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BRANCHES

The purpose of our parental Christian School is to educate our children to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for a life of responsible stewardship in God's Kingdom.

from the Chairman....



Paul Schouten

In June we said "...till September!" September has arrived and so a *hearty welcome back* and to some welcome for the first time! The summer break, the time of rest and relaxation, have come and gone. It's "Back to School" again. We truly hope that each and everyone of you has enjoyed your summer recess and that it has strengthened and renewed you for another great year at Credo Christian Elementary School. Summer is also a time of learning and growing in the grace and knowledge of God, but we all know that it is in a different mode and setting than the real school year. As another school year begins we pray that parents, teachers and students alike may be strengthened to again take up their task well.

As we did last year.....

We cheerfully and joyfully welcome aboard:

- All the families sending their first child to school. A time of adjustment for parents and children has come and we wish you all well with that.
- All new members and/ or families sending their children.
- All new students! Enjoy your days and years at CCES.
- All new teachers and assistants; this year we have joining our staff Miss R. Vanderhorst (grade 7), Mrs. L. Scholtens (kindergarten), Mrs. D. Huttema (special education), Mrs. M. Meyer (Personal Care Attendant – PCA), Mrs. J. DeGlint (music – until December). As well we welcome back Miss. A. de Vries as a PCA. We hope that each of you will be strengthened to faithfully and diligently carry out your task at CCES.

We welcome back the enthusiasm of:

- All the eager students from last year and hope you thoroughly enjoy another year at CCES! Make the best of the next ten months.
- All parental support given to the students, teachers and board.
- All the administrative, office, support and janitorial staff. Keep up the good work!
- All the Board members – looking forward to another great year of working together!
- And last but not least our principal and teachers.

The school year 2007/08 is around the corner. As the year begins, do we as parents stop to think why? Why CCES? What is the real reason for our own Christian School? Do we simply see it as a place of learning? Do the years go by without giving much thought to our Christian Schools, one year flowing into another? Do you realize that the parents have together mandated the Board to look after instructing your children in a manner that is consistent with the home and church? I do not mean to tax anyone's mind so soon after a summer holiday!! However, the reality is that the affairs of CCES should be of utmost importance for you as a parent. You have mandated the school to take on the formal education of your children; education that will be formative for all areas of living as one of God's children. They will learn to read and write; to add, subtract and use numbers; to see how different people live; to dig into the wonders of creation; and learn of God's great and undeserving love given through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. They will learn to think and digest information and use it to glorify our God and King. Yes, their minds will be formed through the learning at our schools.

We must continue to rejoice that the Lord has allowed CCES to be an instrument in the teaching and instruction of our children.

As we rejoice, it is a good reminder to us all to thank our gracious God and Heavenly Father for this school and then especially to ask for His blessing over this school year;

- That the teachers may this year again be equipped to faithfully, patiently and joyfully instruct our children.
- That they may be given wisdom and insight to carry out their task well and in His service.
- That the students may be strengthened to learn well and that they may grow in grace and knowledge of our Creator.
- That as parents, teachers and students we may live in harmony and love for each other so bringing honor and glory to God our King.
- Pray also for those who assist in the operations of the school and for the safety of our children as they are bussed to and from school.
- That the Board members may again be equipped and strengthened to govern well.

The school building has again taken on a brighter and more pleasing look in some areas.

The maintenance committee has *again* been diligent in doing summer maintenance and have seen to sprucing up the building quite nicely. We thank them for their diligent efforts and the many hours they together with volunteers have put into this. *Well done and good work to all who participated!*

A few other matters require the parent's attention as well. First, we ask that you read the school handbook through, familiarizing or review for yourselves some of the policies that are set in place for children being absent, for emergencies, for bussing, etc. This manual has important information in it that you should know about and policies that should be followed. If you do not have a copy, please arrange to obtain one from the school. Second, we ask that the members continue to make every effort to pay tuition fees on time. Our front office administrative staff, together with the treasurer, rely on your promptness to pay the salaries and bills each month. Please help them out!

The school year 2007/08 is around the corner and we praise the Lord that we may continue freely for another year. We give thanks with the words of Psalm 100.....

Shout joyfully to the Lord all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with singing.

Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

Principal's Report



John A. Roukema

As I write this it is a beautiful August summer day, making it difficult to imagine that soon all the students will be filling up the school building. Yet, the Lord willing, they will, eager to start a new school year and to renew acquaintances and friendships. We trust that students and teachers enjoyed a relaxing summer and that they are now all re-energized to start another school year. Again God has shown his goodness over us and we pray that he continue to sustain us through this year.

Maintenance Committee

Each summer break gives the school's Maintenance Committee the opportunity to give the school building some serious sprucing up. This committee did so again this summer. Before you walk in through the front doors you will notice that the garden beds there have been refurbished. As you walk in through the front doors you will immediately be impressed by the new tile flooring and the front entrance's newly painted walls. Walking through the hall-way that takes you to

the primary classrooms you will note the framed school pictures/panoramas. Obviously a great improvement over what we had before! The shelving boards in the Intermediate classrooms have also been re-varnished, giving them a much-needed fresher look. Outside, the yard has also been spruced up. Teachers and students will appreciate the efforts expended on this building.

New Families/students

Several new families/students are scheduled to join the CCES community for the 2007-2008 school year:

- Richard and Lorraine Bredenhof come to us from Cloverdale where their children attended the William of Orange Christian school. Their two youngest will be attending CCES: Taylor, in grade 6; Ryley, in grade 4.
- The Ikze and Sunhi Cho family come to us from South Korea via the Credo Christian School in Brampton/Toronto, where they lived for a little more than one year and attended the Bethel Canadian Reformed Church in Richmond Hill (Toronto). They have enrolled their three children at CCES: Yedam (boy), in grade 7; Ye-Hyeon (boy), in grade 5; and, Hyezin (girl), in Kindergarten.
- Steve and Audrey Leyenhorst have returned to the

Fraser Valley (from Calgary) and enrolled their daughter, Chelsea, in grade 1.

- Nick and Lisa VanderVen have moved from Surrey to Aldergrove and have enrolled their daughter, Robyn, in our grade 1.
- The Jing Yu family comes to us from China via the Rev. Dong mission work. Their son, Ben, will be joining the grade 2 class.

That brings us to the total of 8 new students. We welcome these new families and students into our midst and we trust they will soon adapt to their new school environs.

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members to CCES:

- Jane Deglint -Music -2 afternoons/week
- Annette De Vries -PCA -2 days/week
- Debbie Huttema -SpEd -4 days/week
- Margaret Meyer -PCA -3 days/week
- Leslie Scholtens -Kindergarten -half-time
- Rachel Vanderhorst -gr. 6/7 -full-time

We trust that God will provide for your needs as you adjust to your surroundings.

Staffing Assignments/Grades Enrollments

Class	Students	Teacher
K1	13	Ms. Leslie Scholtens
K2	12	Mrs. Jennifer Onderwater
1	16	Mrs. Mary MacDougal
2	24	Mrs. Diane Vanderboom
3	13	Mr. Jerry Scholtens
4	16	Mr. Michael Van
5	18	Mr. John Roukema/Mrs. Sharon Allison/Mrs. Linda VanSpronsen
6/7	26	Miss Rachel Vanderhorst
TOTAL	138	

Special Days Assemblies

Elsewhere in this issue you will find the 2007-2008 School Year Calendar. It contains all the events and activities for the year, including also the special days assemblies dates. It is suggested you post this calendar in a convenient space for easy reference.

Kindergarten

Please note that the Kindergarten Information Evening is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

While we're still with Kindergarten, K-parents are informed/reminded that the

- Monday/Wednesday group (Ms L. Scholtens) will start on Wednesday, Sept. 5
- Tuesday/Thursday group (Ms J. Onderwater) will start on Thursday, Sept 6.

There will be no Kindergarten class for either group on the Friday of the first school week (Sept. 7).

K-parents are, however, still encouraged to attend the Opening Day assembly on Tuesday, Sept. 4. As in other years, we have scheduled this assembly for a 10 a.m. start.

Peanut-Free School!

Due to the fact that CCES has a student who is allergic to peanuts, we are making this school a peanut-free school. Please do not take any products to school that contain peanuts or peanut products. Thank you for your cooperation and thoughtfulness.

