

# The Inside Track

A newsletter for Families of The King's School

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## Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and are very excited with many of the renovations and additions that happened over the summer.

We have a newly renovated Library which we celebrated the opening of at The King's School Kickoff on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have added several new lockers in the Grade 7 and 8 Hallway and in the High School. We have completed our technology upgrade and are now functioning as a Google School. The Kindergarten to Grade 6 classes have been using the Chromebooks that are taken to their classroom courtesy of a Chromebook charging cart, a full set of headphones and 2 Technology specialists who help the classroom teacher with the lesson in class! It is absolutely wonderful to watch the learning that is taking place in our classrooms. Our soccer fields are now in full use and we have 4 full size soccer goals on the fields.

Our theme this year is 'grace'. We as a school community are looking forward to a year of God's grace together. May He reveal to us everything He has so that we may grow together in grace and love in this community.

Suzan Zielke, Principal

### Extracurricular Achievements

Congratulations to the following TKS students who took Royal Conservatory Piano Exams this past May and June.

Naomi – Level 1, First Class Honours  
Grace – Level 4, First Class Honours  
Sydney – Level 5, First Class Honours

Congratulations also to Rachel who received First Class Honours with Distinction for her Royal Conservatory Intermediate Theory Exam. Along with her Grade 5 and 6 practical exams she will now receive a Grade 9 and Grade 10 high school music credit.

## PICTURE DAY!

Kindergarten Class A has picture day on:

**Monday, October 5**

Kindergarten Class B through Grade 12:

**Tuesday, October 6**

## Looking ahead:

### Monday, October 5

Kindergarten Class A Picture Day

*(Order cards will be sent home with students that day)*

### Tuesday, October 6

Preschool through Grade 12 Picture Day

*(Order cards will be sent home with students that day)*

### Friday, October 9

NO SCHOOL

*(Staff Professional Development Day)*

### Monday, October 12

NO SCHOOL *(Thanksgiving Day)*

### Tuesday, October 20

Parent Council Meeting, 7:00pm

*(1 parent from each family encouraged to attend)*

### Friday, October 23

NO SCHOOL *(Teacher SAGE Day)*

### Tuesday, November 3

Retake Picture Day

### Friday, November 6

NO SCHOOL *(Report Card Preparation Day)*

# Parent Council Information



## What is a Parent Advisory Council?

The Education Act gives parents the right, through PACs, to assume an advisory role in every school. PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school. A PAC, through its elected officers, may advise the school board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school.

PACs are forums within each school community to discuss matters affecting your school and the education of your children. Parents' voices are a tremendous value to their school. They offer a wealth of ideas and support in the challenges that face all public schools. PACs strive to represent the diversity within their communities and contribute to the benefit of all students by:

- providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the school;
- involving parents in volunteer activities; and
- openly discussing parents' concerns and aspirations for their schools.

**Who Can Become a Member of PAC?** All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate as a member of the PAC.

**What Governs a PAC?** As an autonomous body, the PAC must abide by its Constitution and Bylaws and the Education Act.

## How Does a PAC Work?

Through their elected executives from parents in the school, PACs communicate with their parent community gathering and discussing issues of importance regarding their school in order to adequately advise those that influence their school. In addition to PAC meetings communication may also be done through, newsletters, telephone, email, and websites so that all parents have the opportunity for input. PACs, with strong participation from parents, have an important influence on life at the school and the feelings the community has toward the school and education. There is strong evidence that increased parent involvement in the school results in increased student achievement, accomplishment, satisfaction, and bonding all of which result in decreased dropout rates and better citizen.

## Whom does the PAC Advise?

(a) advise the board, the principal and staff of the school respecting any matter relating to the school, (b) at the request of the board or principal, advise fellow parents on matters related to the PAC, (c) advise the Ministry of Education, as they deem necessary.

## The Purpose of a PAC can be:

- to provide parents with the opportunity to gain greater understanding of the school;
- to assist the school board in carrying out its function and mission;
- to give input into school- based decisions;
- to participate in goal setting;
- to unify efforts of the school community towards the goal of quality education;
- to monitor and review school rules and conduct, the safety programs, the educational programs; learning materials, equipment and the school building;
- to educate parents;
- to advocate equal educational opportunities for all students;
- to liaise with other education partners and organizations; and
- to provide methods to resolve problems between the school and community by directing parents and students to the Advocacy project.

