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NEWMARKET DISTRICT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS!

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ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE - by Lynda Coghill

We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer, and that all our students are ready and eager to meet the challenges and excitement that come with the start of school.

The beginning of each school year is filled with much excitement. We are committed to ensuring that each of our students has the opportunity to grow spiritually, academically and learn in a positive and safe environment. We are pleased to welcome back all of our returning students and families and would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new students and families **(19 new students)**!

Preparing a school for the beginning of a new school year takes the hard work and commitment of many people. We would like to recognize the dedication and efforts of the NDCA staff in preparation for the 2015-2016 school year. Our teachers have also worked hard in the setup of their classrooms and programs to ensure a successful school year for students.

We will continue to work together to build a safe, caring, prayerful, supportive and inclusive school climate. We know that when parents, teachers and students view one another as partners in education, a caring community is formed and student learning is supported. We look forward to the wonderful teaching and learning that will happen throughout the year! As your child's journey gets underway over the next weeks and months, please be sure to share information, ask questions, and discuss any concerns you may have with school staff. Specific questions and concerns that relate to particular classes should be directed to the appropriate teacher.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you are. *Joshua 1:9*



Upcoming Events

September 10

5:30 - Family Barbeque

September 11

11:30 a.m. **Parent Prayer Group** at the school

September 21

Picture Day

September 24

7:00 - Curriculum Night

8:30 - Fall Business Meeting

Important Note!

Over the summer, our address was changed slightly. From now on, our address will not include the box number. Our mail will be delivered directly to us. Our new postal code is L3Y 3H4.



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*I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they finished it with care.*

*One was a teacher; the tools he used
Were books and music and art;
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle and loving heart.*

*Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was deft and sure
While the parent laboured by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.*

*And when at last their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For the things they had molded into the
child*

Could neither be sold nor bought

*And each agreed he would have failed
If he had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.*

Anon. 1998

NDCA Staff

Mrs. P. Mortimer (Administrative Assistant)

Mrs. L. Garrett (Educational Assistant)

Mrs. K. Coenjarts (Bookkeeper)

Mrs. A. Gerard (JK/SK)

Mrs. M. Bridle (Gr. 1/2)

Mr. N. Olsen (Gr. 3/4, Phys. Ed, math support)

Ms. J. MacLachlan (Vice Principal, Gr. 3/4 & Arrowsmith)

Mrs. M. Debau (Gr. 5/6 & Art)

Mr. G. Eyre (Gr. 7/8 & Arrowsmith)

Mme Moussadji (French)

Mrs. March (Music)

Mrs. L. Coghill (Principal)



The Importance of Prayer!

Thank-you everyone for your continuous prayers for our staff, students and our NDCA community! We know that God is in control and He answers prayer!

Join the Parent Prayer Group!

The parent prayer group will be meeting each Friday at 11:30 a.m., at the school, to pray for the school and the community. It begins this Friday and all are welcome! If you need more information, please contact the school or speak with Mrs. E. Strauss (one of our parents).

Colossians 1:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Our First Chapel of the Year!

Thank-you to all the parents that attended our chapel yesterday. We started the year with our special guest speaker Jodi Greenstreet! Mrs. Greenstreet spoke about the challenges of starting a new school year and the pressure surrounding certain situations. She emphasized that God already knows us so well and loves us for who we are. She also helped to introduce our scripture verses for the year from Psalm 139 with a special emphasis on verse 14.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.



Parent Page!

Why Does Attendance Matter?

Getting to school - **every day and on time** - is very important. **Learning** occurs daily, right from the start of class. By establishing patterns early on (i.e. by being punctual and responsible) children acquire positive habits about school attendance. Here are some other things to consider:

- *If children are late arriving to school, they miss important social time with their peers before school begins.*
- *Students who are late often feel embarrassed or self-conscious. Late arrivals disrupt the routine of the classroom.*
- *A last-minute rush can be stressful for the child, and get him/her to school in the wrong frame of mind.*
- *Missing even five or ten minutes of the day can make it harder for a student to understand the material being taught.*
- *Frequent absenteeism leads to gaps in a child's skills and knowledge base and can cause the child to fall behind peers and decrease self-esteem.*

Tips for Being on Time

The morning can be a very hectic time. Here are some effective tips for getting your child up and out the door on time.

- Get your child to bed at a reasonable hour. TV's and computers should not be in the bedroom.
- Set realistic and consistent schedules and rules at home. Getting ready for school should be part of the child's overall routine; something that's expected of him/her every day.
- Do whatever is necessary the night before to save time in the morning, such as setting out clothes, packing lunches, and setting backpacks at the door.
- Create a set morning routine that your child can easily follow (showering, dressing, brushing teeth, making the bed, eating a healthy breakfast)
- Avoid any distractions that can slow your child down, like TV or video games.
- Check your child's agenda at night so that you know what is going on at school.

“In this complex world, it takes more than a good school to educate children. And it takes more than a good home. It takes these two major educational institutions working together”

Dorothy Rich, author of MegaSkills

Arriving Fall of 2015!

Last spring, Mr. Mallory put us in contact with an organization (The Scott Mission in Toronto) who were removing a playground set from their facility. However, we soon realized it was not as simple as relocating the set. It was evident that there were many things that needed to occur (e.g., appropriate transportation, preparing the area, installation requirements, ensuring Health and Safety standards etc.). Special thanks to Mrs. Bezuyen and her team for all their hard work on this project. We should be seeing the set arrive sometime this fall!



WARNING

Bible usage can be habit forming.
Regular reading of the Bible can cause loss
of anxiety and fear and a decreased appetite
for impatience and anger.

Symptoms include increased love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

If symptoms persist, just PRAISE the LORD!

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