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MIND & SOUL

News from Orillia Christian School



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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hebrews 11 is commonly known as the 'Hall of Faith'. It goes on to recognize many different Biblical figures for their faith. Our school theme this year was 'Mighty Men and Women of God'. We looked at the examples of some of the men and women of the Bible. We saw that Adam was a great steward of God's creation, Noah was obedient to God, Sarah put her full trust in God, Mary had a great faith, Moses was patient, David set a great example of worship, Rahab demonstrated courage, and Gideon showed perseverance. Each of these qualities should be something we strive for in our life, and we saw in more detail what these look like in our day to day lives. While each of these men and women are considered 'mighty', we also remembered that they are all human, having a sin nature, and therefore are not perfect examples. Only Jesus is the perfect example to follow. We now all have the challenge to go out and be 'mighty men and women' of God. With Jesus' help we can be lights in the world for Christ, using the gifts he has given us for his glory, and sharing the love of Christ with others.

Mr. Kuikman

LEARNING VISION UPDATE

Our learning vision comes directly from our mission and vision and outlines the direction that we want to head in our learning.

MISSION

To support Christian families in educating to equip the mind, heart and body of children through Christ-centred curriculum and teaching for service in the world.

VISION

To enhance excellence in Christ-centred education for students through strong leadership, improved facilities and solid community relationships.



TEACHING FOR SERVICE

Just as Christ came to serve, we are called to go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus. We want students to be equipped to go out and share the Gospel message.

COMMUNITY

We exist as a community of believers and want to be involved in each others' lives. We want to develop close relationships for the purposes of prayer for one another, support, encouragement, and serving alongside one another.

DEVELOPING A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

We support families through Christ-centered curriculum. The Bible is our main textbook and in everything we teach we want students to see it through a lens of faith so they can understand that all truth is God's truth and be pointed back to the Creator of everything.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Just as Christ came to offer redemption for all who would repent and believe, OCS wants to support all students from Christian families who want a Christ-centred education.

ACADEMICS FOR THE MIND, HEART, AND BODY

We want the learning that happens at OCS to not only give students head knowledge of who God is and his creation but also help shape their attitudes and desires. Our desire is that all students come to have a saving faith in Jesus and that this leads to a desire to live holy lives characterized by the fruit of the Spirit.

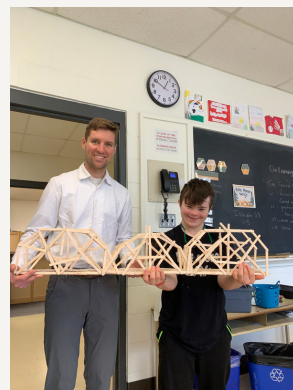
Read about **HOW** we intentionally seek to fulfill our learning vision!

Visit www.orilliachristianschool.com/learning-vision

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS & STUDENT LIFE



Swimming lessons, sugar shacks, fire halls, art galleries, leadership training... Another year filled with amazing learning experiences!



PRAYER SPOT

- Praising God for another memorable year full of amazing learning opportunities.
- 119 students were blessed with a Christian education this year. (64 families)
- Wisdom for our Board as they make leadership decisions for the upcoming year, while pouring so much into our school.
- Praise for the successful fundraisers and many generous donors and volunteers.
- For continued new enrolments for the 23/24 school year.
- Pray for God's continued provision for us to meet our financial needs, including an additional classroom, a new roof, our bursary fund, and many other financial needs.
- For a time of rest for staff & students as we break for Summer.
- For our student's relationships with Jesus to flourish.
- For our graduates as they move on from OCS.



TRACK & FIELD



We love Orillia Christian School for a lot of reasons, but watching the older students come along side the younger ones at track and field left many of the parents with tears in our eyes! So grateful for our daughter to be apart of such a loving community!

-Becca Kuitman



In the "Big-Inning"



Students did an exceptional job with our latest musical, "In the Big Inning." Months of hard work paid off with two wonderful performances which were filled with fun lines, catchy tunes, but most importantly Gospel truths! Thank you to the many staff members and parent volunteers who made this happen! A special shout out to Mrs. Sarah Smith for your HOURS of hard work, shared talent and love to make this what it was! What a show to remember!



