

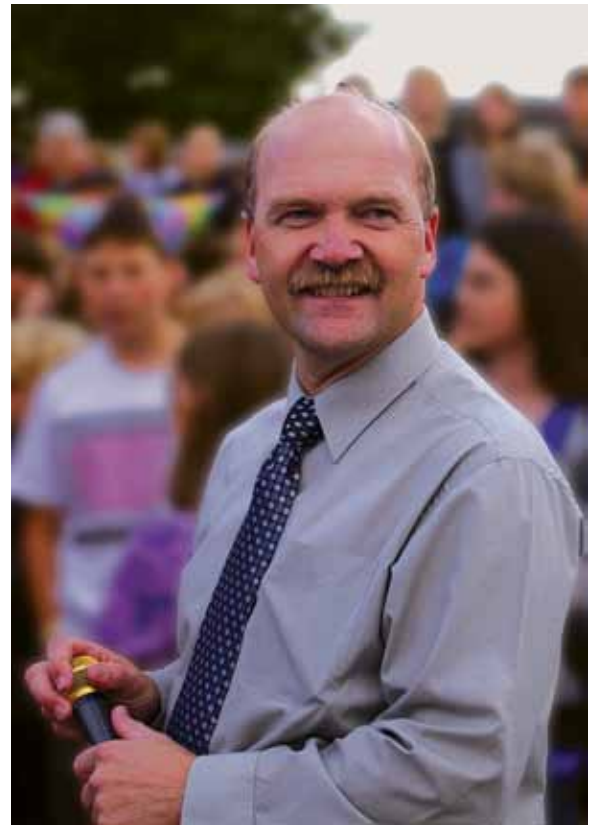
LOOKING BACK: TEN YEARS AT PCS

As I reflect on being part of the PCS community these past 10 years, I continue to be amazed and encouraged by the conviction of parents to ensure that their children are educated in a Christian world and life view.

This past Wednesday, Bill Helmus and I had the pleasure of meeting with new parents who want to enroll their children at PCS. As part of the Information Seminar we were blessed to listen to parents share their reasons for choosing Christian Education. More often than not, the conversation can be summarized in this way: “We love the church as the body of Christ and we love the Christian school as the place where our children are nurtured and taught to know the Lord and to stand in awe of His mighty works.” They are parents who operate out of a sense of conviction—a conviction that it is the calling of a parent to educate his/her child according to what the parent believes, with the goal of equipping his/her child to live as a child of God to the glory of God.

That is the basis of Pacific Christian School. Over 50 years ago a decision was made to build a Christian school here in Victoria. It arose out of conviction; a conviction that the believing parent has from God’s Word concerning his/her calling to his/her children. These convictions are formed by the Word of God bringing its light to bear upon our hearts and lives. Convictions not formed by arguments or by strong-arming people to do certain things. No, these convictions are holy and sacred things formed when the Holy Spirit brings the Word of God to bear upon a believing heart to show a person his path of gratitude to God.

PCS is committed to partnering with parents in their calling to *“train up their children in the way they should go..”* Proverbs 22:6. We thank you for allowing us to co-labour with you as you seek to nurture your child/ren in Christ-like living, critical thinking and joyful service. To God be the Glory!



David O’Dell

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to become effective members
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SWEET CHARITY!

For the month of February, the elementary focused on the virtue of kindness and compassion. In Gr.6B, we talked about how compassion is an action word. William J. Bennett says that “just as courage takes its stand by others in challenging situations, so compassion takes its stand with others in their distress. Compassion is a virtue that takes seriously the reality of other persons, their inner lives, their emotions, as well as their external circumstances”.

Faith Russell and Laura Kamsteeg initiated an idea to fundraise for those who are in need. The students worked together with their ideas and came up with what we call ‘candies for compassion’. They decided to fill small bags of candy with a message of encouragement attached. Students ordered bags to give to family, friends or neighbours whom they wanted to encourage. The idea was greatly received and as a result, 6B filled 1050 candy bags over a couple of days. They dug into God’s Word and found many verses of encouragement to attach to each bag. In the end, they raised \$350, which they decided to donate to the Compassionate Resource Warehouse. We plan to take our donation to the warehouse on Friday, March 11th, and spend a couple of hours helping to pack boxes and trucks with clothing donations, which will be sent out to those in need. What a great opportunity for them to see where their money is going and to see what a difference they can make in God’s community. One person can make a difference.



“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12.

Mrs. Rathburn & Mrs. Goertzen

PCS Acquires Much Need Property

Not even a “snow day” on February 23 could prevent PCS from finally acquiring the much sought after vacant lot behind the elementary campus. With school out for the day, PCS’s society meeting went on-line and close to 300 society members voted 97% in favour of purchasing a parcel of land that the school has been coveting (in the good sense) for 20 years! With the acquisition of this property, plans are now underway to determine the best use for this land. We are thankful to Mr. Kasapi for making his property available to the school, to the individuals who worked diligently over these past 20 years toward making this purchase a reality and to a God who continues to bless PCS and its vision to make quality Christian Education available on South Vancouver Island.



These are exciting times for PCS and we ask for your prayers as we plan for the future.

SARAH WILLIAMS: SALT AND LIGHT AT VICTORIA IDOL

Last summer, as I licked the envelop to my Victoria Idol application, I had no idea where it would take me. I came into the competition with no expectations; just wanting to gain some experience performing. As the rounds progressed, I continued to be shocked as I made it from one to the next. Before I knew it, it was February and I was walking through the back door of the Royal Theater on a school day. It was the night of the finals - I had made it to the top 12. I proceeded to have my hair and makeup done and arrive at the front door to the theatre in an SUV limo with my fellow contestants greeted by all of our screaming fans.

