people in the theatre and around town, the most common question I am asked is, “Is that really all kids up there singing and acting because this is almost as good as a Broadway show?” The answer of course is yes! Our production team is second to none and they bring the God-given talents of all of the children to life...from the star of the show to the crew who build and design the sets. We do this show for the community and the community of Moose Jaw thanks us for it!

The fall also brought much success in the athletics world. We had Nikki S. finish 24th in the province in Cross Country running, the ‘A’ girls won bronze in the elementary volleyball league, the Sr. Girls played in their first ever volleyball city final and then won their first ever provincial bronze medal. So many lasting memories for the players and coaches like me who have waited 27 years to win my first volleyball provincial medal. We are so proud of our CCS athletes who shine the light of the Lord in the gyms and fields around the province.



A reminder to keep the flow of traffic moving in the parking lot after school. If you have to get out of your car for any reason, please park in the lot and not in the traffic flow lane. Each year I get emails of frustration from parents as they are sitting in the traffic jam caused by cars not moving, and the city has warned us that we cannot cause traffic congestion on Coteau St. E or Main St. S. Please do your best to make pick up as slick as possible for everyone!



To close out this edition of the newsletter, I would like to wish Wendy Johner all the best on her retirement as the CCS Business Manager. She has been at CCS since 2011 and is now moving on to be a grandma! She will be greatly missed in the office. If you haven’t seen or met her replacement yet, I am sure you will one day soon. We hired former 2005 grad, Matthew Bader, as the new Business Manager. He loves CCS and has always dreamed of coming back to work here. I would also like to welcome our brand new Facilities Manager Daryl Diggins. Daryl worked 25 years in Prairie South schools before retiring and now we are blessed to have him in the CCS halls. We will miss Brian Fisher so much, but we thank him over and over for his time at CCS and transforming the exterior into what it is today.



Stay warm and safe out there. Enjoy the snow!



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Principal