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NEWMARKET DISTRICT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS

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Thank you for your ongoing support of school activities and initiatives, and for supporting your child's learning at home! We especially want to thank all of the parents who spent time promoting our school at the Newmarket Home Show on the weekend.



NDCA continues to be a very busy place! In classes, students have been working hard to develop their skills and confidence as readers, writers, speakers, scientists, artists, mathematicians and critical thinkers! In various grades, students have also been enjoying a variety of extracurricular activities including choir, chess, and sports. Overall, we value you and appreciate your contributions to school life and to your child's success as this is the foundation of an "effective" school! We look forward to further opportunities this spring to work with you and support each student to reach their potential!

In addition, the Pastors at Grace church offered us the invitation of promoting our school during their morning service, on Sunday, April 15 (at 10:00 a.m.). We would like to encourage students that attend Grace Church to come and wear their dress uniform that day. If your family does not have a home church, we would like to invite you and your child/children to attend Grace Church that morning (to help promote the school). We would appreciate your support.



Upcoming Events

- Mon., April 9** – The gr. 3/4 class are presenting at Chapel (8:45 a.m.)
- Wed., April 11** – Swim Meet
- Thurs., April 12** – Chess Tournament (gr. 3-8)
- Fri., April 13** – Pizza Day
- Sun., April 15** – “NDCA Day” in the Grace Church Morning Service (10:00)
- Fri., April 20** – Loonie and Sub Day
- Mon., April 23** – Gr. 7/8 Badminton Tournament
- Fri., April 27** – Pizza Day
- Thurs., May 3** – Grandparent's Day in the afternoon & Open House in the evening. Please return help request form sent home last week.
- Tues., May 8 – Friday May 11** – Gr. 7 & 8 Quebec Trip
- Wed., May 16** – HepB and HPV inoculations for Gr. 7 & 8
- Mon., May 21** – Victoria Day
- Wed., May 23** – Pancake Lunch
- Thurs., May 24** – Annual Spring Business Meeting for Board (all should attend)
- Tues., May 29** – Senior Track and Field
- Thurs., May 31** – Junior Track and Field
- Mon., June 4** – Professional Activity Day (no school)
- Wed., June 20** – Pasta Lunch
- Mon., June 25** – Grade 8 graduation
- Tues., June 26** – Senior Kindergarten Graduation in the a.m. Students are dismissed at 11:30.

Lord make my life a window for your light to shine through and a mirror to reflect your love to all I meet.

Chapel



Daniel and Makari leading Oh Canada



Our special speaker, Henry De Roos, spoke to the children about how the earth was created by God and how it couldn't possibly have been created by chance. His assistants, Hope and Ethan, helped to illustrate the point.

Jodi Greenstreet (the disciple John) returned to speak with the children about the true story of Easter and why we call the holiday "Good" Friday.



Théâtre de Marionnettes — The Gr. 3 – 8 classes presented their puppet plays in French.



Le chat et la Lune



Un Jour Bizarre



Chat Angora



French in the Early Years (beginning September 2018)



As you know, French classes at NDCA invite students to learn the language through a bilingual immersion experience. High frequency words are taught first so students are able to express themselves fluently about everyday topics of interest to them. By grade eight, students are conversing about current events, sports, history, and other relevant topics. Everyone loves the special plays which weave instruction in vocabulary, culture, and grammar through dramatic performance. Next year, we will begin our French in Kindergarten. Students will begin to learn French through songs, chants, finger-plays, short stories, and puppetry. Mme Kang spent some time with the kindergarten students, helping them to interpret the puppet plays presented by the older students.



Apprendre l'alphabet en s'amusant!

(Learn the alphabet by having fun)!



**The Kindergarten students are exploring the
"Théâtre de Marionnettes."**



The Easter Story in Kindergarten



Music Medal Winners



I praise the Lord according to His righteousness and will sing praise to the Name of the Lord most high. *Psalm 7:17*

Music Class (Gr. 1/2)





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Parent Engagement Page!

Math Homework

Modern Learning!

Today's math is based on understanding math skills rather than memorizing math facts, we refer to this as developing number sense. The best way to define number sense is "understanding the relationships between numbers." In this day and age, students are required to have a greater understanding of math or number sense so they are prepared to solve the real-life problems which they encounter.

The Ontario mathematics curriculum emphasizes seven processes that are essential for learning mathematics:

- Problem solving
- Reasoning and proving
- Reflecting
- Connecting
- Selecting tools and computational strategies
- Representing
- Communicating

How can I help with Math homework?

Although tempting, do not take over and complete your child's homework. It is more important to ask your child questions and encourage him/her to solve the problem. In fact the best thing you can do is ask questions. Then listen to what your child says. Often, simply explaining something out loud can help your child figure out the problem. Encourage your child to show all work, complete with written descriptions of all thinking processes. This record will give your child something to look back on, either to review or to fix a mistake, and can also help the teacher understand how the problem was solved.

Here is a great resource!

Doing Mathematics with your Child:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. *Psalm 32:8*