

# INK-LINKS

Newsletter of the Woodstock Christian School, Woodstock, Ontario

December 2018 - January 2019

**WALK  
WITH GOD**

**TALK**

**WITH GOD**

JAMES 4:8

**WOODSTOCK  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
*Faith. Learning. Community.*

**ANGEL  
ALERT!**

the night that Heaven came down

Presented by:  
**Woodstock Christian School**  
on Tuesday, December 4 and  
Wednesday, December 5  
at 6:30 p.m.  
in the school auditorium

#### Upcoming Events

December 4 & 5. . . . . Angel Alert  
December 5. . . . . Prayer Group  
December 6. . . . . Christmas Tea  
December 18. . . . . Board Meeting  
December 19. . . . . Prayer Group  
December 20. . . . . Christmas Chapel

Dec. 22 - Jan. 6. . . . Christmas Break  
December 26. . . . Boxing Day Hockey  
January 7. . . . . New Year's Chapel  
January 15. . . . . Board Meeting  
January 16. . . . . Prayer Group  
January 31. . . . . Theme Chapel  
. . . . . JK/Sk Info Evening



## BOARD NEWS

Greetings from the Board of Directors of Woodstock Christian School. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. As we enter the Advent and Christmas season let us remember and celebrate the birth of Christ!

A big thank you to those who came out to the Fall Membership Meeting. Our guest speaker, Martin Dam, challenged us to think about what we believe as Christians, how it interacts with what the world tells us, and how we can teach our children to listen to what they hear with a critical mind-set. He also reminded us to take every opportunity to show our kids the excitement and joy of the Christian faith. We also heard from our various committees on what has been happening at WCS and the revised budget for 2018-2019 was approved.

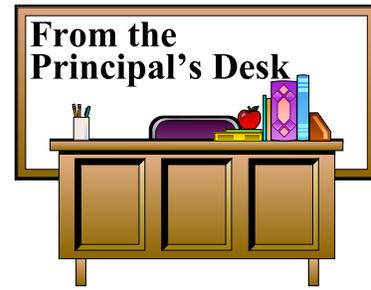
Our annual Winterfest Auction took place on November 16<sup>th</sup>, where \$56,000 was raised for WCS! Thank you to all who attended, and to those who worked endless hours behind the scenes to make this event a huge success. The annual Boxing Day Hockey Tournament, which is being held at the Woodstock Community Complex on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is quickly approaching. For more information on how you can be involved or to enter a team, please contact Greg Geerlinks - [greg.geerlinks@honeywell.com](mailto:greg.geerlinks@honeywell.com) or 519-495-0448 for more information.

As a board, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to Grace Schipper for her work on the board of WCS and for her contributions to the WCS society and community.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Wim Duizer to the Board of WCS. Wim will be joining the Transportation Committee as the board representative. The board is currently seeking new members to fill vacancies left by retiring board members. We covet your prayers as we enter this process.

It is our prayer as you enter this Christmas season, that you may fill your time, hearts and minds not of the things of this world, but of the thoughts of Christ.

Michelle Sol  
WCS Board Secretary



### The Angel Command: "Do Not Be Afraid"

Have you noticed how often characters in the Bible are told, or rather, commanded, "Do not be afraid"? Advent and Christmas approach, and readings of the gospel accounts of the events leading to Jesus' birth repeatedly mention the angel response: "Do not be afraid". Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the Magi all encounter angels. These heavenly messengers are neither cute cherubs nor graceful vague creatures, but creatures with a powerful and purposeful presence that inspire fear in those who meet them. Angels bring a message. That is what angels do. Along with the "do not fear" message, they also convey to their audience that 'your life is about to change!'. Angels appear to advise earthly beings that God is using them, here and now, as part of his story. And what a story! Old Zechariah. Young Mary. Simple shepherds. Do not be afraid!

Fear is a very real part of what it means to be human. When we begin a new school year or a new job or venture, when we are asked to make any kind of public presentation or performance, when we are confronted with challenges or the unexpected, when we anticipate loss or feel vulnerable, feelings of fear may surface. Our students at WCS are no strangers to fear and anxiety. Learning is full of challenges. Living daily among a classroom full of peers is full of the unexpected. Learning new skills and strategies means that we will make mistakes and be vulnerable. Spending hours and days and months with classmates means that there will be conflicts, hurt, and fear as well as grace, forgiveness, and joy.

Our WCS student drama production for Christmas is titled, Angel Alert: The night that heaven came down. It contains a somewhat lighthearted script about what may have gone on in heaven as the angels were being selected for their various missions. Something remarkable was about to happen and a big announcement was coming. Imagine the excitement in heaven! The songs are rich and meaningful and leave us wondering why God chose such a strange way to save the world. The angels reflect on God's faithfulness through His promises. When God makes a promise, you can believe it, and he will deliver. It might be scary and it might change your world, but do not be afraid. God's got this!

The angel command, do not be afraid, is for all of us. Fear

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR  
**CHRISTMAS CHAPEL**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 8:30 A.M.



### JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS:

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inhibits - often for our good - but it can also prevent us from stepping out, being bold, fulfilling our potential. Our WCS tag line is Faith. Learning. Community. One of our initiatives to create classrooms of belonging, in its second year at WCS, is the Responsive Classroom approach to learning. We want students to feel and know that they belong here. This approach provides teachers with a structure and tools to build a positive classroom community. We emphasize and practice greeting and encouraging one another during devotions and morning meetings, sharing and being open about classroom conflicts and patterns of interaction. Teachers practice planning and delivering engaging learning activities and being flexible in teaching because each student is different. Belonging, though, comes with a whole set of responsibilities for students too. To belong means to commit to some overarching values, and yes, rules, for how we will conduct ourselves. Ideally, belonging leads to trust and overrides fear. Faith is like that. It's about trust and belonging and knowing we are not alone, but part of something bigger than ourselves.

Faith and trust require learning and relearning. Do not be afraid. You are part of something bigger. Emmanuel, God is with us. When you walk with Him, know that he walked this journey already. Do not be afraid. We've got your back. God's got this. Walk with him. Talk with him. Trust. Do not be afraid. You are part of this good news story. It's going to turn out well in the end, but in the meantime you are here doing God's work - the work he created for you to do on his behalf. Listen to the angel messenger.



We are taking time this year to introduce or re-introduce the staff of WCS to our larger community. We are grateful to have these talented and dedicated people on staff and to be blessed by their gifts and abilities. Wendy, Megan, and Cara ... we are glad to have you on our team!



Wendy deVries is a graduate of John Knox Christian School in Woodstock. She and her siblings grew up on a dairy farm near Drumbo, Ontario. Wendy and her family live just outside of Woodstock. She and her husband Terryl have four children and are thankful to God for the opportunity to have them attend JKCS/WCS and London Christian High. Two children currently attend

LCH, and two are in post-secondary studies. Wendy has many gifts and talents and has worked at WCS as a spare bus driver for about six years. She also is in her tenth year of work at Christian Horizons. This summer, Wendy joined the WCS staff as an Educational Assistant, leading the Barton program, a specialized reading instruction system which is part of our Learning Support program at WCS. Wendy enjoys working with

children in a Christian school and encouraging them "to work heartily, as for God, and not for man. (Col 3:23)". When she is not at work, Wendy loves to explore and enjoy creation, camping, and family time. Welcome Wendy! We are blessed to have you on our education team.



Megan Dawson is the second oldest in her family and has four siblings, two brother and two sisters. In her younger years, Megan was in 4-H, and enjoyed the calf club, showing Jersey dairy calves. Megan grew up in Prince Edward Island, and moved back to Ontario when she was a teenager. She lived in Port Dover and attended St. Cecilia's Catholic Elementary School, Holy Trinity High School, Georgian College and Mohawk College where she earned her diploma as an Educational Support Worker. Past jobs for Megan include camp leader at a summer horse camp, Black Creek Stables, and junior riding director at Circle R ranch. When asked what she enjoys about her job, Megan says, "I enjoy making a positive impact on students that I work with. Seeing their progression as they learn is very rewarding. I love working at a Christian School as I am able to share with students the love God has for everyone. WCS has wonderful staff and students that are very caring and kind, which is one of many reasons I love my job." In her free time away from school, Megan enjoys horseback riding, going on nature walks, and painting. Megan, we are excited to get to know you better. You are a blessing to our students!



Cara Renkema grew up in Cambridge, Ontario, attending Cambridge Christian School, Woodland Christian High School, and Redeemer UC where she earned a BA degree (major in Sociology/Social work, minors in Psychology & Religion). Cara and Craig own a dairy farm and have two children attending WCS: Aleeya, currently in grade 2 and Clayton in SK. Cara has always wanted to work in a helping/encouraging profession. About working at WCS, Cara loves watching students learn and states: "I absolutely love my job as an EA. I wake up wanting to go to work. I feel so blessed as an EA., being a part of a school where we can speak and teach about God and all His creation but as well pray with each other and be in a community of believers all the time gives me joy. Chapels are one of my favourite mornings as the whole school is together and listening to the students sing praises to God. Having the freedom to do that brings tears to my eyes and fills my heart with so much joy!" Outside of school, Cara enjoys her time at home as well as at her other jobs at WW, as a Tupperware manager, and leading VBS at Covenant Church. Welcome Cara! You are a blessing to our kindergarten program.

## COMMUNITY CORNER

The first term of school is complete and it is really starting to feel like winter outside. We have been blessed with 26 new families to our school community and a total of 250 students. How amazing to see God working through these teachers and students every day in the halls of WCS!

On December 4 & 5, at 6:30 pm, we will perform our school play "**Angel Alert.**" We would love if you could join us for the evening. The students have been working hard on their roles and are very excited to perform for you. It's an evening you will not want to miss!

On December 6, at 1:30 pm, we will be hosting our Christmas Tea. This is a wonderful afternoon of tea, coffee and apple crisp for our pastors and senior supporters of Christian Education. The afternoon will include scenes from our "Angel Alert" performance, Christmas songs, and performances from our band.

Thank you to everyone for your support to our school over the past year! We are so thankful for the WCS community and for the blessing you are to our school.

*God's peace and blessings to you all this Christmas!*



### Take the Tour...

Come, tour with us while classes are in session! Meet our teachers and principal and find out what we have to offer your family. For more information find us online at:  
[woodstockchristian.ca](http://woodstockchristian.ca)

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JK to Grade 8.*



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Forward Drive** and blessed Woodstock Christian School with their donations. To date we have received \$30,000 of our \$100,000 goal.

Donations are welcome any time throughout the school year as the Forward Drive is intended to increase the overall donations for WCS. Please help us reach our goal by donating directly to the school through our website or through the office. Thank you for partnering with us in Christian Education.