For the last month I had been panicking in the anticipation of that very night, trying to hold up under the pressure. The week prior to the big night I had been doing my devotions and came across Lamentations 3:22-26:

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him. The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him

It really struck me and I wrote it on my hand as a reminder that God was with me through this entire process and I could rest in Him and His faithfulness. That day, the same verse was the verse of the day in my day timer. I underlined it and proceeded along my day with a smile on my face. As I arrived in chapel I was amazed to see that the songs were all centered around waiting on the Lord. Then Holly Conklin did the reading for the day and read that exact same verse. Mrs. Stewart came on stage and centered the entire chapel around those verses. I could hardly believe it!

As I waited backstage for my turn to perform, I found a quiet space and reread those verses. One of the other contestants came in and asked me if I was studying. I told her "as cheesy as it sounds, I'm actually reading my Bible. It

really helps me be calm and focus." She seemed intrigued and left me to finish my devotions. I opened up my Bible to the reading of the day, Psalm 103: *Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

As I finished reading - a smile on my face - another contestant came in and asked me the same question, "Are you studying?!" This time I replied, "no, I'm actually doing my devotions." She looked confused and said "I would say 'that's cool' but I don't know what that means." I laughed and told her that "every day I like to sit down and read a bit of my Bible. I know it sounds cheesy, but it really helps me live intentionally." Similarly to the other girl, she was intrigued and left me to finish up.

As I went upstairs to go on stage, I knew in my heart that God was with me and that I was there for a purpose. I had a strong sense that my purpose was not to win - or even to place - but to be salt and light. I met my dad at the top of the stairs, took his hand and as we walked on stage together I thought to

myself, *"Praise the LORD, oh my soul!"*

My father played piano beautifully for me and I sang with confidence knowing that not only did my song mean something to me, but my presence there meant something to someone else. All I had to do was choose to seek Him and I would find Him. He would be faithful and show compassion toward me and I could praise Him in everything I do with *"a joy that surpasses all understanding."*



PCS MISSIONS – BEYOND THE BORDERS

ALEX RUTTEN MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN CAMBODIA

This past February my parents and I spent a week in Siem Reap, Cambodia, with two days specifically spent working for an establishment called Savong's Orphanage and School.

Savong's Orphanage began with less than 20 kids but now, with the financial and man power support of many NGO operations, Savong's Orphanage and School has substantially grown in size and popularity. The Orphanage now has more than 30 children who need special care, and more than 200 who attend the orphanage's school.

Upon arrival, we were able to hand over \$2,600 (fund-raised through the hard efforts of my sister, Terra Casey) to the head of the organization, Mr. Savong, to be used to improve the quality of the orphanage and school. Once the money was given to him, he was able to buy supplies for numerous projects, one in which I was able to participate – laying bricks for a house for a family that would manage the school's chickens and vegetable fields. Fortunately, my co-worker, Peter, was a Brick Mason by trade and he made our work look great – including the work of the local Cambodians who were more challenged than I was in this task! While I was busy laying bricks as straight as I could (at least, they were straighter than those laid by the local workers!), my parents were helping out with the kids at the orphanage. We brought a bag full of toys for the kids and, as we suspected, they thoroughly enjoyed them. My parents played with the children, helped them with their school work and my dad was able to

help fix their solar generator. The days were busy and we were always glad to get back to the hotel for dinner and a good night's sleep.

From my time in Cambodia, I feel like I grew in my appreciation for what God has blessed me with and how the local Cambodians were surviving with so little. From bathing with a water pump to seeing little kids running around with no clothes, the thought that my contribution would help to better the living conditions of many of these people was a driving factor for me. It was also interesting for me to learn that money is welcome there but not North American Ideas. This was definitely a bad thing when it came to the structural integrity of the houses they built. However when it came to traffic we actually found it was a good thing! People drove wherever they wanted on the road but no one went over 20 km/hr and they were respectful of each other.

Ultimately, the main thing I learned is that although we have much to offer them, they have much to offer us in return. My time in Cambodia really changed my perspective and I would recommend this sort of experience to anyone who wants to appreciate what they have while, at the same time, realize that there is much that they can learn from others.



PCS MISSION MEXICO—MARCH 16-28, 2011 SAY IT WITHOUT WORDS!

Changing the world by changing ourselves! This is exactly what is accomplished through our PCS mission trip. While our students eagerly anticipate the chance to go on a mission trip to Mexico in order to help people and see a new place, the reality is that the most beneficial change will be wrought in the characters of the students who attend the trip. Our PCS Mission trip provides students with a chance to see and understand their lives and their hearts clearly, practice their faith, and grow deeper in their understanding of Christ's purpose for them while making a profound difference in the lives of the families they will be serving—essentially living out the mission of PCS.

This year, 34 grade 12 students and 8 chaperones will be heading down to Vicente Guerrero, a small agricultural community located 300 kms south of Tijuana on the Baja peninsula to build 3 houses. In all, this will bring the total number of houses built by PCS in this area to 21. As a school we believe the most important and practical thing we can do is to live out the love of Christ with all whom we meet. Building true relationships is essential in showing Christ's love to others. As we do this we discover that there's a passion, a purpose and significance that we discover when we pursue a life and faith centered on Jesus Christ.

