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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

Welcome back to all!

We soon begin the school year 2008/09. After a summer holiday, a time for rest and relaxation to all, the excitement begins again. Without a doubt you have all had some time to rest, to reflect on life, to regain strength and prepare for another year. We hope that students, teachers, principal and administration alike all had a great summer.

This time we begin with a warm welcome to all the students. We know that they are all eager to continue their summer holiday but..... school is here! We wish you all the best as you begin another year of learning and studying and of building friendships. We also welcome all the new students to our school community and pray that they may adapt well to their new school.

New families have arrived over the summer and will be sending their children to CCES. In the fear of forgetting one (I don't have a list of arrivals), as Board and school community we welcome you all as members of CCES. We trust that you already have, or will soon, find your place within the church and school communities.

We continue with another warm welcome to staff, principal and administration as they return. In doing so, we pray that you may all be strengthened to again take up your place at CCES; that God's grace, mercy and love may encourage you day by day in the instruction of our children, opening to them the wonders of God's creation. We also pray that God will bless that instruction for your benefit and the benefit of our children and the furtherance of the coming of His Kingdom.

This year we welcome to the staff Sr. Kathy Noort and welcome back Sr. Jane Deglint and Sr. Jacqueline Spoor. We wish them much joy in their tasks and pray that God will bless them with strength and wisdom to do their tasks well.

In the course of the summer one of our teachers married and is now known as Sr. Allison Vandeburgt. We as yet congratulate the both of you, Rob and Allison, and pray for much joy and happiness throughout your married lives.

As we begin another year of school do we wonder what it will bring about? Will the school year 2008/09 be a good year? Perhaps a difficult year? A pleasant year of teaching and learning? Throughout the year parents will have their concerns; teachers will have their expectations; some students will struggle and some will thrive. As the questions are asked and the concerns and expectations are expressed we quickly come to remember that our God is in control. He is the one who provides, who guides and upholds. Our Father knows our needs but also wants to hear from us what those needs are. As the school year begins remember to pray often and earnestly for the education of

our covenant children, the children the Lord has blessed us with. Pray for the teachers, for a Christ centered education, for friendships, for encouragements, for safety and an atmosphere of true Christian love within the school community. Live thankfully for the countless blessings we have received from our heavenly Father in our daily lives at school and home. The Lord will bless our endeavors if we remain faithful in His service.

As we mark another beginning, we could say that as the Olympics 2008-Beijing have wound down, our preparation for the Olympics continues. We continue to practice, to learn better about God's will for our life, to run the race, to strive for a Godly walk of life and to look forward to the day when we will receive the greatest prize, life eternal. The instruction that our teachers give and the learning that our students complete are also part of the preparation. The instruction and learning prepares them for service in God's creation, it provides them with a base from where they move on to using their God given talents in His service, not for their own glory but to bring

glory to Him, the triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And so we move on to Board matters.....
The Board is generally quite laid back over the summer with one exception, that being the maintenance department. This year again they have completed a substantial amount of work over the summer. We thank the maintenance crew, under the capable direction of Br. Mike Stam, for setting time aside over the summer to complete this work. Without a doubt it will look fresh and clean around the school for day one. To complete that fresh and clean look the janitors, Br. & Sr. Fritz and Corrie DeWit, were also busy and we thank them for their great effort.

As this chairman's report comes to an end I am staring at a beautiful embroidery my wife made. It reads "Grace, Grace, Grace, God's Grace." May we all continually rejoice in God's grace and begin another year in the true joy of the Christian Faith knowing that God's grace is sufficient in all things!

You are invited to join us
for our
Opening Assembly

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

10:00 a.m. in the CCES gym



Our School Theme for 2008-2009 is

Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness

Matthew 6:33a

Principal's Report



John A. Roukema

The summer of 2008 has come to pass. Some may grieve; others will rejoice. As sure as the clouds bring rain and the sun a glad heart so sure one season follows another. Our Creator God keeps his covenant with creation, and so we find ourselves getting ready for another school year. We have bought our new clothes and school supplies and we have set up our classroom and equipment ready for another year of exciting learning. We have noticed that our ever-diligent Maintenance Committee has replaced old walls in some of the classrooms and applied a new coat of paint on the walls of the principal's office as well. You'll also notice that the landscape around the school was also enhanced. It's good to start a new school year with a refreshing look.

Opening Day

CCES staff and parents will be opening the doors to the students on Tuesday, Sept. 2. We plan to have an opening day assembly at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. Please feel welcome to join us on that occasion.

