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From Mr. Mallory's Desk

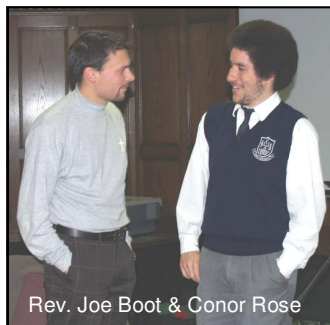
Pastors Luncheon



Our 2nd annual Pastor's Luncheon was another wonderful success. Twenty or so Church leaders came to our school for a terrific meal, listened to our young people lead in praise and worship, and beautifully sang a couple of numbers in which they glorified our Lord. We were privileged to have Reverend Joe Boot join us as our key note speaker. Reverend Boot is a renowned apologist, educator, author and the senior Pastor of Westminster Chapel in Toronto. He has spoken all over the world in universities, churches and conferences. He served as the director of Ravi Zacharias Ministries and has debated leading atheists in North American Universities. He has authored three books which deal with apologetic

themes. He brought us an inspiring and challenging message as he presented historically significant events that have shaped education in this post modern world. His passionate advocacy for Christian education was both inspiring and challenging.

We wholeheartedly thank our staff who planned and organized this event and contributed delicious salads, casseroles and desserts to our luncheon. A special thanks to Mrs. Grewal who led a committee of students to beautifully decorate the chapel. Thanks also to Mrs. Obara who worked on promotions and Mrs. Fu who organized student helpers. Mrs. Pantikidis arranged for and delivered the main course. We are always grateful for her willingness to get involved in SCA events. Ms. Shaukat, another parent in our school,



Rev. Joe Boot & Conor Rose

assisted in setting up also. Of course, our high school students were invaluable to the success of our event. A special thanks to Priscilla Kandiah who led our student worship team. What a wonderful asset she and the many students in our school are who demonstrated their willingness to provide their support.

Pastor Laurel Hobbs presented a challenge in which she asked representatives of the churches in attendance to provide financial support for a scholarship to deserving students. She is asking for \$1000 to be raised for this purpose. We thank all those willing to get behind this terrific initiative.

Christmas Pageant

On Thursday, December 18, SCA will continue our tradition of celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at our annual Christmas Pageant. This year we will be renting the auditorium at Canada Christian College (50 Gervais - east of Don Mills Rd. at Wynford Dr. and north on Gervais Drive). To help offset the cost of renting the auditorium we will be selling tickets to this year's event. The cost for adults (over 16 yrs) will be \$5.00 each. No charge for children. (More information on pg. 2)

Daily Instructional Schedule

Elementary

08:55 am	Morning Entry
09:00 - 10:15 am	Learning Block
10:15 - 10:30 am	Recess
10:30 - 11:45 am	Learning Block
11:45 - 12:45 pm	Lunch/Recess
12:45 - 2:00 pm	Learning Block
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Recess
2:15 - 3:30 pm	Learning Block

Secondary

09:00 - 10:20 am	Period 1
10:25 - 12:00 noon	Period 2
12:00 - 12:45 pm	Lunch Break
12:45 - 2:05 pm	Period 3
2:10 - 3:30 pm	Period 4

Note

Before and after school care is offered to parents on a cost recovery basis.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2008

PD DAY— PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Christmas Pageant

Christmas is fast approaching and everyone is hard at work on SCA's all-school production of 'Gabriel's Mission'. Gabriel's Mission is a combination of music and theatre that is meant to inform and to delight. This is the story of Christmas, of what it is all about and of what it really means.

Come and see how Gabriel's mission has impacted all of mankind. Bring family and friends to share with us too. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, it is our hope that many will be inspired to carry on this mission and go forth to proclaim God's greatest gift to the world.

This year's Christmas production will be held on the evening of Thursday, December 18, 2008, at Canada Christian College.

Junior Choir

Our Junior Choir will be performing at Eglinton Square shopping mall on Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 12th, in the food court area. Please feel free to come out (1:30 pm) and join the many shoppers who will hear our children sing the true Christmas message.

Outdoor Recess

Except in the case of rain or extreme cold, all of our students are expected to go outside for recess every day and should dress according to the conditions.

Students are reminded to wear layers of clothing and footwear that will keep their feet warm and dry no matter what the weather conditions present.



Elementary Report Cards

Our report cards have been designed specifically for use at SCA and reflects our effort to teach a Biblical world view through the Ontario curriculum expectations within a Christian environment.



The academic results indicate achievement levels. We use letter grades up to grade 6, and percentage marks in grades 7 and 8. The letter grades are described in the legend on page 1 of the report above the subject boxes.

With each grade in the academic areas, a second letter shows the student's effort in that subject.

There are comments from the teacher giving teacher observations with respect to strengths and weaknesses and, in some cases, next steps.

The arts subjects on page 2 show a grade and effort letter referencing common expectation in each area e.g., P.E., visual arts, drama etc. Some arts subjects may not be assessed in every term.

The learning skills area shows how each student worked, interacted with others, and/or behaved.

The final comment should reflect a general observation with suggestions for the future.

It can be a powerful motivator if, after reading the report, you read it with your child and discuss it with them. It will facilitate setting some realistic goals for academic achievement and learning skills for next term.

As much as the reports are an important means of communicating student achievement, it is impossible to capture all the pertinent information about your child's progress in a two page document. It is therefore very important to come into the school for a Parent / Teacher interview as well. We have set aside Friday, December 5th for that purpose. You will see a time reserved for you to meet with the teacher on that PD Day. If the time shown is not convenient, please call the school to set up another interview time.

Christmas Boxes

We collected a large number of Christmas boxes to be distributed by the Samaritan's Purse Organization to children all around the world. Thanks to everyone in our school community who generously supported the program.

SCA Christmas Cards Sale

This year many of our students hand crafted Christmas cards, capturing that personal touch and the true essence of the Christmas spirit. Come see the students' cards displayed just outside the Library area. We are certain that you will find them creative, unique and worthy of sharing with friends and relatives. We are also offering them for a nominal price when our choir sings at the Mall.

Parent Sessions

We are considering two parent information sessions this winter.

1. Internet Safety and
2. Financial Seminar from a Biblical Perspective.

We would like to hear from you as to your willingness to support these evening forums.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4  Mall Outreach	5 Parent/Teacher Interviews PD Day	6
7	8 Board Meeting	9 Gr 5/6 Visit Heritage & Liberty Seniors	10	11	12  Mall Outreach	13
14	15	16 Gr 5/6 Visit Beaches Arms Seniors	17	18  SCA Christmas Pageant	19  Spirit Day JK/SK Chapel	20
21 Christmas Break 2 Weeks	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30				Classes Resume Jan. 5th

For Unto You A Child Is Born