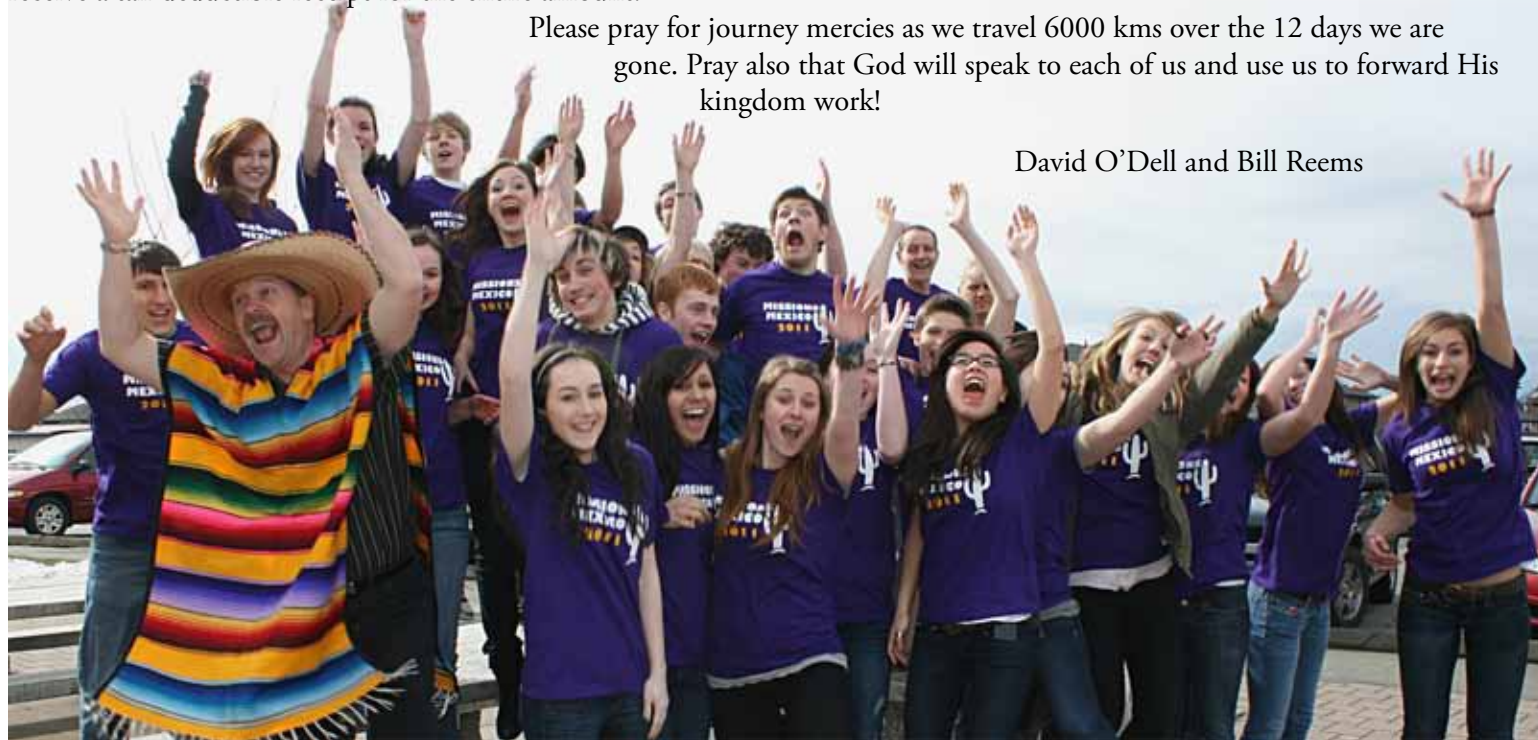
Students are required to raise \$1100.00 each to cover their travel expenses and contribute to the purchase of building materials. As a supportive community, if you would like to contribute directly to the needs of families in Mexico we have an opportunity for you that would greatly improve the lives of the families we are serving. Many of the families we build for do not have adequate furniture and are sleeping on cardboard or wooden pallets. Any donation you make will go directly towards providing food and furnishings for these families—not one cent of your donation will be used to cover any trip costs! Please consider partnering with us for Missions Mexico 2011. Make your donation out to PCS and identify it as a Mission Mexico 2011 donation on your memo line. Send it to Mr. O'Dell and you will receive a tax-deductible receipt for the entire amount.

Please pray for journey mercies as we travel 6000 kms over the 12 days we are gone. Pray also that God will speak to each of us and use us to forward His kingdom work!

David O'Dell and Bill Reems



The above are the homes and the families that our students will be involved with during Spring Break!



TEACHING WITH A SMARTBOARD

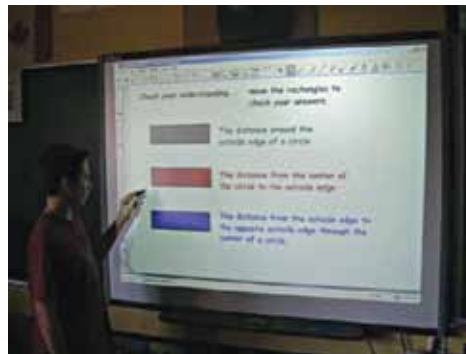
This is my first year teaching with Smart Technology, and I am not sure that I could ever go back to teaching without it. The intrinsic, creative aspect of teaching with a Smartboard has opened a myriad of possibilities within my classroom.

The overhead projector allows me to incorporate visuals at the push of a button. As most learners are able to grasp new concepts readily, when they are presented with an image, the visual accessibility of the Smartboard has opened many doors for both my current and future lesson planning. I am excited in the near future when I have completely converted all of the concepts that I teach to have the visual support that the Smart Technology offers.

In Bible, I am finding that this technology is geared at getting my students to think critically. The lessons that I am able to create with this technology have initiated many discussions that have furthered their understanding of who their loving Father is. This has, without a doubt, been the highlight of my year.