New Families/Students

Several new families/students joined our ranks

- Chris & Tara Borst:
Luke, K; Gerrit, gr. 4; Janaya, gr. 6
Tasmania, Australia
- Stan & Irene Pol:
Bryce, gr. 3; Cameron, gr. 6; Jerry, gr. 7
WOCS, Surrey
- Rev. Rob & Janet Schouten:
Caleb, gr. 5 JCS, Yarrow
- Rev. Anthon & Annette Souman:
Nathan, K; David, gr. 6 JCS
Smithville, ON
- Mike & Mirjam Vantil:
Claire, gr. 1; Amber, gr. 3; Jake, gr. 6
CCES, Woodbridge/Toronto
- Persis Pang:
Alice Wu, gr. 4 China

A hearty welcome is extended to you all. We pray that God will grant a speedy adjustment to

your new surroundings and that the CCES community may be a blessing to you.

New Staff

We are also pleased to welcome our new staff members:

- Mrs. Kathy Noort (nee de Vries) graduated this Spring from Trinity Western University and is taking up her calling with eager enthusiasm.
- Mrs. Jacqueline Spoor, while not a newcomer among us, has returned after several years of absence from our scene. Jacqueline will be the Kindergarten Teacher's Aide.
- Mrs. Jane Deglint is also back with us in the capacity of Music teacher for the grades 4-7.
- You will also note that Mrs. Sharon Allison is spending more time here than last year. In addition to her Physical Education duties, Sharon has also agreed to put in a 60% FTE as Special Education Assistant.
- While Allison Dekker was with us for several years, there is a change in her status. During the summer she became Mrs. Allison Vandeburgt. We wish her and Rob a blessed marriage.

New School Start Time

As reported last Spring, the BC Ministry of Education has informed schools that 30 min/d would need to be spent on daily physical activity (this, in addition to Phys. Ed time and recesses/lunch minutes). As you can imagine, this will impact our school day. To aid us in the implementation of this requirement, a three-hour ActionNow BC workshop was presented to the staff on Wednesday, Aug. 27. We were joined by some High school staff members and staff members from the John Calvin School (Yarrow). This was a free presentation and came with materials and DVDs supplied.

In any case, to account for some of the time loss

in curricular minutes, the Board has approved the addition of ten (10) minutes to the school day. That is, the first bell will be at 8:40 a.m., with the second bell ringing at 8:45 a.m. All other school times will remain the same as last year. Please note that students are expected to be at school by the time the first bell rings; they will be marked late if they arrive after the first bell. We thank you for your support in this matter.

School Closures

Should the school be closed due to inclement weather or adverse road conditions, this information will be relayed to the radio stations CKNW 980 (AM) and Praise 106.5 (FM). We will also post the information on our web site: www.credoces.org and on the phone messaging system at 604-530-1131. However, please note that you will no longer receive a phone call in the morning.

leaflets updates

Our weekly newsletter, *leaflets* has been available on our website for some time now. You will continue to find the update posted there, but if you prefer to have it emailed directly to you, please send a quick email to the school: cces@telus.net, so that we have your current email address. A paper copy of the first issue will be forwarded to each family on the first day of school. Should you wish to continue receiving hard copy of the *leaflets* please complete and return the note that will be included with the first issue,

School Calendar Matters

Elsewhere in this issue is the 2008/'09 school calendar. You will note that events, such as special-days assemblies, are noted on this calendar. Kindergarten classes are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesday of each week and every other Friday. K-parents are invited to attend the Sept. 2 Kindergarten-Evening session with Mrs. Onderwater who will take time to explain the regular routines of a K-day. Please make it your intent to attend.

Peanut-Free School

You are reminded that CCES has a student who allergic to peanuts. Therefore, CCES is a peanut-free school. Please do not take any products to school that contain peanuts or peanut

products as a peanut-allergic reaction could be fatal.

Yard Supervision

Also this year we are asking for volunteers to help us with noon-hour playground supervision. Please contact the principal if you are able to help us out in this regard.

Rain Recesses.

Please be advised that grade 4-7 students will be outside for recess even if it rains (excluding downpours). We ask that parents be attentive to the weather pattern of the day (week?) and have their children dressed accordingly. Yard supervision will continue during rain-recesses as well.

Reminder

You are again reminded that the following are not allowed at school:

roller blades wheelies scooter shoes
shoes that leave black marks
CD players MP3 players iPhones
cell phones walkmans

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. 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 Staff Assignments/Enrollment 2008/09				
Gr.	Teacher(s)			#
K	Jennifer Onderwater			22
1	Mary MacDougal			24
2	Diane Vanderboom			19
3	Kathy Noort			26
4	Michael Van			12
5	John Roukema	Linda VanSpronsen		19
6	Jerry Scholtens			23
7	Rachel Vanderhorst			18
			Total	163
Music	Jane Deglint	SpEd	Deborah Huttema	
PE 5-7	Sharon Allison	SEAs	Allison Vandeburgt	
TA (K)	Jacqueline Spoor		David Rolleman	
			Sharon Allison	

Credo Aid Update



Welcome back to school! We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing summer with your families and friends, and are now ready to dive into the new school year (and fund-raising!) with renewed ideas and enthusiasm! We know that we are! We're looking forward to an exciting, action-packed year, and, as always, we couldn't do it without you and are so grateful for your support.