CLASS OF 2023

Wishing our Grade 8 graduates congratulations and blessings as the next chapter begins for you!

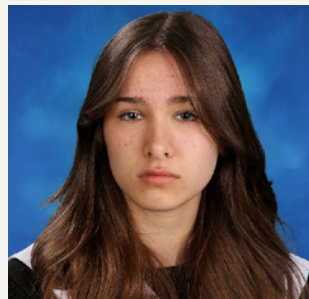
A farewell to the Whitelaw family as your time at Orillia Christian School comes to an end! You will be missed!



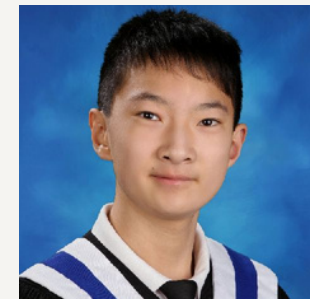
Rory Barton



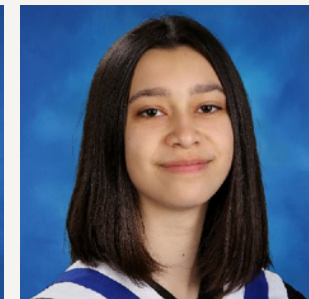
Levi Buck



Lilly Herriman



Daniel Ho



Keira MacDonald



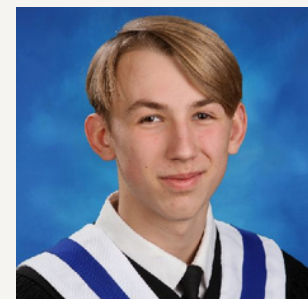
Jack Mansfield



Cameron Postma



Lucas Sharp



Cole Whitelaw

FUNDRAISING



2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament at Settler's Ghost was another success, bringing in a grand total of **\$31,600!**

We are very grateful to our community for joining the event by registering to play, sponsoring the event, or donating prizes or swag! What a fantastic day!

Congratulations to our 2023 Tournament Winners, Kevin Horner, Dave Whitelaw, Steve Brodhecker & Mat Klassen. (pg.1)

Thank you to our 2023 event sponsors!



GRANDPARENTS DAY

With over 160 guests, it was a wonderful blessing to perform our musical and share a taste of OCS with our loved ones! We are grateful for the opportunity to make these special memories for our students. We were blessed with over \$14,500 in donations for our updated security! Praise God!



Special Thanks: Mel Scott (Kitchen lead)
Bounty Fish & Chips (Donating potatoes)

UP & COMING NEWS

THRIFT STORE COMING SOON!

The thrift store board continues to meet regularly as they plan next steps! Please partner with them in prayer & stay tuned for volunteer opportunities.

- Pray the renovations underway will happen on schedule at the store!
- Pray for the finances to come in to cover the start up costs.
- Pray for unity and wisdom among the board and leadership.
- Pray that God would bring the right volunteers to us to run the store.
- Pray that the store will be a light within the community of Orillia to glorify God!

To learn more or to get involved please email Orilliathriftstore@gmail.com



WONDERFULLY MADE BURSARY

Thank you to Tyler Knegt (OCS Parent) for donating a brand new promotional video to highlight our Wonderfully Made Bursary Fund. This piece truly communicates our heart here at OCS as we celebrate the unique ways that God has created each and every student. We are fortunate to have a diverse group of students and our hope is to provide the additional support necessary for each student to be successful in the classroom. In order to achieve this goal, the Wonderfully Made Fund provides resources for support staff, accessibility upgrades, and other extra expenses that create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for every student. It is our goal to raise **\$50,000** each year for the Wonderfully Made Fund. We appreciate every contribution, big or small, that ensures every student is able to experience the fullness of Christian education.

To view the updated promotional video, to learn more or to contribute to this campaign, please visit our website www.orilliachristianschool.com/wonderfully-made

Psalm 139:14 “I praise You, for I am **fearfully** and **wonderfully** made.”



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

When you support OCS, you are investing in the lives of our students today and in the years to come as they live out their lives to glorify Christ. Please consider partnering with us, so that we can continue a legacy of building up the next generation.

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