Joleen Mulder  
Director of Advancement and  
Communications



I'm ready  
for school.

## Kindergarten Information Evening

Join us on Thursday January 31 at 7:45 p.m.

Come find out how WCS can be a part of your family's education experience. The evening will include a presentation from our Kindergarten teacher, a testimonial from a parent and student, a question period and a tour of the school. For more information, find us online at [www.woodstockchristian.ca](http://www.woodstockchristian.ca)

**Woodstock Christian School would like to extend sincere thanks to the following businesses for their generous donations to our WinterFest 2018 Auction that was held on November 16th. We truly appreciate your outstanding support!**

10 Buck Pizza	Ingersoll Tirecraft	Roos Meat Products
Aaron's Tree Service	insideU, Norwich	Sacwall, Woodstock
ABS Canada, Emilee Schipper	insideU, Woodstock	Salon 47
Aden Footwear Fashion	Jakeman's Maple Products	SBphotography & Floral Design
Agri-Plus, Norwich, Mark VanIttersum	Jesse's Deli, Woodstock	Schaus Decorating
Al's Tirecraft, Burgessville	JTK Farms	Scheps Bakery
Albert's Burner Service	Kelseys, Woodstock	Shoppers Drug Mart, 959 Dundas St.
Alstein Farms Inc.	Kidtastic Adventures Indoor Playground & Party Centre, Brantford	Shoppers Drug Mart, Norwich
Alycia Visser Designs	Lazer Quest, London	Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA
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Art Gallery of Ontario	Liquidation City, Norwich	Sleep Country
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Battlefield Equipment Rentals, Woodstock	Long & McQuade Musical Instruments	Sol Home Solutions
Bigham the Mover	Lubricare, Woodstock,	Sportsball, Natalie Geerlinks
Bird Kingdom, Niagara Falls	M & J Tirecraft, Tillsonburg	Springer Hill Farms
Bobcat of Brantford	Mackay Fuels	Staples, Woodstock
Boston Pizza, Woodstock	Magnolia Gallery	Steve's Automotive
Bowerhill Services	Makkink's Sunflower Farm	Stonex Granite and Quartz, Woodstock
Brantford Twin Valley Zoo	Marineland	Stratford Farm Equipment, Woodstock
Budweiser Gardens	Marklane Farms	Stubbe's Redi Mix
Bulk Barn Foods, Woodstock	Markwood Farms	Sunnyside Ag Service, Arie VanGinkel
Burgessville Grain & Feed	Mattress Brands International	Sunova, Lakeside, John vanLierop
C & D Lanes	McDonalds, Woodstock	Swiss Chalet, Woodstock
Camp Shalom	McFarlan Rowlands Insurance, Keith Crawford	Sylvite Agri Service, Arie VanGinkel
Can-tario Brick & Stone	McKim Home Hardware, Ingersoll	Symons, Wearn & Smith Chartered Accountants
Corner Farm Market	Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament	The Christian Supplier, John & Marjorie Ecker
Cottage Gardens Floral & Gifts	Merrifield Book Shop	The Grand Theatre, London
Court Farms	Meyers Greenhouses	The Hallmark Shoppe, Woodstock
Coyles Country Store	Miedema Meats	The Mufflerman, Woodstock
Creekside Golf	Montanas, Woodstock	The Old Bakery Café
Cycle Onel	Morrors of Drumbo	Thirty-One Gifts, Kristin Markus
DeJong Enterprises	Mostly Roses	Thornton Sand & Gravel
Dey's Equipment Centre	Mystery Escape Rooms, London	Tilstra Plumbing, Ben Tilstra
Di-Namic Travel and Cruise Centre	Nature Feed, Burgessville	Toromont CAT, London, Chuck Guernsey
Domino's Pizza, Woodstock	New Life Mills	Toronto FC
Dortmans Bros. Barn Equipment	Niagara Parks	Toronto Zoo
Drayton Entertainment	Nieuwland Feed & Supply	Total Rentals, Woodstock,
Driannah Green Dairy	Norwex, Victoria Body	Tremblett's Independent Grocery Store
Duizer Family Farm	Norwich Auto Parts	Tupperware, Cara Renkema
Dwayne Bulthuis, Royal LePage	Norwich Deli & Bakery	TVH Contracting
East Park, London	Norwich Place Hair Design	Uline
Embro Farm Systems	On Trend, Norwich	Union Burger, Woodstock
Farm Ontario, Ron Steenbergen	Ontario Science Centre	U-Turn Ranch
Flash Photography, Brittany VanWyk	Our Gift Shoppe, Norwich	Vandenburg Equipment Service
Fleetway, London	Oxford Cattle Company	VanLagen Custom Farming, Dave VanLagen
Floors Now, Tillsonburg	Oxford Hydraulics Centre	VanLagen Farms, Matt VanVliet & Reni VanLagen
Foodland, Woodstock	Oxford Insta-Shade, Burgessville	VanStraten Bakery
Forest Cliff Day Camps	Oxford Optometry, Sarah Andreasen	Veldale Farms, Evert Veldhuizen
Foris Signs, Innerkip	Oxford Sand & Gravel	Weldesign Hardware, Burgessville
Funnell Insurance Group, Adam Funnell	Oxford Source for Sports	Whitelaw Automotive
G & L Printing Services	P. Stam Bakery	Wiseline Tools
G. J. Farm Equipment	Patina's Gifts, Ingersoll	Wooden Acres Country House
Giant Tiger, Woodstock	Pedal Power	Woodylnds Chocolate Shop
GoodLife Fitness, Woodstock	Performance Dairy, Embro, Tys VanGinkel	Woodstock Optical
Grand Valley Fortifiers	Picaboo	Woodstock Print & Litho
Greener Pastures ECO Farm	Picard's Peanuts	Woodstone Precision Cabinetry, Mark Sikma
Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese	Pizza Hut, Woodstock	Woodstonian Holsteins
H. A. Benjamins Contracting	Power Garage	WRC Purifying, Norwich
Haight's Garden Centre	Premier Equipment, Tavistock	Yates Veterinary Hospital
Henry's Excavating	Pro Electric	YMCA of Woodstock
Holiday Inn Express, Woodstock	Property Guys, Brad & Kim Swanson	Zorra TV & Appliances
Holstein Journal	PumpHouse 24hr Fitness	Zuidervaart Agri-Import, Mitchell
Home Hardware Building Centre, Woodstock	Quality Hotel & Suites, Woodstock	As well as WCS families and individual supporters
Hydra Dyne, Steve Bohner	R. & F. Alpacas & Bed & Breakfast	
Ingersoll Golf Club	Radiant Health Yoga	
Ingersoll Home Hardware Building Centre	Reyneveld & Sons Roofing	
Ingersoll Rent All	Roberts Ladies Wear, Ingersoll	