Just a quick "preview" of some of our coming attractions: September means it's time for the new Entertainment Book, so use up those outstanding coupons for some last summertime fun!

The ever-popular veggie packs will also be available before you know it - these flavourful packs make soup and meal-making a cinch! Get ready for those cold days coming up!

Speaking of cold days, it is almost time to start

thinking of planting bulbs for a glorious garden in the spring. We will be offering a lovely selection of Dutch flower bulbs for sale early in September. Watch for the beautiful full-colour flyers coming home with the students!

Last, but certainly not least, are certificates. Are you running low on certificates after a long summer? Please contact Shauna Stam @ 604.514.9805 or fill in the form to order today! She is eager to hear from you, and it's a great time to stock up! For Aldergrove church you can contact Pearl Hoff, and for Willoughby Church please contact Fiona Jansen. Please help us continue to support this wonderful program!

Looking forward to a productive and fun year together,

Your Credo Aid Board

CCES Supply List	grades 4&5	grades 6&7
3 ring binder 1 1/2" <small>We will not accept or use big, humongous, zippered binders</small>	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
CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

GROCERY STORES – ALWAYS AVAILABLE

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

Save On Foods (6%) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
 (Pricesmart) _____ 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%) (Milestone's, Kelsey's,
 Montanna's, Second Cup)
 Moxie's (10%)
 Red Robin (7%)
 The Boathouse (7%)
 White Spot (7%)

SPECIALTY STORES

Available in 25's
 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%) M&M Meat Shops (3%) Shoppers Drug Mart(3%) Toy's R Us (2%)(or \$10)
 Coast Mountain (4%) Mark's Work Wearhouse(7%)Sport Chek (4%) Winners (7%)
 Old Navy (7%) Sport Mart (9%) Chevron (2%) Banana Republic (7%)
 Future Shop (2%) Payless Shoe Source (7%) Staples (3%) Petro Canada (2%)
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%) (The Bay,
 Zellers, Home Outfitters)

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Available in 25's and 100's
 Home Depot (2%)
 Home Hardware (3%)
 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 School Calendar 2008-2009



Sept.	2	first day of school
Oct.	6	Thanksgiving Day assembly
	9&10	CTA Convention days
	13	Thanksgiving Day
	27	Reformation Day assembly
	31	Reformation Day
Nov.	10	Remembrance Day assembly
	11	Remembrance Day
	21	Report Cards
	24	Parent-Teacher Interviews
	26	Parent-Teacher Interviews
	28	Combined Prof. Dev. Day
Dec.	19	last day before Christmas Break
	19	Christmas Concert
	22	first day of Christmas Break
Jan.	2	last day of Christmas Break
	5	first day of school in 2009
	30	Professional Development Day
Feb.	9	Change for Change assembly
	27	Professional Development Day
March	6	Report Cards
	12	Parent-Student Conferences
	13	Parent-Student Conferences
		last day before March Break
	16	first day of March Break
	27	last day of March Break
	30	first day back after March Break
April	10	Good Friday
	12	Easter Sunday
	13	Easter Monday
May	1	Public Speaking
	18	Victoria Day
	21	Ascension Day
	24	Ascension/Pentecost assembly
	29	Sports Day
	31	Pentecost
June	19	last day of school/Closing assembly
		Graduation
	22-25	teacher administration days



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Staff

Mr. J. Roukema	Principal, Gr. 5
Mrs. J. Onderwater	Kindergarten
Mrs. M. MacDougal	Grade 1
Mrs. D. Vanderboom	Grade 2
Mrs. K. Noort	Grade 3
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Mrs. L. Vanspronsen	Grade 5
Mr. G. Scholtens	Grade 6
Miss R. Vanderhorst	Grade 7
Mrs. D. Huttema	SpEd, LA
Mrs. S. Allison	Grade 5/6,7 PE, SEA
Mrs. J. Deglint	Music
Mrs. A. Vandeburgt	SEA
Mr. D. Rolleman	SEA
Mrs. J. Spoor	TA
Mrs. E. Kuntz	Secretary
Mr. & Mrs. J. Dewit	Custodians

Credo Aid

Mrs. H. Vanderugten	Mrs. M. Ezinga
Mrs. W. Sikma	Mrs. M. Vandeburgt
Mrs. J. VanSpronsen	

Fee Structure 2008-2009

Membership	100.00
Kindergarten	235.00
Elementary (1-3)	415.00
Elementary (4-7)	435.00
Junior High	560.00
Senior High	610.00

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