Yard Supervision

From time to time we get requests from volunteers to help with our school grounds supervision during noon hours. This time we would appreciate such help. That is, would you be willing to help us monitor or supervise the school yard during the noon-hour from 12:20 to 1:00 p.m.? Please contact the principal for more information.

Gym Rentals

Due to repeated occurrences or breakages we have decided that the sports equipment materials in the gym's sports equipment room will not be included as part of the gym rental. Please bear this in mind as you register for any event for gym rental.

Reminder

Please be advised that the following are not allowed at school:

1. roller blades
2. wheelies
3. scooter shoes
4. CD or MP3 players
5. walkmans
6. cell phones

School Emergency Preparedness at CCES

CCES has a school emergency plan in place. This plan outlines the many procedures taken for the health and welfare of the students. School emergencies included such as earthquakes, fire drills, serious accidents, bomb threats, etc.

School emergencies can be tragic and traumatic. For that reason CCES makes every effort to deal with emergencies in an organized and orderly manner as much as that is feasible or possible.

Parents and students should remain informed of the emergency procedures and practices in place at CCES. Letters will be sent informing them of more emergency procedures and routines. Parents should also know that they will be required to complete forms

which will become Emergency Identification Tags. Should it be the case that the emergency is so severe that students need to be relocated, a Parent-Response Team will be charged with communicating and releasing students. Parents need to be aware that the Parent-Response Team will release only those students to whom authority has been given to pick up. In this case, too, a form will need to be completed by the parents. In most emergencies your children will remain and be cared for at the school. In the rare event of an emergency affecting the school that requires evacuation of the building (e.g., broken gas or water main, a fire, an earthquake, or a toxic spill) students will be transported to the nearest and most appropriate facility (e.g., another school, a local church).

We ask that you follow this procedure if you hear of any school emergency:

1. Turn on you radio to CKNW (980 AM). We will keep the media informed of any emergency.
2. Please do not telephone the school. We have limited phone lines. These lines must be used to respond to the emergency.
3. Please do not come to the school unless requested to pick up your child. Any emergency vehicles and workers must be able to get to the building. If the emergency necessitates relocation of staff and students, you will be informed via the media of the new location.
4. The school principal is the school's spokesperson and as such is responsible for all communication with the media. If the principal is not available, the vice-principal will assume this role. All requests (from media people) for information about the events surrounding the crisis must be referred to the school's media spokesperson. We need to remember to do all things in good order. The media will try to get their information from wherever and whomever they can. Conflicting information or reports or insufficient or excessive information can easily lead to confusion and alarm. No one is required to be interviewed by the media; if the media wants to interview a teacher, the teacher's permission must be obtained. The media will not be allowed access to students or to roam the hallways or the grounds of the school.

CCES 2007-2008 School Year Theme

J. A. Roukema

“...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8b)

Traditionally, the staff selects a Bible verse to serve as the theme for the school year. The theme serves a starting point for our weekly devotional assemblies. This year's theme is taken from the prophecy of Micah, chapter 6, verse 8b, as indicated above. It may occur to you that this verse is often quoted as a summary or implication of the Ten Commandments as a rule for righteous living. We will be using this Decalogue as well in connection with this theme.

It might be useful to provide a little background to Micah's challenge. We can compare that to our own background and consequent challenges. The prophet Micah lived in the same time period as Isaiah and Hosea (around 750-686 B.C.), during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. This was the time of Assyrian dominance in the Middle East. The northern kingdom of Israel was rapidly being taken over by the cruel leaders of this empire and it seemed only a matter of time that the kingdom of Judah would be next.

Prophets such as Micah warned of this impending doom, carefully analyzing the reasons for God's drastic actions and explaining why He would be quite just in handing His people over to this brutal nation. After all, He had steadfastly remained faithful in fulfilling His responsibilities under the covenant, but His people had been blatantly disobedient. God had been a very patient God, indeed, ever since the beginning of Israel as a nation, from the time in Egypt and onward.. Now, after all those years, he would be applying the covenant curses (see Deut. 28:15-68). Israel and Judah had ignored, even rebelled, against God's warnings; they continued in their idolatries. They practiced deceit, fraudulence, and greed. They disregarded justice and truth, oppressing the poor by seizing their land that God had intended as their inheritances for all His people. That was not the covenantal way. Israel's covenantal obligations entailed social justice and mercy. That was the kind of obedience God expected from His covenant people.