**Please accept our sincere apologies if your business was not printed in this list. It was our fullest intention to have remembered every business that donated. Your business is still greatly appreciated.**

# Woodstock Christian School

Presents...

## Winterfest 2018



**THANK YOU!**  
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What a wonderful night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising! God has blessed us with an amazing supportive community! We are excited to say the event raised over \$56,000 for our school!!

What a wonderful positive impact this will have in the lives of our students! We feel so blessed and thank God for a wonderful night!

We would like to thank all those who made this event a success: all who came to the event and purchased items and those who made general donations, all the donors, the canvassers, those who contributed to the classroom gift baskets and put them together, the auctioneers, floor help, the kitchen help, set up and clean up help, Lucille, those on the committee, and everyone who upheld this event in prayer. Your support made this 23rd annual Winterfest auction an enjoyable and tremendously successful event! If you missed it, please plan on coming to next year's event!

See you at next year's Winterfest!

## Earn 2% CASH BACK!!!

Shop where you always shop and buy what you normally buy!!!



Using the school voucher program is a great way to fundraise with no increased cost to the user!!! Voucher list is available online, in this publication and in the school office.

### Ways to order:

- 1: Come into the school office.
- 2: Send form and payment to school with your child. It will be filled and sent home.
- 3: Recurring monthly orders: sent home each month. Payment is taken from your bank account.

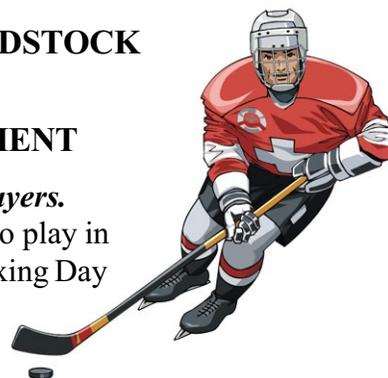


**VOUCHER  
PROGRAM**

## THE ANNUAL WOODSTOCK BOXING DAY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

*Calling all Ice Hockey Players.*

We are looking for teams to play in the Annual Woodstock Boxing Day Hockey Tournament to be held at the Woodstock Community Complex on **Wednesday, December 26, 2018.**



This is a one-day event with a guarantee of 3 games minimum.

**We hope you come out to watch or play!**

With enough interest, we will consider introducing a Recreation Division to ensure an even level of competition for all.

WCS will also be running a concession stand with snacks, refreshments and coffee available for purchase.

Please contact Greg Geerlinks for more information, at [gregoryalfred@hotmail.com](mailto:gregoryalfred@hotmail.com)

## Gifts of RRSPs & RRIFs

Saving for your retirement has become an essential part of a complete financial plan. However, your strategy should also consider what happens to your RRSP or RRIF when you pass away.

Upon your death, where a surviving spouse is a named beneficiary, these registered savings are transferred to his/her name without tax liability. However, where there is no surviving spouse (or disabled child) listed as the beneficiary, these accounts are deemed to be disposed of and 100% of the remaining balance is added to your income in the year of death. The tax liability resulting from this disposition will be borne by your estate on your final income tax return. If other income was earned in the year of death, this could easily be subject to tax at the highest marginal tax rate.

For many donors, an RRSP or RRIF plan will contribute significantly to income in the year of death. Since Canadians can now receive tax credits for charitable gifts of up to 100% of their income in the year of death (and retroactive one year) – it may make good sense to gift assets like these directly to charity through a beneficiary designation or a bequest gift in one's Will.

### FEATURES OF RRSP / RRIF GIFTS

- > Simple to arrange through a change in beneficiary or alternate beneficiary.
- > Naming a charity as beneficiary or alternate beneficiary is revocable (can be changed).
- > Estate is still liable for taxes due on disposition of the RRSP / RRIF.
- > Tax credits for donor's estate can effectively eliminate the taxes due on the disposition of the RRSP/RRIF on the final tax return of the deceased.
- > Gift not subject to probate fees.
- > CSS can be the beneficiary listed on the RRSP / RRIF and a Letter of Direction filed in the CSS office can direct how the gift is to be distributed.