This is an amazing teaching tool, which has ignited a creative mindset when planning my lessons. My classes are more engaging, as they lean on the visuals and interactive nature of Smart Technology. I am excited for the day when I have all of my lessons fully integrated with my Smartboard. I am so enthusiastic about this technology, that if any parent would like to come and use it, to see it for him/herself, please do not hesitate to contact me (250-479-9365 ext. 240)

Smart Adam Price



PCS STUDENTS CAN SPELL

For the past seven years, PCS has participated in the CanSpell program with the yearly goal of qualifying students to the Regional Spelling Bee. This event, open to students from in Grades 4 – 8, is sponsored by the Times Colonist newspaper and held at the University of Victoria. Each participating class begins the process with an “in-class bee” to select their top spellers. The excitement mounts as winners prepare for the “Grade Level Bees”. Then, with anticipation at a near fever pitch, all students in Grades 4 – 7 gather in the church for the “All School Verbal Bee”. Round by round, the tension grows as the contestants spell increasingly difficult words. With collective breaths held

for each turn, palpable anticipation of the dreaded “ding” indicating an incorrectly spelled word can be felt throughout the silent room. When no “ding” is heard there is instantaneous and enthusiastic cheering and applause. The event produces as much drama and excitement as any playoff sporting event. This year was no exception, with the moderator, Mr. Helmus, nearly exhausting the list of words and students spelling for 16 rounds. In the end, PCS is proud to announce this year’s top spellers:

4th place: *Brooklyn Richmond (Grade 4)*

3rd place: *Jenna Wild (Grade 6)*

2nd place: *Aaron Diemer (Grade 6)*

1st place: *Sarah Rampling (Grade 7)*



As the two top spellers from our school, Aaron and Sarah then wrote a 60 word “written bee” which was sent in to the Times Colonist for marking. We are pleased to let you know that both of our candidates qualified to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee at UVic on March 5. It is quite a challenge and we commend these young people for using their God-given gifts and working hard to reach this level.

Look for an update on our students’ achievements in the upcoming Pacer POST (early April).

SCIENCE FAIR 2011

On March 3, instead of the usual squeaking of sneakers on the gym floor, the PCS elementary gym was filled with the sound of young scientists presenting their Grade 5 science projects. The topics ranged from soccer balls to propeller turbines, from worms to ice, from conditioner to carbon, from vitamins to insulation, from sugar to music. You get the picture! This annual event, eagerly anticipated by every PCS child who can hardly wait for Grade 5, did not disappoint. From the Big Question and Hypothesis through to the Conclusion and Christian Perspective, this year's projects demonstrated hard, cooperative work between students, teachers and parents. On the stage it is said that "there are no small parts, only small actors." In the same way, at our Science Fair there are no losers, because everyone learns something about God's world, him or herself, the importance of time management, problem solving and many other variables.

Thanks to everyone who participated and made our annual Grade 5 Science fair such a success. Congratulations to all the students for completing their projects and doing so in exemplary ways. The following students are the winners for their respective classes, and many of them will have the opportunity to represent PCS by sharing their projects again at the University of Victoria Regional Science Fair in April.



Joel Runkel 5B



Anna Umland 5A



Jaelyn Lentz 5C

5A

- First place: Anna Umland
- Second Place: Rose Jellema
- Third Place: Jadyng Langley
- Honourable Mentions: Keiran Ellis, Sean Sytsma

5B

- First Place: Joel Runkel
- Second Place: Makenzie Messelink
- Third Place: Jessica Ryan
- Honourable Mention: Seth Rogers, Nick Croden

5C

- First Place: Jaelyn Lentz
- Second Place: Jamie Besteman
- Third Place: (Tie) Kayla Hordyk, Andrew Galbraith, Mackenzie Poland
- Honourable Mention: Brayden Carr, Dylan Kadatz, Jared Graham

GRADE SEVEN STUDENTS WRITE THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS

We are very excited to announce that seven of our Grade 7 students placed in the top levels of the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign Contest for Victoria.

For the essay component, Bethany MacDonald, Jenna Wild, and Robyn Jellema finished 1st – 3rd respectively.

Bethany has won the zone level contest and her essay has moved onto the judging stage at the provincial level.

Julia Buchan placed first in the poetry section and her entry will also move onto the provincial level. Jamesa Ensing, Daniel Sturmey, and Gregory Huber entered a colour poster into the contest and also placed 1st - 3rd respectively.

The students were asked to write about, or create an image that highlighted the theme of Remembrance. Upon reviewing the entries, it was truly a blessing to read each entry that the students produced. Their level of understanding demonstrated not only a deep connection with this wonderful country, but also the huge sacrifice of those who are in military service (both past and present).



Adam Price – 7C Shawn Taal – 7D

PCS AT THE OPERA

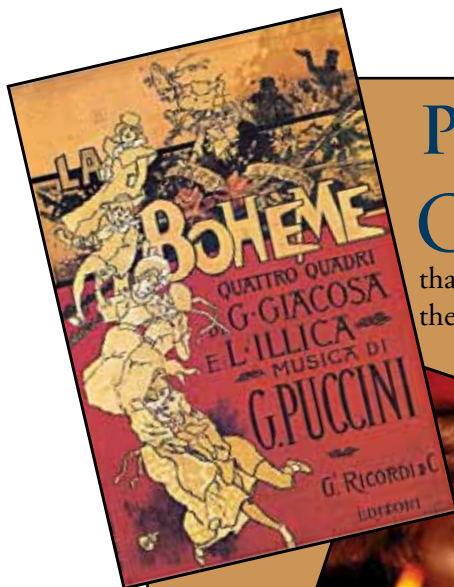
On Tuesday, February 15, forty-six Grade 7 – 12 PCS students went to see Pacific Opera's presentation of Puccini's La Boheme. Students reported that they really enjoyed the performance and that the set, the orchestra and the voices were outstanding. The next day, in Mr. Howe's debrief with the

Grade 7s, students commented that Puccini's simple love story didn't seem "realistic".

