

"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path."
-Psalm 119:105

God's Story
OUR STORY



"Developing Gifts for Joyful Service"

"Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me" Matthew 18:5

Monday, October 28

Tuesday, October 29

Wednesday, October 30

Grade 2's St. Therese's Villa 10:10 – 11:45 am

Thursday, October 31

Picture Re-takes 9:00 – 11:00 am

Friday, November 1

Grade 2 Remington Carriage Museum 9:00 am – 2:45 pm

Christian Credit Union Banking Day 11:45 – 12:00

ICES Hot lunch - Hot Dog Day 12:10 pm

Saturday, November 2

Sunday, November 3

Monday, November 4

ICES Parent News and Notes

Note from Principal: Over this past week our staff had the tremendous opportunity to once again attend our annual Prairie Center for Christian Education (PCCE) Teacher's Convention. The theme of the convention was "Cultivate". There were very rich opportunities for learning from our keynote speaker and breakout sessions. There were wonderful opportunities to connect with colleagues from other Christian schools during breaks and Thursday evening. There was also an amazing chance to join together in worship with roughly 400 other Christian school educators....awesome!

Through this process, we were once again reminded of the blessing of Christian education. Our keynote speaker was Brad Griffin, Senior Director of Content from the Fuller Youth Institute. He certainly provided food for reflection. He reaffirmed the importance of parents in the education and faith formation of kids. He encouraged us as teachers and parents to be real/genuine with our kids, to connect with kids and to not shy away from tough questions, even if we don't have all the answers. Silence is a much bigger obstacle to faith formation than doubt. In fact doubt often means that kids are still engaging in their faith. Research also suggests that there is no substitute for a parent spending meaningful time with their child...whatever that looks like.

Once again I want to affirm our appreciation for parent support. As a school we understand that parenting is not easy, and that parents send to schools their most precious resources. We are committed to continuing to work with parents and churches to help our students develop their gifts for joyful service!



ICES Hiring Update!

This past week, ICES was able to hire Julia Sinke as EA for our Early Education Program (EEP). This Lethbridge school division position became available when more needs were identified in our EEP. Julia has Early Childhood training from Lethbridge College and is also a mom, Society board representative and a passionate supporter of Christian education at ICES. Welcome aboard Julia!



ICES Clubs

Over the last last week, ICES has once again kicked off starting our grade 4 /5 clubs! Clubs are a way for students to explore an interest, take ownership of co – curricular learning and help serve the school! The following clubs are being offered this year:

1. Earthkeeping club - involved in helping with recycling of paper, containers and plastics. Also involved in helping collect compost. Staff supervisors – Mrs. Postman, Mr Lieuwen
2. Promotion club – involved in helping change the sign out front. Also involved in helping with decorating the lobby and develop promotional materials for the school. Staff supervisor – Mr. Visser
3. Milk Club – involved in helping with distributing milk to various students as part of our ICES milk program. Staff supervisor – Mrs. Schellenberg
4. Audio Visual club – involved in helping with the video recording of chapels. Also planning on developing/facilitating the publication of ICES e-newsletters throughout the year. Staff supervisor – Mr. Riewe
5. Supervision club – helping ensure all students (especially younger ones) have a friend, someone to play with on the playground. Staff supervisor – Ms. Witten
6. Chapel club – involved with helping set up and take down audiovisual equipment, stands, chairs etc. for our chapels. Staff supervisor – Mr. Visser
7. Yearbook club – involved with helping with the development of our yearbook pages. Students help take and select pictures and are involved in yearbook page design. Staff supervisor – Mrs. Heshka
8. Intramural club – involved with helping plan and organize student intramurals during noon recesses. Staff supervisor – Mr. Greeno.

KNOWING GOD

Learning to be part
of God's story...

At Immanuel Christian
Elementary School

Who is God?

God is a mighty savior, a loving father, and a wise friend. He created the world, orchestrated an incredible plan for salvation, and promises to return and make all things new! A God so awesome really must be known! Throughout the New Testament, God uses metaphors, prefaced by 'I Am', to describe who He is. This year at ICES we are studying these metaphors as we seek to know our God. In October Reverend VanEyck spoke at our chapel, sharing what it means for God to be the **LIGHT** of our world.

Light of the World Devotional

What about the phrase "light of the world"? Verse 12: *"Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world.'"* What does "of the world" mean? The whole world is not being lightened — at least not yet. In fact, he says, "Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness." Which means that if we don't follow him, we do walk in darkness. And where is that darkness? It is in the world and in our hearts. So being "the light of the world" doesn't mean removing all darkness from the world as he walks through the world. Here's what I think it means:

- Jesus's being "the light of the world" means the world has no other light than him. If there is going to be a light for the world, it will be Jesus. It is Jesus or darkness. There is no third alternative. No other light.
- It means, therefore, that all the world, and everyone in it needs Jesus as their light.
- It means that the world was made for this light. This is not a foreign light. This is the light of the owner of the world. When this light comes, it not only makes sin plain as foreign and ugly, but it also makes everything good in the world shine with its full and true beauty. This world was made to be illumined by this light. This light of Christ is native to the world.
- And finally, Jesus being "the light of the world" means that that one day this world will be filled with this light as the waters cover the sea, and all darkness, and all the works of darkness, and all the sons of darkness will be cast out. That's why Jesus called hell "outer darkness". In that day, all will be light. Jesus, the radiance of the Father, will fill the world, and everything will be beautiful with the light of Christ.

Time to Talk!

- ✓ What does Jesus being the 'light of the world' show us about God's character?
- ✓ How can we show Jesus we are trusting Him as our light?
- ✓ How can we share the light and truth of Jesus with others in our families? What about others in our communities?

Student Corner

Students in grade four have been exploring what it means to be Children of God, made in the image of God. Through exploration of scripture, and discussions on how we are each unique, students are uncovering truths about being chosen and called by God to love and serve HIM!

Being made in God's image is a joy, privilege, and responsibility!



So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
 (Genesis 1:27)

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 978338.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



FALL FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 16, 2019



It's almost that time again!

The Immanuel Christian Schools Fall Fundraiser is a fun event for the entire family! This year, the Fall Fundraiser is on **November 16, 2019** and funds raised will go towards renovating and upgrading the ICSS Home Ec Room (aka large kitchen). Doors to the event open at 10:00 am and the auction starts at 1:30pm. Lunch is served from 11:30am to 2pm, and KidZone is from 11am-3pm. The Fall Fundraiser is held at Immanuel Christian Secondary School.

The Society is seeking auction items from its members (min. \$50 value) for the live auction at the Fall Fundraiser. Items can be dropped off at the Society office until Friday, November 8.