### How it Works

There are two possible ways of using your RRSP or RRIF to make a charitable gift

- A. Make your estate the beneficiary of the RRSP or RRIF after both you and your spouse have passed away, and have the estate donate an equivalent value to the charity. Your Will must specify a bequest gift to the charity that is equal to the value of the registered savings plan, either as a fixed dollar amount or as a percentage of the total estate.

## Gifts of RRSPs & RRIFs ...continued

You may also gift the asset specifically by naming its account number and financial institution. If your spouse survives you, then your spouse's Will must provide for a similar bequest. A receipt will be issued to the estate to offset the tax on the registered savings payable by the estate.

Using this method, the asset is included in the estate and probate fees are payable on it. If you gift the asset by naming it specifically and subsequently change financial institutions, the gift will not occur. Donors might consider this option if they lack cash in the estate to pay the resulting taxes.

- B. Make your favourite charities or CSS the beneficiary or alternate beneficiary of your RRSP or RRIF. Upon your death, or that of your spouse, charity receives the balance of the asset directly from the financial institution. The estate receives tax credits for the charitable gift to offset the tax on income. Because the asset passes outside of the estate, no probate fees are payable on the asset, resulting in further savings for the estate.

Using this method, charities have no involvement in your estate and receive their gift in a timely fashion. Donors should ensure that there are sufficient liquid assets to pay the taxes on the resulting disposition.

### Christian Stewardship Services can Help!

Because of several possibilities surrounding gifts of RRSPs and RRIFs which have varying tax and estate planning implications, potential donors should consult the staff at Christian Stewardship Services and/or their own professional advisors before proceeding.

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**JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. L. WESTERVELD**