People rarely fall passionately in love within

minutes of seeing each other for the first time. One student made a contemporary connection commenting that she really dislikes when in today's movies people who hardly know each other develop relationships overnight.

Isn't it great how a piece of music first performed in Italy on February 1, 1896 can still teach us truths about the world we live in today?



MOVIE REVIEW:

THE KING'S SPEECH

If you're looking for some tips on how to create a film worthy of twelve Academy Award nominations, perhaps Tom Hooper can be of some assistance. Before 2010, he was virtually invisible by Hollywood standards, but his latest film has received critical acclaim the world over – not to mention the title of Best Picture. Yes, I'm talking about *The King's Speech*.

Set in 1930's England, the film follows George, the Duke of York, in the months leading up to his brother's abdication from the throne and George's reluctant coronation as king. After many attempts at correcting his notorious speech impediment, George (played by Colin Firth) consults a slightly unorthodox speech therapist by the name of Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush), who tries his best to help the king-to-be 'find his voice'. Meanwhile, the Third Reich's rise to power grows ever more threatening, and the daunting task of leading not only England but the rest of the Commonwealth into another war is placed on King George's shoulders.

The King's Speech combines superb acting, excellent cinematography, and witty verbal humour to weave a powerful retelling of the past. Colin Firth's portrayal of the real king – vocally and characteristically – was, in particular, outstanding, and strikingly accurate when compared to the actual recordings of King George. Though some people may be disappointed in the film's lack of high-speed car chases, gunfights, and epic battles between the forces of good and evil, and even though the genre of historical fiction may not appeal to a younger generation, Tom Hooper has proved that a low-budget, low-action picture can still keep the audience utterly involved in the story even after the final credits have rolled.



Maia Rocklin Grade 11

BOOK REVIEW:

HOMework WITHOUT TEARS: A PARENT'S GUIDE FOR MOTIVATING CHILDREN TO DO HOMEWORK AND TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

(LEE CANTER AND LEE HAUSNER, PH.D.)

Do any of these situations occur in your home?

You and your children engage in nightly battles over when homework will be done.

Your children rush through their homework assignments, with sloppy, incomplete results.

Your children "forget" to bring their homework assignments home.

You do more of the homework than your children do

Your children take forever to finish their homework assignments.

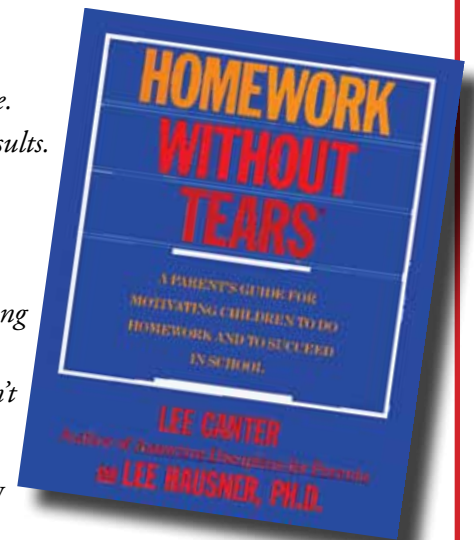
Your children insist that they are able to do homework while watching TV, talking on the phone, and listening to the stereo.

The first time you hear about a major project is the night before it's due...and it isn't finished.

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, then you have felt the frustrations many parents feel when dealing with homework.

How many times have you wished that there was something you could do to help your children deal more successfully with homework? Relax, you can do it. You have the power to turn around the homework situation in your home and motivate your children to succeed academically. You have to begin looking at homework as a daily opportunity to have a positive impact on your children's education and future.

If you can relate to any of the above and you'd like help tackling one of the most important links between home and school, then *Homework Without Tears* is a book for you. If you would like to order a copy (17.99 + HST), contact us at sloffee@pacificchristian.ca.



John Slofstra

Secondary Acting Class presents: Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"

The Acting 11/12 class had the honour of living out our mission statement that we created at the beginning of the semester: "“Together as one, we will use the stage to reveal truth through storytelling, glorifying God and inspiring critical thinking.”"

God brought our talented and passionate class together in our presentation of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* this past January. I was luckily gifted with the role of the Stage Manager. Now I know what you all are thinking. No, I didn't steal the job of the usual stage manager from Lydia Haight; that was just my character's role within the play.

Our Town is an iconic American play. It is an unconventional work in that it has no scenery or props except for tables, chairs, ladders, and a few other objects. When we dined, we held imaginary utensils and ate imaginary food. When we looked out an upper-story window, we stood on ladders. When the milkman made deliveries from his horse-drawn cart, there was no horse or cart, although the audience heard many clip-clops and whinnies (props to soundmen Josiah Schultz and Mr. Archer). And so went the entire play. Thornton Wilder presented this play in this way to force the audience to concentrate on the characters and the themes—getting to the meat of story.



We wanted our audience to come away thinking, "This is the way we were...in our growin' up, in our marryin, in our livin', and in our dying." This experience was one that I will never forget within my lifetime. The play contains so much truth within its writing:

Act 1: "The Daily Life"

Act 2: "Love and Marriage"

*Act 3: "I Reckon You Can Guess
What That's About"*

The experience of driving the play *OUR TOWN* onto our audience was both difficult and rewarding. The stakes were high, personally and corporately, but by God's profound goodness, we triumphed over the barriers we each had. As an acting class, we got an opportunity to appreciate the literary prowess of Thornton Wilder because, as the audience found, each line help more than a moment's meaning. So, not only did I learn a character and a story, but I also learned that layers of meaning can be hidden in the simplest things in life. I never expected the impact to come as it did: many tears (and, yes, laughs) were given up in the Berwick House. I thank our brave audience for listening past the grief. I believe that many truths, some simply reflecting a mother's hard work and others giving a hint of God, reached our audience. I hope our performance will leave some lasting impressions on those who watched—perhaps living a little more intentionally in the moments we've been given—for I know that it made an impression on us who performed.

