

# October 2010

1. Today Janelle C., the oldest child of Randy and Wendy (Administrative Assistant at CCS) is marrying Jeremy V.. We pray that they will have a long and blessed marriage, and we take this opportunity to pray that God will bless all marriages.
2. Although we are late, we wish to extend belated birthday congratulations to Ms. Anita V. Ms. V. drives bus for our CCS students, and we pray that she will continue to be blessed by the Lord in the year ahead.
3. "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1) Pray that families will be blessed wherever they worship on this Lord's day.
4. Please pray a special prayer of thanks for the dedication of our teachers. They serve as the backbone of our schools, and come to school well prepared each day to educate young people in the ways of the Lord.
5. Our Grade 6 students join with their peers from other Niagara area Christian schools in St. Catharines today for the annual Junior Soccer Friendship games. Praise God for opportunities students are given to get to know students from other schools in the area.
6. It's Pizza Day! Students (and parents alike) look forward to these special lunch days. We are thankful for the many volunteers who give assistance in this area. May our students also know that it is a real blessing to have enough food to eat on a daily basis.
7. Today our parents, grandparents and other friends of Christian education are busy making apple pies for our annual fall fund raiser. We are blessed when so many people come together for a great cause! Thank you! And thank God!
8. As our NACE staff, students and families gather for their Thanksgiving assemblies during October, pray that God will bless them with thankful hearts. May God's generosity to us remind us to be generous to others.
9. Both CCS and JKCS sent teams to the senior soccer tournament last Thursday. We are grateful for the strength and energy that our young people have, and we want to encourage them to use their athletic abilities to God's glory.
10. God created the world in six days, and on the seventh day he rested. God knows that effective workers need to have time away from their daily labours, and an opportunity to worship God with fellow believers. Thank God for his wisdom.
11. On this Thanksgiving Day may we resolve to live each day of our lives in grateful service to the Lord. May we be encouraged to share our time, talents and treasure with those in need.
12. Both sites have been involved with food drives in their respective communities. In Matthew 25, Jesus gives us guidelines for giving/sharing, and says that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for him. Praise him for blessing us in order that we may be a blessing to others.
13. One week ago today the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools sponsored an Advancement Conference regarding how to grow our schools from their strengths. May the cause of Christian education be recognized all across the province of Ontario, and may God continue to bless all Christian schools.
14. Mrs. Diane K. celebrates a birthday today. Mrs. K. teaches Junior Kindergarten at the JKCS site, and also works part time as an educational assistant. We praise God for her varied gifts and pray that she will be richly blessed in the upcoming year.
15. At the beginning of this school year, Mrs. Wendy C., the Administrative Assistant at CCS, required surgery. The recovery process has been rather slow. We pray two things: that Mrs. C. will experience complete healing, and also a prayer of thanksgiving for the willingness of Mrs. Christine S. to work in the CCS office during the month of September.
16. Almost everyone looks forward to the annual NACE Bazaar! The Bazaar Committee is meeting regularly to plan for this event. Please pray that they will be blessed in their efforts, and that this event will be a successful fund raiser for our schools.
17. The students from our schools attend well over 30 different churches. This morning, as our families gather in their places of worship, pray for these churches and their pastors as they nurture the faith of their congregants.
18. The NACE Board has been meeting regularly to discuss what "living for Jesus, learning for life, and serving with gladness" looks like in terms of our schools and the impact they are having in the greater Hamilton and Niagara catchment areas. Please pray for wisdom for our Board as they discern God's will for our schools.
19. Many of us know Mr. Tony K. who serves as the Executive Director of NACE. On this day we pray that God will strengthen him for his daily work and that he will find much joy in the journey.
20. Tomorrow the student body of the CCS site will be gathering for chapel. The focus of this chapel is on humility. May God grant each of us a rich measure of humility as we interact with one another each day.
21. Mrs. Michelle D. is celebrating her birthday today. The kindergarten students at CCS are blessed by her kindness and love, and by her desire to have them become faithful followers of Jesus. Praise God for her work among us.
22. Cross Country is a great individual sport for students who love to run. Today athletes from Christian Schools around southern Ontario meet at the Dundas Conservation Area for the annual Cross Country race. Pray that

they may have a great day of fellowship and competition! Thank God for dedicated coaches who have assisted them along the way.

23. Yesterday Mr. Dave A. celebrated his birthday. Mr. A. teaches at the junior level at CCS, and shares his great sense of humour with his students as he instructs them. We thank God for the blessing that he is to the Smithville community.
24. This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! As Christians from around the world gather today in worship, we pray that God's church universal will continue to grow and be strengthened.
25. Mrs. Diana K. is our diligent administrative assistant at John Knox and we want to make sure that she knows that her work is very much appreciated. Earlier this month she and her husband celebrated 35 years of marriage, and we thank God for that, too.
26. Our bus drivers are pretty special people! Each day they transport hundreds of children to and from school and spend many hours ensuring that their buses are safe vehicles of transport. We pray that God will bless them with a rich measure of patience today as they drive for NACE.
27. Each fall the Ontario Christian Schools Administrators Association makes plans for a one or two day retreat. Please pray that our principals and school leaders may be

strengthened for their tasks in their respective schools.

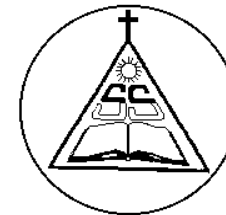
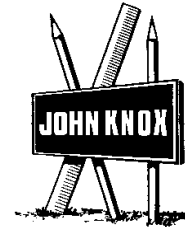
28. Today is the first day of the annual Ontario Christian School Educator's Convention. "Woven Together in God's Faithfulness", based on Hebrews 10:23-25 is this year's theme. Pray that participants may be refreshed and renewed and that students may enjoy an extended fall break.
29. Miss Linda G. teaches the Grade One & Two students at the JKCS site, and today is her birthday. We thank God for her many gifts, and pray that he will bless her as she faithfully guides the young learners in her care.
30. As we near the end of this month, the second one of the school year, we want to extend special thanks to our custodians for their dedication to keeping our schools clean. We know that theirs is sometimes a thankless job, and so we wanted to acknowledge their good work publicly, and to pray a special prayer of blessing upon them.
31. Thank God for the brave work and words of reformers such as Martin Luther! On Reformation Day we commemorate the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 statements on the church door in Whittenberg, Germany. His goal was to convince the church that salvation is a free gift of God's grace to those who accept it by faith. As God's Word is being preached today, may pastors be faithful in that message.

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## Verse of the Month

*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as  
dearly loved children."*

~ Ephesians 5:1

