



SERVE WITH JOYFUL HEARTS

# CCS NEWS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another school year. I hope all of our families enjoyed a restful and fun summer vacation. Though we will all miss the summer, I hope you join me in looking forward to all of the great opportunities for growth this year promises.

Our school theme for this year is "Serve With Joyful Hearts." This theme will help us all to focus on our Christian mission to love and serve our neighbours. Throughout the year we will have various activities that will give the students opportunities to reach out and serve the school, the parish, and the community. In these, as in all school activities, I invite parents to

join us and fully participate in every way possible. As always, parents are a welcome and integral part of our school community. Please never hesitate to visit or volunteer whenever possible!

This newsletter contains some important information for the first month of school. My hope this year, however, is that we move away from our reliance on paper for communication and make better use of technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Our new web page is easier than ever to navigate. You can follow us on Twitter, friend us on Facebook, or subscribe to email notifications. Our teachers all have blog



pages where you can follow what's going on in each class. There are now more ways than ever to stay in touch with the school.

May God bless us all and help us serve with joyful hearts this entire school year.

### MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

At 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 13th we will have Meet the Teacher Night. Babysitting is available and will be run by our After School Care staff. Please email or call the office to rsvp if you need this service.

### BAND INSTRUMENT RENTAL

David from Matterhorn Music will be at Meet the Teacher Night to rent instruments to those Gr. 6 & 7 students who need them. If your child did not sign up for Band but is now interested, please speak to Mr. Borkowski.

### WALK-A-THON "BACK TO THE FUTURE"

Our Walk-a-thon theme this year is "Back to the Future." We will be having fun this year raising money to improve the technology in our school. New computers and other interactive technologies will help us improve learning at CCS. Please be generous!

### Upcoming Important Dates to Remember

#### Tuesday, Sept. 13

- Walk-a-thon Assembly
- Meet the Teacher Night 6:30pm
- Band Rental Night

#### Wednesday, Sept. 14

- Outdoor Education Begins
- Class Mass Gr. 6

#### Friday, Sept. 16

- Outdoor Education Ends

#### Monday, Sept. 19

- Terry Fox Walk

#### Friday, Sept. 23

- School Mass
- Class Pictures
- Walk-a-thon Assembly

#### Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Class Mass Gr. 7

#### Friday, Sept. 30

- Walk-a-thon Assembly
- Cross Country Meet

For a full and updated calendar please visit our website [ccsunitied.com](http://ccsunitied.com)

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## WARNING BELL

In order to help students and teachers get off to a quick and efficient start to the day, we will be ringing a "warning bell" at 8:45am for students to line up. Students will then be brought in by their teacher at exactly 8:50am.

## LATE AND ABSENT STUDENTS

If you know that your child is going to be late or absent from school please call the office to let us know. If you don't call us we will call you!



## SEPTEMBER TUITION CHEQUES

September tuition cheques will be cashed Monday, September 12th. We apologize for the delay. Normally tuition cheques will be processed on the first of the month.

## SPORTS

Volleyball, Cross-Country, and Soccer seasons are about to begin. Please visit our school website to find the latest practice schedules and permission forms. We will also post our "sports philosophy", which all parents should read and understand.

## CHOIR

Choir practices are beginning next week. All students who wish to join should speak to Miss Kranabetter. We look forward to hearing your beautiful voices.



## HOT LUNCH

There will be a meeting for all hot lunch volunteers at 9am on September 27th. All servers new and old are invited to attend.

Also, we will be having a new chocolate milk with reduced sugar this year.

## USED UNIFORM SALE

For two weeks beginning September 12th we will be having our annual used uniform sale. If you have an item to sell please bring it labeled with your family name and the suggested price. Current and good condition uniforms only please.

## PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT

You may have noticed our playground looks a little different this year. Gone are the mud, slippery, and difficult to maintain grassy areas. Now it looks like we need to add more playground equipment!

## NEW FENCES

Over the summer workers were busy repairing and installing new fences on the property. To make more room for our full day kindergarten class, we have a new fenced in playground space. Feel free to check it out some time.

## NEW TECHNOLOGY

Our fundraising goal for this year is improving technology around the school. We have made some exciting purchases! Grade Six has a new interactive white board. We have also purchased document cameras and LCD projectors. Come by for a demonstration.

## PICK UP/DROP OFF

The pick up and drop off routines have worked well for the first few days of school. Please remember to pull forward in the drop off zone and don't linger as many cars are usually waiting. It is of the utmost importance that we drive very slowly at all times.

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Grade Sevens are off to Timberline Ranch in Maple Ridge next week. There they will develop friendships and participate in a variety of outdoor activities, including horseback riding! Please join us in praying for their safety.

## WELCOME SISTER MARY BETHANY AND MR. O'CONNOR

We are pleased to welcome (or welcome back) two special staff members this September. Mr. O'Connor, a long time staff member who works as a Special Education Assistant, is back after a year of recovery from major knee surgery. Mr. O'Connor bring so much life to whatever classroom he is in. We are blessed to have him back.

We are also very pleased to welcome Sister Mary Bethany Zeitler as our new Grade Five teacher. Sister Mary Bethany is a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia. She has worked for several years as a middle school teacher in Minnesota. Sister Mary Bethany has already made a great impression on staff and students, despite not being allowed to officially begin work yet! As an American citizen, Sister Mary Bethany is waiting on the final details of her visa approval. She should begin full time duties some time next week. You can meet her and all the staff at Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 13th.