--Erick Jantzen as "George Gibbs"

Now of all these acts, the one that had the most impact on me personally—and I think the audience would agree—would be the third. The wedding morphed into the funeral between the second and third act, and the cemetery was a vast contrast. The main character of the play, Emily (Genevieve Penny), had died in child birth and now spends her time in the cemetery with the other deceased, just "waitin'...Waitin'" for something they felt was coming...they were just waiting for the eternal part of her to come out clear." Within this act, Emily finds out she can go back and live (and watch herself live) a day in her life. I guide her in a "Christmas Carol" Esq. way through this experience. She chooses her eleventh birthday. She speaks with her mother, who tells her to eat her breakfast slowly. Mrs. Webb gives her a dress which she had to "send all the way to Boston" to get. Her father and Wally also have gifts, but Emily can't go on any longer and breaks down, saying she didn't realize how much the little things of life—things she did not notice before—really matter. She then says to me, the Stage Manager, this:

“It all goes by so fast... Does anyone ever realize life while they live it? Every, every minute?”

“No...” I answer her honestly. “The saints and poets, maybe they do some.”

She then chooses to go on to something better—and that is life after death. She delivered her poignant “Goodbye World” monologue which made me have to hold back the tears every night. It was beautiful. And true. Emily then returns to the cemetery and joins the fellow dead characters, only to receive her first visitor, her husband George (Erick Jantzen) who breaks down as he kisses her grave, unaware of her presence. This act and the rest of the play really cements the point of what our class wanted to put across in the production: live life and realize how wonderful it really is, every, every minute, even if some of it seems insignificant. Every moment is a gift from God to be cherished! Don’t wait until you’re dead to miss what you had when you were alive! It is this lesson we took to heart, and had the privilege of delivering to others.



Brodie Nicholls as “Stage Manager”



On The Horizon: Upcoming Events

Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship 101 For Parents - “How To Keep Our Children Safe In The Cyber World.”

On Tuesday evening, May 3, PCS invites you to hear Victoria Police Staff Sergeant Darren Laur speak about Internet Safety.

Beginning Computer Course For Seniors

An excellent introduction to the basics including the Internet and email. “Overcome those fears...” This course begins April 5.

Looking For Driver Education For Your Child?

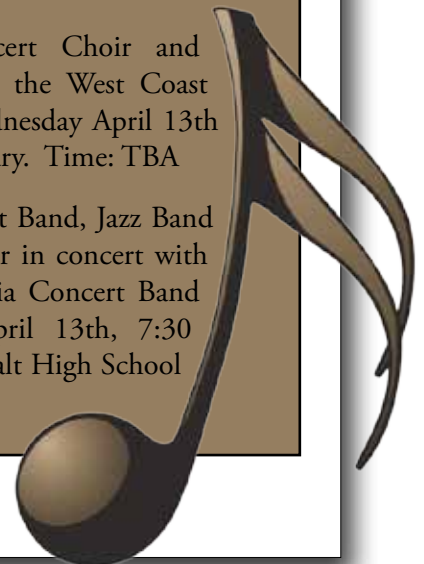
Wallace Driving School and PCS are teaming up to save you money. Their very competitive PCS rate includes further reductions through incentives.

Dates, times and all the details for the above events
are available at the PCS website:
<http://www.pacificchristian.ca/news.html>

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

PCS Senior Concert Choir and Chamber Choir in the West Coast Choir Festival, Wednesday April 13th at Oak Bay Secondary. Time: TBA

PCS Senior Concert Band, Jazz Band and Chamber Choir in concert with The Greater Victoria Concert Band on Wednesday, April 13th, 7:30 p.m. at the Esquimalt High School Theatre.



PACERS SUPPORT BABY MOLLY



Pacer stadium was the place to be on February 16th as a Saanich Police team played our senior basketball teams in a friendly Cops vs. Kids basketball game, raising money for Baby Molly's family. The Leadership class put on a show that was a success on every level: people packed the place out, fans donated generously, Jon Lampard returned as the "Voice of the Pacers" to colour commentate the game and live auction,

Michael Giles set the precedent to bid high for Molly as he plunked down \$300 to eat pizza and pop on the court-side couch, the Saanich Police had a blast playing the senior basketball teams (complete with a dunk from Jonathan Salokari, a piggy-back defensive move from Mary Gye jumping on a 6'7" officer's back, and a buzzer beater a la Nathan Vanschaik), and we celebrated our community as it made an impact. GoodLife Fitness got on board and donated an executive membership for a year for anywhere in Canada; so generous! In all, over \$3,700 was raised to help the Campbell family as they go through this crisis of their three-month-old having leukemia; the latest medical update is that Baby Molly is now in remission! Fun to play...and pray...for Baby Molly!

Pacer Athletes Heat up the Courts



JR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM MAKES A NAME FOR ITSELF

After dominating the preseason in the B league, the team decided to play the regular season in the A league. This meant going up against some very strong teams, three of which were ranked in the top 10 in the province. The goal was to finish in the top 8 and qualify for the city playoffs. Thanks to a buzzer beating jump shot from Matt Neufeld, win number 1 came against Mount Doug. They then put away an aggressive Oak Bay squad to lock down a playoff position. The

boys brought everything they had learned to the post season and thanks to a gritty effort from Cam Fenema, who was recovering from the flu, and Zach Goertzen who showed unflappable poise at the free throw line, the boys finished fourth and earned a spot in the island playoffs. The level of competition went up another notch and the boys ended up finishing 5th, one place short of qualifying for the provincial playoffs. The entire team should be very proud of their effort this season. Despite losing players for extended periods due to injury or travel, they always played as a cohesive unit and gave their opponents a game to remember.