Nor could Israel please God by rituals and sacrifices. God is not pleased with all our offerings, gifts, and sacrifices unless we humbly acknowledge our sinfulness and our dependence on Christ's sacrifice. We need to continually acknowledge that we can't buy

or barter for God's mercy. Our salvation is free; it is not earned. To obey is better than sacrifice.

But the prophet Micah challenges us to more than mere recall of past great deeds. He means for us to *actualize* them in the present. What *do* we do with all these great things God has done? Just simply tell of them? Thank God for them? Yes, certainly, but more than that. We are to imitate God; that is, we are to do justice, to love mercy. These are action words. Actions speak louder than words

Our relationship with God and our neighbor reflects God's love and mercy, His justice and compassion. What does it *look* like to love God with all our heart, soul and strength and our neighbour as ourselves? There is no commandment greater than these two (Mark 12:30, 31). Love, after all, is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10).

Our salvation, and that of Israel in Micah's time, rests solely on God's love and mercy, not on the works of our hands. We are redeemed, but not on basis of our own merits. We did not have to do anything to earn this salvation. We do, however, need to show our thankfulness for this great gift. We need to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. The Israelites refused to do this; they wanted to be like the other nations. They treated God like some absentee landlord who would need to be pleased and would then reward them. They treated their people as pawns to be used in power struggles, for their own selfish gains. In short, their measuring stick for communal life was that of their neighbours, not God's covenant law. This was the message and challenge Micah was presenting to the people of Israel.

We would do well to heed that message and challenge to us too. This is the wonderful message we want to share with our students this year. For they too are expected to walk humbly with our God, to love mercy and to act justly --- at home, in the classroom, and on the playground. What measuring stick will they, and we, use? Pray that the Holy Spirit will work mightily in us and enable us to walk humbly, to love mercy, and to act justly with our God.

CCES Supply List 2007-2008	grades 4&5	grades 6&7
3 ring binder 1 1/2" We will not accept or use big, humongous, zippered binders	1	2
looseleaf paper	✓	✓
binder dividers	✓	✓
HB pencils	✓	✓
erasers	✓	✓
pencil crayons	✓	✓
crayons	optional	
blue or black pens	✓	✓
red pen	✓	✓
pencil case	✓	✓
glue stick	✓	✓
Math notebooks/quad ruled/spiral back (2)	✓	✓
metric ruler	✓	✓
Grade 3: Please do not purchase notebooks, duo-tangs, glue sticks, portfolios or scissors. These items will be provided by the school		
Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2: Please do not bring your own pencils, crayons, supplies, etc. These are purchased by the school. Activity centres will make use of communal supply boxes. Gr. 1 & 2 : Please buy some whiteboard markers for your child to use on his/her personal whiteboard. When buying indoor shoes, velcro or zipper closures are a much better choice than laces since students need to take them on and off each recess.		

Credo Aid Update



Welcome back everyone! We pray that you have had a wonderful summer. We are excited to start another season of FUNdraising for Credo. In fact the first event is going home the first day of school...the Entertainment Books!

Throughout the summer the gift certificate program has continued. But pre orders will now again be available. Please look for the preorder form in this Branches. If you are interested in consistent supply of grocery certificates, Shauna Stam gladly accepts post cheques and will ensure that you have certificates in your hand every time you shop.

We would like to welcome two new board members this season also. Wenda Sikma and Marieke Ezinga will be joining the Credo Board executive and we are excited to have you join us. Finally, I would like to invite everyone to the first Credo Aid Membership meeting of the school year. It is to be

held at Langley Church at 0930 on September 13. Come have coffee with us and find out what is planned for this year and share your ideas. Hope to see you all there!

ROOM MOTHERS WANTED: If you would like a slightly more active role in the school life of your child . . . read on! Last school year we launched the class mom idea - 2 for each classroom. The main purpose for this was to provide more uniformity for certain events throughout the school year for both the students and teachers alike. It was well received overall by both teachers and parents and we'd like to continue on for this next school year. The idea is for you to be a room mother for one of your children so that many of you can share in the opportunity to help out at school in this small but fun way. Please call Amy Rypstra at 604-534-8786 for more information and let her know which room you would like to mother!!