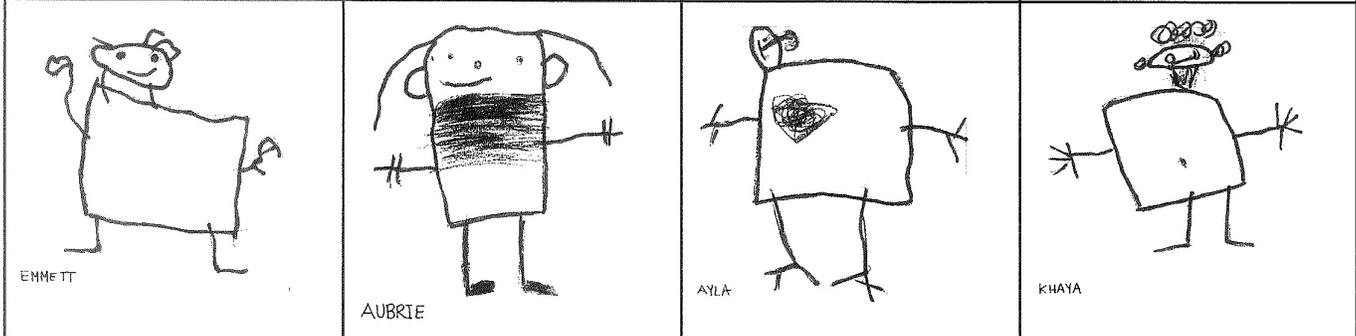
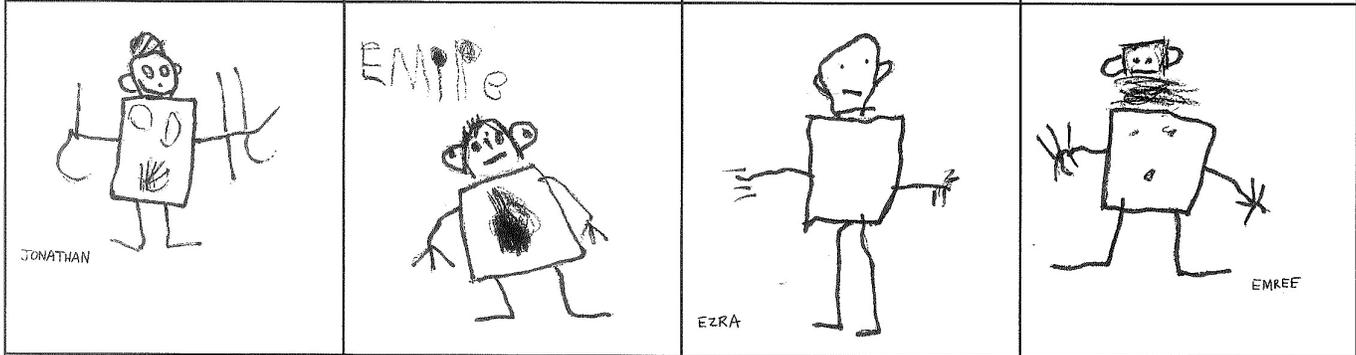
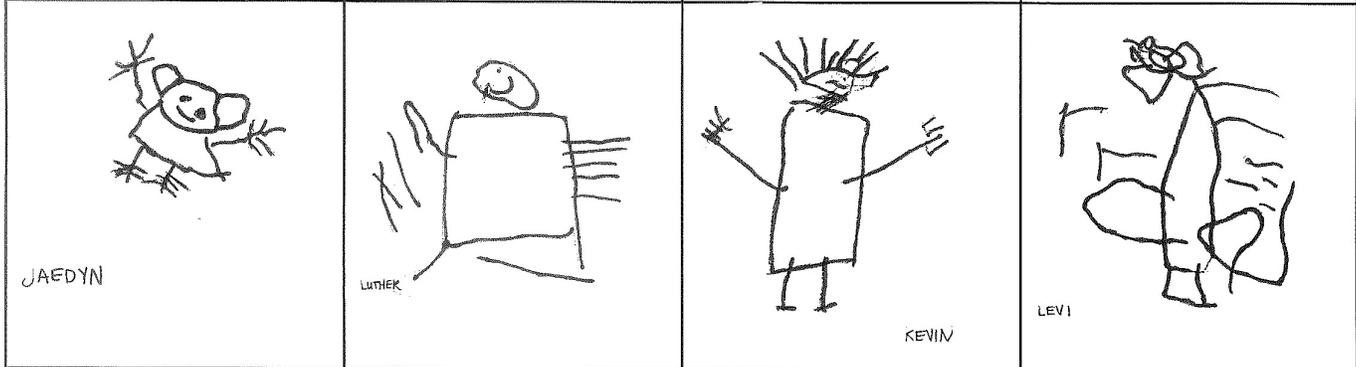
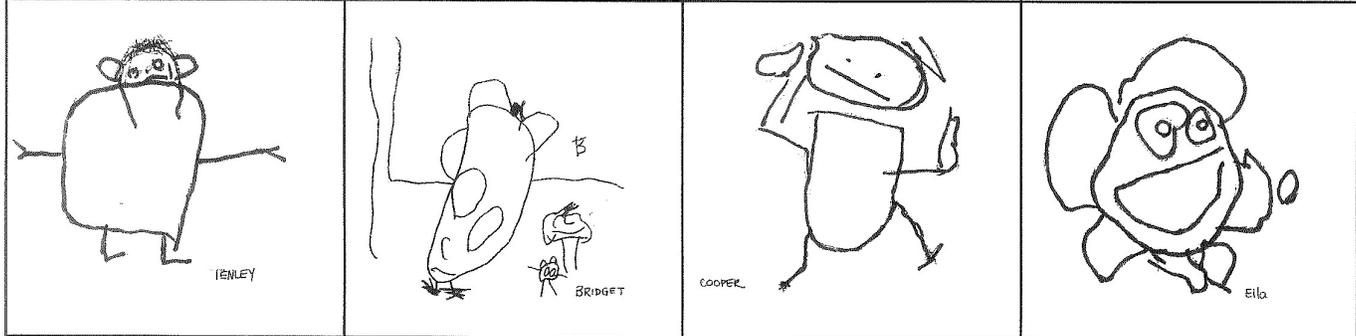
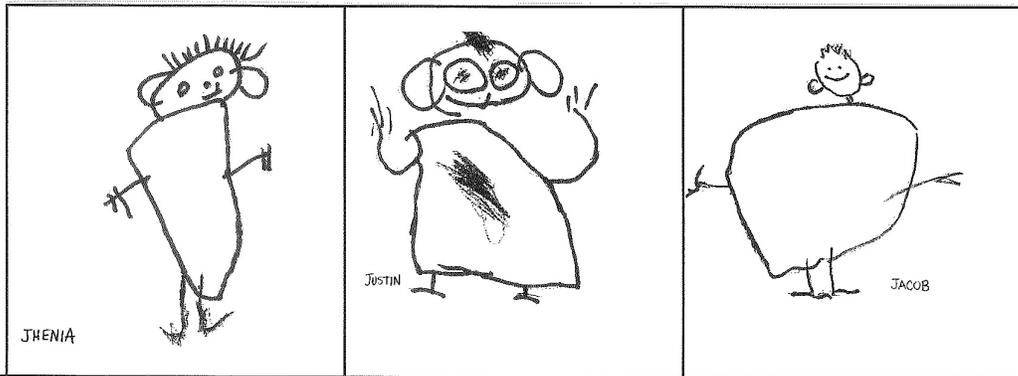
*Children are natural artists.* They are joyful and free expressionists. They are also deliberate realists. Drawing is just one of the many gifts that God has given His children. It is a gift that is nurtured even at a very young age. Our JK students are encouraged to praise God through their drawings. Drawing begins early with babies using their fingers to draw through pudding etc. Later they experiment with fingerpaint.

Movement is the key to drawing.

One of the programs used in Junior Kindergarten is called Handwriting Without Tears.

This program helps develop young artists produce figurative, representational art with recognizable pictures. Please enjoy our self portraits.

They were joyfully made!





## GRADE 4 - MRS. N. VANANDEL

Grade 4 had the privilege to watch "Music Man" in Stratford. The musical was amazing and had us all watching carefully to see what would happen next. The dancing and singing were phenomenal. Currently, grade 4 is getting ready to act in our Christmas program, "Angels Alert". Later this year, we will be performing a William Shakespeare play. The children have written summaries of the storyline and given their thoughts about Music Man.