Coaches Goertzen and Bingham thank the boys for a fun and memorable season.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Following in the footsteps of our successful Junior (PCS Junior Boys Volleyball Team Crowned City and Island Champions!) and Senior (PCS Senior Boys Earn Berth to B.C. Championships!) volleyball teams from the fall, middle school coaches had the court ready and players 'locked in' to experience another fun and challenging season of volleyball. In fact, there were City Championships to defend! Last season our Grade 8 Girls won the City Championships for the first time ever, and our Grade 7 Boys also won their own City Championships!

This season we had six teams competing in Middle School volleyball leagues. On the boys' side, Mr. Rathburn coached a keen group of Grade 6 boys in the Gr. 6/7 Rec Division. Mr. Price won his second consecutive City Championship with this year's Grade 7 Boys squad, who played their hearts out in a thrilling semi-final and Finals event held on March 3rd at Royal Oak. Coached by Mr. Kremler, the Grade 8 Boys enjoyed another successful season in the competitive Grade 8 A Division, where they once again qualified for the Championship tournament. In this play-off format, only the top six teams in the city vie for the championship after the regular season matches have been completed and used to rank each of the participating teams.

On the girls' side, Mrs. Byng was ably assisted by Sr. players-turned-coaches Marina Insley and Michael Giles, who together led the Grade 6/7 Girls to a fun season of volleyball in their own Rec Division. Ms. Dyck brought her coaching expertise from the High School (where she had previously coached Grade 8 Girls), and volunteered to coach the Grade 7 Girls. Deep with talent and intentional about playing 'real', three-hit volleyball, this



team received complements on their solid team play all season, especially from opposing coaches. Unfortunately, they narrowly missed a top-four finish in the final week of the season. Finally, the Grade 8 Girls were coached by PCS alum Mrs. Kim Taal. This group of girls worked hard all season, striving to defend last year's Championship! In the end, Mrs. Taal and the girls came up just short, as they tied for second place in their pool after the regular season, and (due to a shortened play-off schedule resulting from missed school during the 'snow day') missed going to the Championship play-offs by just a few points. These girls and their coaches all put up a good fight!

Many thanks go out to all of our fabulous volleyball coaches at PCS! Their time, energy, and enthusiasm for this great game are inspiring for beginning and experienced players alike!

JR GIRLS BASKETBALL CITY AND ISLAND CHAMPS!

The Junior Girls' basketball team completed an undefeated season with a decisive 12-point win over Oak Bay for the City crown. Not only are they the number one in their league in the city (versus all schools, regardless of size), but they are also the grade 9 Island Champions! The team is full of all-stars, and each athlete loves the game. Alumni Jaclyn Morrison (van Wiltenburg) and Steve Morrison aptly coached this strong, competitive team while Mrs. Webster supported by being the amazing Teacher Sponsor. Well done, ladies; your passion for the sport and your strong character make the future for PCS basketball bright!



SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL 2010-2011

Our season started in Mid-November as we met at “Team Camp” to develop team chemistry through various team-building activities. Our season on the court began with an exhibition tournament in Courtenay (W-2, L-2) with the realization that despite our talent and athleticism, we were going to need to work harder in order to hang with some of the best teams on the Island.

Season play included games against Victor Brodeur, GNS, Edward Milne, Duncan Christian, and Vic High. In addition, we bolstered our season schedule with several more exhibition tournaments: Christian Schools Tournament (4th Place finish)

Courtenay Invitational Tournament, Duncan Christian Senior Boys Invitational Tournament (Champions), Island Championship Tournament (Ucluelet): W-2/L-1: earned berth to Provincials.

As we pause briefly at this juncture of our season, I am given an opportunity to reflect, and cause to celebrate! We are a mere 4 games from the end of our season. This group of guys has worked so very hard to achieve success. We have logged more than sixty hours of practice time; more than fifty hours of game time, and more than two thousand kilometers on the road!

We enter the Provincial tournament seeded 12th of sixteen teams. Although we do not know how our season will end, we can be certain this season has been time well spent! I am so thankful to this group of guys for their hard work, their great attitudes, and their willingness to constantly strive to be better. In fact, I am proud to be called their coach!

Gabe Kremler, Coach – Senior Boys Basketball



SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM: ISLAND CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to the Senior Girls' basketball team who earned the 9th Island Championship for PCS by first defeating Campbell River Christian and St. Margaret's, then advancing to the finals versus a strong Duncan Christian team. The sheer effort, teamwork, cohesiveness, and buy-in made an intense game a blast to win. PCS' defence proved formidable for the DCS squad as they



were held to only 37 points. Everyone gave everything, and at the end of the night, all wore the 1st place medallions. While it was a team win, Ally Girard, Elyssa Berends, and Sudie Momoh earned Player of the Game awards. Elyssa's top scoring snagged her one of the five prestigious All-Star awards while Sudie's prowess on the court gave her top honours as the tournament MVP. For the first time in five years, the team will represent at Provincials which will be held in Sparwood, close to the Alberta border, March 9-12.

