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Thank you for your contributions and support for this school and ministry. We hope to use this newsletter as a way of keeping in touch with those who have had connections with CBFCS over the years. You have helped shape us into who we are and you matter! Check us out on Facebook “CBFCS Alumni” or our website (listed above). CBFCS is a non-profit organization and registered charity. If you would like to contribute to the school, donations are welcome and a tax receipt can be issued.

Our Mission

“Challenging students through Christ-centered education to pursue a life of Godly character and academic excellence.”

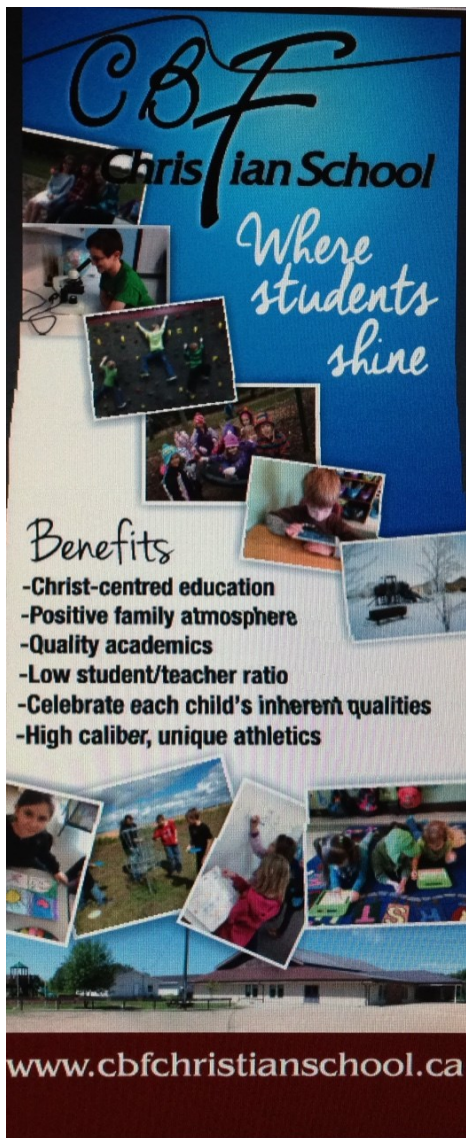
It is still our goal to teach others to know, love and serve God. When the school started, it was primarily church-going students that attended and the school was primarily a discipleship school. Currently, only about half our students come from a church background. Our focus is now dual—discipleship and outreach. We still begin every Thursday morning with chapel. We have class devotionals, prayer and Bible classes every week. We share who God is in our lives and our students take that into their homes. The love of God reaches out. Amen!

Current Facts:

- We teach Junior Kindergarten to Gr.8.
- This year we have 44 students.
- Our largest individual grade is our JK class with 9 students.
- We have 7 amazing staff:
Principal/Teacher – Jocelyn Beehler
JK/SK/1 Teacher – Danya Gnida
Gr.2-4 Teacher – Linda Fried
Gr.5-8 Teacher – Jackie Basso
Secretary – Melanie Bird
Educational Assistant – Fran Culleton
Educational Assistant—Ainslie Mueller

Staff Highlight: “Mrs. Jackie Basso”

Hello! My name is Jackie Basso and I have been blessed to be on staff at CBFCS for the past 6 years. I came on a term position, but God created a job for me and I have been here ever since. To be honest, I had planned to teach in the school division, but I am so happy to be at CBFCS teaching the grade 5-8 students. I trained for early years, but it has been a wonderful experience teaching middle years. Before I became a teacher, I worked as an EA for the school division. On a personal note, I am married to Kevin Basso and we live a few miles east of town. My husband raises cattle and hauls grain. We have three boys. One is married with 4 children, one is married with no children and one is single. One son lives here with his family and the other two are in Winnipeg. Our adult children and grandchildren bring us a lot of joy. Some things I enjoy doing outside of school are: walking, spending time at the lake, spending time with friends and family, motorcycle trips with my husband, and watching curling. I feel privileged to be teaching at a Christian school where God is the focal point of our day. Teaching at CBFCS has helped me to grow closer to God through my students and the wonderful people on staff.



SSS—Share Someone Special

Every student and staff is a star of the week at some point during the school year. When it is their turn they get to share someone special. One way to get to know someone better is to hear them share about special people in their life. They share who the person is, how they know them, why they are special, a favorite memory with that person, and some character traits about them. When possible they even bring that person to chapel or bring pictures to share.



What's New?

- **16 new students** (15 new families)
- **School wide Bible curriculum**—”Answers Bible Curriculum”—teachers love the unity as the same concepts are taught in each class. It teaches foundational principles, history and incorporates life application.
- **Mentoring/Tutoring**—Many students are receiving some extra help during breaks or after school. This is intentional time spent with them to help them with academics, social, emotional issues etc.
- **Curling**—PAC purchased a floor curling set for the school.
- **Guided Reading**—The school purchased a Christian themed class set of guided reading books called “Start with your Heart,” to compliment our existing guiding reading library.

Thanking our Volunteers

The high quality education and experience that our students receive comes from staff as well as volunteers. We are grateful to have Rita Thiessen who teaches the Gr.5-8 choir, Tracy Burick who teaches Gr.2-4 art, and Melanie Bird who teaches Gr.5-8 art. Pastor Ron Thiessen also does some mentoring with students. We are also blessed to have school parents that donate meals for hot lunches on Thursdays, contribute time preparing and serving, and also driving for field trips. Thanks to all of you for your on-going commitment. to our students education.

Opportunity

The JK/SK/1 class and the Gr.2-4 class are looking for someone, who would like to read with students or be read to, once or twice per week. If you are interested, please contact the school and talk to Mrs. Gnida for JK/SK/1 or Mrs. Fried for Gr.2-4.

We are a bucket filling school!

Every week in chapel, we highlight students that have witnessed bucket-filling going on around them. The bucket filler concept is that everyone has an invisible bucket. When our bucket is empty we feel sad; and when our bucket is full we feel happy. We can fill other people’s buckets by doing kind and thoughtful things like: encouraging or helping others, smiling, being kind, looking out for others, sharing, being generous, showing love etc. We are encouraging students to look around and notice when others are doing or saying things that fill someone’s bucket. After Christmas, we will be working on ways that we can all be more intentional about filling someone’s bucket. For more info on “Bucket fulling” check out www.bucketfillers101.com