I went to Stratford on October 31 to watch the Music Man. There was a guy named Harold Hill and he would go from town to town saying that there is going to be a big band. They would buy their instruments and then he would get all the money that they had given him and he would run away with it. Then there would be no band. So then he went to a town called River City on a train and on that train there were salesman traveling all together and one of the salesman was talking about Harold. They had no clue he was on the train. They were talking about how bad he was and then the train stopped and then he stepped out of the train and showed them he was Harold Hill and then the train started to move again and he was in River City. While he was in River City he fell in love with a librarian her name was Marian, but Marian did not like him AT FIRST... There was Mayor Shin and his wife. The wife is funny! At one point the Mayor said to his wife "not another poop out of you" and he said "Watch your phraseology". That was funny! There was a boy named Winthrop, Marian's little brother and he had a lisp and did not talk much. But at the end Harold makes him talk. At the end there was a band! Harold stayed in River City with the librarian because they loved each other. The mayor wasn't happy about this. There was amazing dancing and there was a song called Shipooopi, which was amazing. *By: Anna*

When I went with my class to watch the Music Man in Stratford, it was awesome! At the start there were some men that were arguing about a guy named Harold Hill who came to their town and convinced them that he would create a band for them. Once he got all of the money and all of the uniforms and instruments he would run away and go to another town and trick them out of their money too! The story starts on a train with some men arguing about how bad Harold Hill is when all of the sudden the train stopped and Harold Hill ran off the train just before the doors shut. Then after he got everyone to listen to him, everyone was ordering stuff for the band. But there was one person, named Marian who was a librarian and a music teacher, who was on to him right away. There was also a little boy named Winthrop who had a lisp and would barely talk but Harold gets him to sing and talk so much more than he did

before. Then there is the mayor who has a daughter named Zianita and she likes a guy named Tommy but her dad does not. Her dad says "not another poop out of you" and "watch your phraseology". In the end everyone finds out that Harold is a fake. So they start to chase him. While Harold was running he found Marian and told her he could not leave because he loved her. Then he got arrested. And then the band came in all dressed up in their uniforms and playing their instruments using the "think system". So Harold Hill was released and everyone in that city lived happily ever after and Harold Hill stopped cheating people out of their money. *By Corryn*

On October, my class went to see the Music Man. My favorite character was Marian and Zenita. It was funny when the school board got together and started singing together. My favorite song was Shipooopi. Harold Hill was a musician and he tried to get people to buy instruments and costumes. He then would run away with the money and go to a different town to do it again. In one of the towns, he fell in love with a Music teacher who was a librarian too. The actors were just sitting on suitcases and it looked like a train. The city was called River City. I liked it when Zenita and Tommy did the cartwheels. Harold Hill thought of a "think system". Harold Hill made Marian's brother sing. I liked the horse. It was a Stratford play. Harold Hill's really name is Greg. *By: Alieda*

At the Music Man, there was a lot of music and it was really good. Here was a lot of dancing and it was really cool. We had really good seats and my favourite song was Shipooopi. It was a funny song. After that the mayor said to his wife "not another poop out of you". Then the mayor's wife said back "you mean another peep". Harold had a huge crush on librarian, Marian. Harold was trying to get people to go in his band and they did. Harold was doing a scam to get their money. The town that he was in was called River City. Marian the librarian was on to Harold. Harold told her it is ok. When people were dancing they did flips and stuff. It was so cool. I was sitting by the entrance were the people go onto the stage. Harold made up a "think

system". It was fun and the theater was in Stratford. It took awhile to get there. My favorite character is Marian. Harold and Marian fell in love at the end.

*By: Paige*

We went to Stratford to see Music Man. My favourite part was when the horse came in. There was one person in the front and one in the back. The train at the start was very good. They sat on suitcases and bounced. The dancing in the play was good. One actor did lots of flips. The main character was Harold Hill and he got the boy who lisps to sing a huge song. Harold sold instruments for money and promised them a band, but they never got a band. There is a librarian named Marian that Harold falls for. She is also a music teacher. Her brother is Winthrop, who lisps. The city that it takes place in is River City. River City's mayor thinks Harold is a fake. He has four guys to get his college papers, but they never do.

*By: Will*

I loved the dancing and the flips and the time when Zianita and Tommy held each other's waists and did cartwheels. It was phenomenal and Tommy did most of the flips. The horse looked so real! I can't forget the main characters, Harold and Marian. Harold's old friend Marcellus calls him by his real name Greg. Harold goes from town to town to town making the villagers think that he is a musician and that he can make a boys band. In one town there is a music teacher and she also is a librarian. She thinks Harold is not a musician. She thinks Harold is trying to trick the town out of their money, but in the end Harold and Marian got married.

*By: Alissa*

My class went to see the Music Man on October 31. It was really good, but I don't think it is meant for kids. There were a lot of songs. One song was Shipooopi and another one was Seventy-six Trombones. It was very funny. This person named Harold Hill tricked the people of city by getting them into music and buying customs and instruments. Then he got the money, and Harold Hill said he would get a band but there was no band. Harold Hill thought of the "thinking system" to convince the people of River City even more. He would go from town to town to town. But in one town named River City, he fell in love with the librarian/ music teacher.

*By: Lucas*

On October 31, our class went to see the Music Man in Stratford. I like the part when Harold tricked the people for their money. Then he would run out of town. I liked when they sang the song "Seventy-Six Trombones". I liked the part when they all bowed at the end. There were four who sang together. One sang really high, one sang really low, and the other two sang in between.

*By: Ryan*

I went to Stratford to see the Music Man. Mrs. Shin, the mayor's wife, was funny. I liked the horse. Harold was excited. Harold made up a "think system". I like the singing. I liked the librarian. The Music Man was FUN!