## Your Involvement

Parents are encouraged and invited to bring forth issues, suggestions, or concerns relating to the meeting and enhancement of the needs of your school community. These issues can be brought forth by:

- contacting a PAC executive member
- sending a letter to the school addressed to a member of the PAC executive
- attending a PAC meeting

*(Source credit: Document adapted from BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)*

## The current status of PAC at The King's School

Parents of High School students have been serving on the Parent Advisory Council and currently comprise 100% of the PAC executive. Last year attendance at PAC meetings was low. The PAC Executive strongly urges Parents & Guardians of students in Early Years or Middle Years to attend meetings this year and participate. Ideally by May 2016 there will be a parent representative of each section of the school on the PAC executive.

**NEXT PAC MEETING:**

**OCT  
20th**

**OCTOBER AGENDA** includes: fundraising, Staff Appreciation Week, report from School Principal, volunteering, dialogue with Principal and Vice Principals

# Early Years Preschool – Grade 4

## Teachers by Grade

For those Parents/Guardians wanting to make contact with their child's Teacher, please make use of the Student Agenda in order to let a Teacher know if any information or to initiate scheduling a meeting time regarding the academic needs of your child.

Teachers by grade are:

Mrs. Zazulak	Preschool
Mrs. Holens	Kindergarten
Mrs. Dyck & Miss Reimer	Grade 1
Mrs. Campbell	Grade 2
Mrs. Schroeder	Grade 3
Mr. Booth	Grade 4



*Thank you for coming to the annual Kick-Off!*



## From the Vice Principal

Dear Parents,

We have begun a new year at The King's School and the preschool to grade four classes are settling into their schedules and routines of school life.

Excited students are learning scripture memory verses through song with Ralph Zacharias. Our verses for the month of September were Titus 2:11-14.

We are beginning to exercise our new theme GRACE as we learn to apply it in various ways in our classrooms. Teachers are looking for GRACE character qualities in students and students are also encouraged to find GRACE in other students' lives. These students are our "bucket fillers" and help to make our classrooms a great place for all.

As the next month approaches, we have a few reminders for you. Please label all your students' clothing as most of the sweaters, etc. look alike and it is difficult to find the right owner when something is lost. We will also be looking forward to being involved in Operation Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes with needy items for children in Ukraine. More information will follow. Also as the weather turns cooler, please have your child dress appropriately for outdoor recess. We appreciate all the support you are giving your children as they enter the building each day.

Serving you, Mrs. Dyck

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

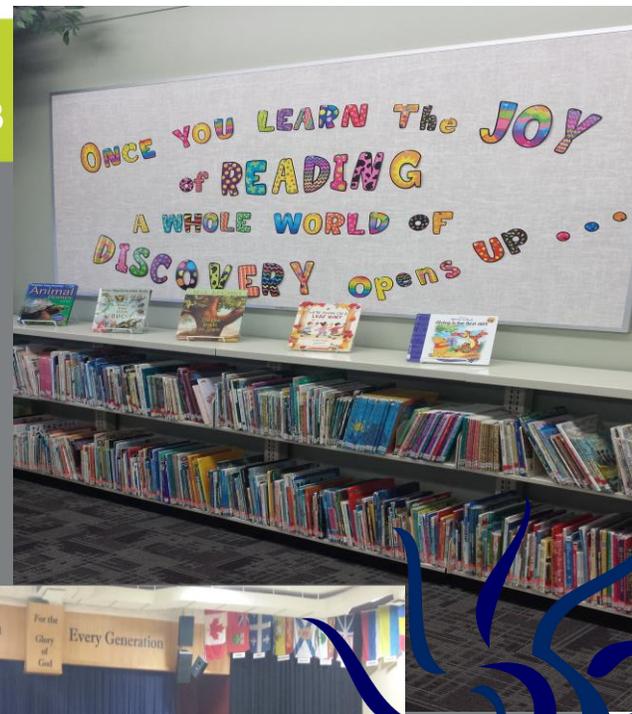
Students who successfully recite their weekly scripture memory verses are able to receive an award in June at the annual awards day celebration. The Scripture Memory verses for October are:

*"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,<sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.<sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.<sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

# Middle Years Grades 5 - 8



Middle Years students the first to use the new Library just prior to its opening at the annual Fall Kick-Off event. Thank you to all who attended the Fall Kick-Off and Meet the Teacher event!