NIGHT LEAGUE BASKETBALL AT PCS

For the past 4 years, PCS has been committed to participating in community basketball in Victoria, affectionately referred to as “Night League”. For the first time in the history of our involvement, PCS was able to earn the “A” League Championship in the competitive U-13 Girls division. This group of girls worked hard all year, practicing on Wednesday afternoons and sometimes adding an extra practice during the lunch hour. With just a few tough losses in the regular season, these girls were primed for a run at the Championship! These Pacers persevered in a closely-contested semi-final game to win by a single point, and kept everyone on the edge of their seats in the Finals, pulling out a 3-point win. Congratulations to this group of “Pacers” for their fantastic achievement. Team members include: Laura Reyes, Jenna Wild, Laura Olsen, Sarah Rampling, Jasmine DeVries, Cassandra DeVries, Ashley Volk, Sawyer Mikkelsen, Bethany Brotherston, Kiera Ropchan, and Rachelle Easton. Congratulations also to their dedicated leader and coach Rob Olsen for his successful season on the court.

to play-offs and division finals. Each of our teams (save U-11 teams who end their season with a Jamboree) have finished their seasons with play-off experience. This year we had two teams entered in the U-11 Girls division, as well as two teams entered in the U-11 Boys division. We also had 2 teams playing in the U-13 Girls division this season, and 2 teams playing in the U-13 Boys division. Finally, we combined our enthusiastic Grade 8 and 9 players to form one U-15 Boys team and one U-15 Girls team. All told, we had eighty “Pacers” on the court participating in Night League Basketball this year! The season is a long one, but is absolutely worth the dedication and commitment given by players and coaches alike. The player development we see on a yearly basis is outstanding! In fact, much of our current success on the court at the Secondary School is a result of player involvement in Night League Basketball. A great big THANK YOU goes out to the parents and coaches who volunteered to coach or to help coach a Night League team this year!

Gabe Kremler, PCS Night League Director



Ten PCS teams tipped off another season of Night League Basketball this fall. The format of this league promotes participation, and tiers teams over the course of the season to promote evenly-matched contests leading up

<i>U-11 Boys Mustangs</i>	<i>Ken Welch</i>
<i>U-11 Boys Pacers</i>	<i>Harlan Enns & Brad Messelink</i>
<i>U-11 Girls Mustangs</i>	<i>Burton DeGroot</i>
<i>U-11 Girls Pacers</i>	<i>Brad Messelink</i>
<i>U-13 Boys Mustangs</i>	<i>Dustin Ryan</i>
<i>U-13 Boys Pacers</i>	<i>Jeff Loenen</i>
<i>U-13 Girls Mustangs</i>	<i>Matt Simmonds</i>
<i>U-13 Girls Pacers</i>	<i>Rob Olsen</i>
<i>U-15 Boys Pacers</i>	<i>Brian MacDonald</i>
<i>U-15 Girls Pacers</i>	<i>Rob Olsen & Gabe Kremler</i>

RUN THE TC 10K RUN ON THE PACIFIC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEAM



Help us to once again take the top position as the largest school team by registering on the Pacific Christian School team. You have until March 25th to join the PCS team. After that, you can still sign up as an individual until April 27th.

For more information go to www.tc10k.ca

To register on the PCS team, DO NOT go to the Team Registration Page. Go to the individual registration and under the Club/Team or School Name, choose Pacific Christian School.

Note that younger students who register for the 1.5K kids run can also register on the PCS team under “Pacific Christian School 1.5K” team.

BRENDAN TUEY

My name is Brendan Tuey and I graduated from PCS back in 1996. Since graduation my life has been full and I know that God has been with me every step of the way. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Greek and Roman Studies (formerly Classics), in 2002. While I was in University I worked in the UVic library shelving books and after graduation I started working in retail at Hillside Centre and Mayfair Mall. In 2005 I met the woman who would become my wife and that fall we were engaged. In 2006, I was laid off from my retail job and began working for West Corporation, answering phonecalls from cellular customers in the United States. One year later I began working for a biotech company called Cellfor and spent the next two and a half years working as a laboratory technician with no related education in the field. Unfortunately,

last February I was laid off from this job and I have been steadily looking for work ever since. During all of this I maintained my love of God, music and family. From 2002 till 2010 I sang tenor with the UVic Lieder Singers, a German choir whose members included some of the professors whom I had taken classes with in my university days. In the last year I have been the stay-at-home Dad for my three beautiful children. I have been volunteering as a Scout leader with my son's scout troop for the last year or so and I am heavily involved with our new church community, First Metropolitan United in downtown Victoria.



LESLIE FLYNN

I graduated in 2007 and headed to Trinity Western University that September. Trinity's mission statement is Education, Transformation, and Impact. This sentence reflects the journey I have been on since graduation from PCS.

I have been educated in so many ways. I have been educated by taking a range of classes that have expanded my worldview and have taught me how little I really know. My favourite class that I am taking this semester is a sociology class called race and ethnic relations. This class gives me the opportunity to spend three hours every Thursday night discussing issues

such as racism, identity and social injustices with a group of my peers. I have also been educated by the opportunities I am given outside the classroom. An example would be the opportunity to hear Anglican bishop and theologian N.T. Wright lecture in the daily chapels offered at Trinity.

I have also been transformed in so many ways. The person who stepped on to campus is not the same person that will be stepping off this campus for the last time at the end of this semester. The community at Trinity is one of a kind, and I have surrounded myself with people who constantly challenge me. Being at Trinity has made me realize that I want to be constantly transformed throughout my life journey. I want to continue to learn and grow in my relationship with God and others.

Lastly, Trinity has given me a great passion to impact the

world. For three years I have been involved in an outreach ministry called Rahab. Rahab is a group of women students who volunteer at a non-profit in the downtown eastside called the Great room. Our aim is to form friendships with the women who live in the neighbourhood. We do not evangelize but instead aim to love the women for who they are and where they are at in their journeys. Being involved in this ministry has ignited a passion in me to work with people who are living in low income communities, especially

women who have addictions and are working in the sex trade. This summer I worked as a support worker at a non-profit in Surrey called Newton Advocacy Group which works with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Working at NAG's helped me to realize that this is the population I want to work with full time after I graduate. This year I am the leader of Rahab. I have been blessed by the opportunity to introduce students to the culture of the downtown eastside and watch the stereotypes they may have had about these women melt away.



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