*By: Julie*

I went to see the "Music Man" at the Stratford Festival. They had awesome singing! I thought Harold was the funniest. The mayor was suspicious. Marian the librarian did not like Harold because he was doing a scam to the people.

*By: Cody*



Grade 4 students celebrate Career Day.

On Wednesday, October 31, my class went on a trip to Stratford to watch a musical called the Music Man. The musical made me feel like I was part of it. Not once did the characters look like they did not know what to do. They were always reacting to what was going on around them. The musical is about a man who called himself Professor Harold Hill, but his real name is Greg. Harold went around cheating people out of their money. First he would go to a town and get them all excited about music. Next he would tell everyone needed to have a boys band in there town and then he would run off with the people's money before the instruments came. When Harold got to River City, he got everyone excited about music. But at that city there was a librarian/music teacher named Marian and a mayor who were suspicious. As Harold tries to convince Marian that he is good, she falls in love with him. The mayor's daughter, Zianita and a boy named Tommy, love each other but the mayor hates Tommy. He won't let Zianita even look at Tommy. Tommy and Zianita do a lot of flips and dancing. There is also four other girls and boys who do dancing to. In the end Harold and Marian marry and Harold stays at River City. My

favourite characters are Marian and then Zianita. My favourite part was the whole thing.

*By: Keaghan*

On October 31, we went to see the Music Man. The characters are interesting. The mayor's wife had a dance club and their song was Shipooopi. Harold Hill was trying to trick people to get money. The city of Stratford has a theater that has good seats. In the beginning, the train was made of suitcases. It looked pretty real, the suitcases were their seats. The mayor's wife got hit by a firecracker and fell over. The play takes 2 hours and 40 some odd minutes.

*By: Nicholas*

On October 31, my class saw the Music Man in Stratford. It was funny in a lot of parts. At the starting it was the train and then the city. There was man named Harold Hill who tried to pretend he was a musician. There was a song that was called Shipooopi. There was a lady that was a librarian and a music teacher her name is Marian. The show was awesome. There were a lot of flips and cartwheels.

*By: Tyler*

Music Man was so fun. I liked when the horse came in. I liked the flips and cartwheels. Harold was my favourite character. Shipooopi was my favourite song. I liked River City. My favourite part was the train at the start made of suitcases.

*By: Sunbin*

My class went on a class trip to Stratford Festival to watch "Music Man" on October 31, 2018. I was in second row so I can see close. The main character is Harold. He was trying to get money and cheat people. They started on the train and ended in a gymnasium with great songs. What I liked the most was the flips and the songs.

*By: Daniel*

I like the Music Man because it is funny. I love the song Shipooopi in the Musical. I like the costumes in the play. The play took place in River City. I like Winthrop because Winthrop has a lisp, and the lisp is cool. I like Marian who is the librarian. Marian is also the Music teacher, and Marian is Winthrop's older sister. Harold is a man who steals money from the people. But Harold didn't lie to River City. Instead Harold made a band for River City.

*By: Leanne*

On October 31, we went to Stratford to see Music Man. There was a train that was made out of suitcases. The men were sitting on the suitcases like it was a train. My favourite part song was Shipooopi and Seventy-six Trombones in the Orchestra. My favourite part was the dancing. Harold Hill wanted River City to buy instruments and so they could have band, but he just

wanted their money. A boy named Winthrop had a lisp and was always miserable until Harold Hill came and cheered him up. Marian the Librarian/Music teacher thought that Harold Hill was a fake musician. He also thought that if think you can play, you can play. Mayor Shin liked saying things like "Watch your phraseology" or "Not another poop out of you".

*By: Julia*

Our class went to a play called Music Man in Stratford. We went on October 31. In the beginning it started with people on a train. When the train stopped the people would do a bump. When the train slowed down the people would fall backward. When the train sped up the people would fall forward. It was cool how they did it with suitcases. My favorite part was when the band came in and Harold said use the "think system". Then the mayor said come on Harold. Just then Harold started to move his hands and the band started playing something. I also liked it when the librarian was stamping all the books then Harold put his hand on the desk and she stamped his hand. Harold was a person who tried to get money from other towns by saying I will buy some instruments for your town and start a band. Then he would leave with the money before the instruments came. He would cheat them.

*By: Micah*

On October 31, grade four went to see the play Music Man at the Stratford Festival. At the beginning a bunch of men were on a train. They made the train using their suitcases, sitting on their suitcases and they would bob up and down at the same time. On the train they were singing about a man name professor Harold Hill. Harold, whose name is really Greg, cheats people out of money by saying 'You need a band!' He gets all their money and right away runs away to a different town.

*By: William*

The music man's name is Harold Hill and he comes to cities and cheats people out of money by trying to get them to think they need a band. He tries to make them buy instruments and when they buy them he takes the money and leaves. But when he came to River City things turned out different. So on the day Harold came to River City to do what he always does, the mayor was suspicious. Once Harold got to know a lot of people and met Marian the librarian and music teacher he fell in love. Marian got suspicious and then she figured out he was tricking them. One day he was at the library and he tried to kiss her. One day when Harold had got people to buy instruments they figured out they didn't even know how to play them. So they had a meeting to see whether or not they should put Harold in jail. At first nobody wanted him to stay but then Marian told them that Harold had made their city so joyful and then they all wanted him to stay and then he lived there and they all lived happily ever after.

*By: Noah*