Credo Aid
CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

GROCERY STORES

Superstore (5%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
 _____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____
 _____ x \$250.00 = \$ _____

Save On Foods (6%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
 _____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____

IGA (7.5%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

Safeway (8%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

_____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____

Safeway coupon booklets (40%) _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____
 (booklet of coupons...4 x \$5 off purchase coupons....extra airmiles...\$\$ off select items)

COFFEE AND TREATS

Tim Horton's (5%) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____ (booklets of 5 x \$2 certificates)

Starbucks (5%) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

_____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Esquires (10%) _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

RESTAURANTS

Available in \$25's:

- Domino's (15%)
- Olive Garden (7%)
- Earls (7%)
- The Keg (7%)
- Kelsey's Multibrand (3.5%) (Milestone's, Kelsey's, Montanna's, Second Cup)
- Moxie's (11%)
- Red Robin (7%)
- The Boathouse (7%)
- White Spot (7%)

SPECIALTY STORES

Available in 25's

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| American Eagle (6%) | La Senza (7%) | Pier 1 (5%) | Suzy Shier (7%) |
| Best Buy (2%) | Linens-N-Things (7%) | Roots (7%) | The Body Shop (10%) |
| Canadian Tire (3.5%) | M&M Meat Shops (3.5%) | Shoppers Drug Mart(3%) | Toy's R Us (2%)(or \$10) |
| Crabtree 'n' Evelyn (10%) | Mark's Work Wearhouse(7%) | Sport Chek (4%) | Winners (7%) |
| Old Navy (7%) | Sport Mart (9%) | Chevron (2.5%) | Banana Republic (7%) |
| Future Shop (2%) | Payless Shoe Source (7%) | Staples (3.5%) | Petro Canada (2.5%) |

Available in \$20's – Shell (2%) , Chapters (10%), Blockbuster (7%), Roger's Video (7%)

DEPARTMENT STORES

Available in \$25 and \$100's

- Sears (2%)
- Hbc (3.5%) (The Bay, Zellers, Home Outfitters)

HOME IMPROVEMENT

- Available in 25's and 100's
- Home Depot (2%)
- Home Hardware (3.5%)
- Rona (3%)

Please use this space to write your orders for specific stores (other than grocery/coffee):

Send your form to the school (marked Credo Aid) or phone Shauna Stam 604-514-9805

CCES 2007-2008 School Year Calendar

Sept.	4	first day of school K-parents evening	
Oct.	1	Thanksgiving Day assembly	
	4 & 5	CTA Convention	no school
	8	Thanksgiving Day	no school
	18	School Pictures	
	24	School Membership Meeting	
Nov.	5	Remembrance Day assembly	
	12	Remembrance Day	no school
	22	Report Cards	
	26 & 28	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)	
	30	Professional Development Day	no school
Dec.	17	Christmas assembly	
	21	last day before Christmas Break	
	24-Jan 4	Christmas break	
Jan.	7	first day of school after Christmas Break	
Feb	1	Grandparents Day	
	8	Professional Development Day	no school
	11	Change for Change assembly	
Mar.	6	Report Cards	
	7	Professional Development Day	no school
	10	Easter assembly	
	13	Parent -Student Conferences (evening)	
	14	Parent -Student Conferences (all day) last day before March Break	
	17-28	March Break	
	21	Good Friday	
	24	Easter Monday	
	31	first day of school after March Break	
April	25	Easter/Spring Concert	
May	1	Ascension Day	
	2	Public Speaking Contest	
	5	Ascension/Pentecost assembly	
	11	Pentecost	
	14	Kindergarten Orientation	
	16	Grade 8 Day	
	19	Victoria Day	no school
	28	School Membership Meeting	
	30	Sports Day	
June	20	last day of school; Report Cards; Graduation	
	23 - 26	Teacher Administrative days	



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Staff

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Mrs. J. Onderwater	Kindergarten
Ms. L. Scholtens	Kindergarten
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Mr. G. Scholtens	Grade 3
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Mrs. J. Deglint	Music
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Fee Structure 2007-2008

Membership	100.00
Kindergarten	220.00
Elementary (1-3)	400.00
Elementary (4-7)	420.00
Junior High	540.00
Senior High	590.00

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