## A word from the Vice-Principal of Middle Years

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at TKS! On behalf of the Middle Years team, we are delighted to welcome back our former students and extend a special welcome to families and students who are new to our school community. The Middle Years team strives to make this community a supportive, caring and safe one where we encourage your student to work towards excellence in their learning. We hope to partner with parents to help students along this journey making the year a productive and rewarding one for all.

Please say hello to the newest member of the Middle Years team, Mr. Mittlestadt. He will be teaching grade 7 and 8 ELA, Social Studies, Health and Bible. Mrs. Micklefield will also be adding grade 6 Math to her teaching responsibilities this year. Do not hesitate to email any of the teachers on our team if you have any questions.

Ms. Pritchard	Grade 5	<a href="mailto:bpritchard@thekingsschool.ca">bpritchard@thekingsschool.ca</a>
Miss Da Silva	Grade 6 (ELA,SS,Bible)	<a href="mailto:pdasilva@thekingsschool.ca">pdasilva@thekingsschool.ca</a>
Mrs. Micklefield	Grade 6 (Math, Science, Art, LICT)	<a href="mailto:rmicklefield@thekingsschool.ca">rmicklefield@thekingsschool.ca</a>
Mr. Mittlestadt	Grade 7 and 8 (ELA, SS, Health, Bible)	<a href="mailto:rmittlestadt@thekingsschool.ca">rmittlestadt@thekingsschool.ca</a>
Mrs. Horner	Grade 7 and 8 (Math, Science, Creative Arts)	<a href="mailto:ehorner@thekingsschool.ca">ehorner@thekingsschool.ca</a>
Mrs. Nemez	Grade 5 and 6 French	<a href="mailto:lnemez@thekingsschool.ca">lnemez@thekingsschool.ca</a>
Mrs. Adelman	Grade 7 and 8 French	<a href="mailto:aadelmann@thekingsschool.ca">aadelmann@thekingsschool.ca</a>
Mr. Smith	Grade 5 to 8 Physical Education	<a href="mailto:asmith@thekingsschool.ca">asmith@thekingsschool.ca</a>

Also, for your convenience, **the Inside Track**, our school newsletter, will be posted at the beginning of each month on our school website. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Blessings,

Miss Da Silva

Grade 6 Teacher and 5-8 Vice Principal

# High School Grades 9-12

## ART CLUB

is open to all High School Students. They meet in the Art classroom each Thursday from 3:30-5:30pm with the help of Mrs. Atkinson. Come and create!



## STUCO

Upcoming Events

**October 14**

12:00pm  
Thanksgiving Potluck  
&  
Formal Dress Up Day

**October 30**

Casual Day

## MISSIONS

The Grade 11 missions trip is planned for January 6-13.

Please consider donating towards the \$7800 needed for building materials for a house they plan to build.

Charitable donation receipts available.



NEED TO CONTACT A TEACHER? EMAIL: [LASTNAME@THEKINGSSCHOOL.CA](mailto:LASTNAME@THEKINGSSCHOOL.CA)

Mrs. Adelmann	Grades 7&8 French, Grade 9 English
Mrs. Atkinson	Grades 9-12 Bible, Grades 9&11 Art
Mr. Hendren	Grade 9 Social Studies, Grade 10 Geography, Grade 12 Transactional English
Mrs. Horner	Grade 10 Health
Mr. Huebert	Grades 11&12 Psychology, Resource
Mrs. Martens	Grades 9&10 Science, Grade 10 Math Essentials, Grade 11 Pre-Calculus
Mrs. Newediuk	High School Vice Principal and Information Technology Lead
Mr. Siemens	Grade 11 Biology, Grade 11 Chemistry, Grade 11 Math Essentials, Grade 12 Biology
Mr. Smith	Grades 10&12 Physical Education, Grade 12 Health

### FALL START UP PRAISEWORTHY NEWS:

A peaceful start to the year, with all of our students working hard in class. ▪ The new technology roll-out has been highly successful, with students engaged in new ways to learn. We welcome parent feedback as part of the process. ▪ A wonderful day of activity in perfect weather for our annual Challenge The Hill day Friday September 25. Almost all students were there, and everyone agrees this was "THE BEST ONE YET"!

### SCRIPTURE VERSE THIS MONTH:

Isaiah 53:1-6 (NIV1984)

- "Test" day is: October 16
- Scripture memory is worth 25% of the grade for the Bible course, so please help our students learn God's word!