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THE 12 DAYS OF GIVING

By Principal Paul Marcus

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Sharon Jaynes

Celebrating a Christ Centered Christmas

The above rewording of Corinthians 13 set the stage for our school's focus on 'The 12 Days of Giving' over the last few weeks. During this time of revisiting the true meaning of Christmas, we looked

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to help our students to reach outward; to love God by serving others. They were encouraged to find ways to give of themselves by donating such items as

it's about others. And at the centre, it's about Christ's love shining through us so that others can come to know the love of Jesus.

ALL ABOUT LEARNING

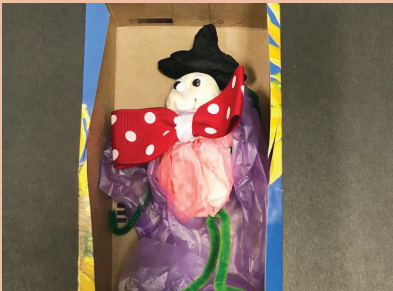
SUPER HEROES LEARN

Student council planned a Spirit Day for the staff and students that encouraged them to dress up as their favourite Super Hero! It was a “super day”!



LEARNING IS SWEET

Mrs. Beerda's class finished reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory last week. They created some of the interesting characters from the novel and had the opportunity to watch the original movie with of course, sweet treats!!



LEARNING IS CREATIVE

Mrs. Beerda's and Mrs. Schroor's classes participated in building a “Rube Goldberg machine”. A Rube Goldberg machine, named after American cartoonist Rube Goldberg, is a machine intentionally designed to perform a simple task in an indirect and overly complicated way. Students were very creative using lots of different items to make their machine. How exciting it was when it worked!!

LEARNING IS TESTING AND TRYING

Mrs. Boekee has been keeping her grade 7 and 8 students very busy in science and art. In Science they are studying Fluids and can be seen in the photos testing the flow rates in the taps at the school. In Art they have been learning about early illuminated manuscripts and Celtic knotwork from the monks who made copies of the Bible. In the photos you can see them wood burning on their boxes a letter and a knotwork.



KNOX'S AWESOME ARTISTS!



CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 19 Christmas Holidays -
Merry Christmas!

Jan. 4 School Resumes

Jan. 25 Professional Development
Day - No School

Feb. 15 Family Day - No School

Feb. 22 Report Card Writing -
No School

PRAISE and PRAYER REQUESTS

- Thanksgiving for a successful Drive Thru Christmas Market & Bazaar.
- Prayers for teachers, students and families to stay healthy.
- Prayers for the ongoing decisions and planning needed for the school year.

Hope and Love
for the Holidays
from the Staff of
Knox Christian School



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BOARD UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2020

An engaged and active Membership is one of the keys to a thriving Christian School society. We, as Directors, are Members who you have entrusted with overseeing the strategy and direction of Knox Christian School. We take this role seriously and invite you to engage in this important role as well. Recently, we were pleased to welcome 17 new Members to the Society and to this important work.

One way that Society Members get involved in strategy and direction of the school is by attending semi-annual Membership Meetings. Our first meeting of the year was held on Monday, November 23rd. At this meeting, Members heard about the exciting things happening at the elementary and the secondary Christian schools, received an update regarding the financial activities of the school, and even 'met' Tony Kamphuis who is the Executive Director of the Christian School Foundation and spoke to us about planned giving and how we can include charities in those plans. Membership meetings are a great opportunity to 'get in the know' and to be involved, even from a distance. If you don't usually attend, we encourage you to do so.

We continue to be thankful for the amazing support of our Christian school community. This year has a lot of unknowns and you help us to move ahead with confidence. You support us through your words, actions, and prayers, but you also support us with your hard-earned dollars. We are happy to report that our Golf Tournament was successful again this year raising approximately \$35,000. We are also excited that the response to our modified Drive-Thru Christmas Market & Bazaar was amazing raising approximately \$74,000 to support Christian education at Knox. Incredible!

We are thankful for each day and eagerly anticipate what God is doing at Knox through the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff. Please join us in praying for them, as well as for the continued health and safety of our school community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or encouragements.

May your Christmas holidays be filled with God's love and hope.

In Christ,
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HONOURING BETTY-ANNE ROZEMA

It was a smaller ceremony than we expected, but we are thankful for the opportunity to unveil the sign for the Betty-Anne Rozema Memorial Community Learning Garden. This project was one inspired by a vision which Betty-Anne exemplified in her daily life and work - it is the perfect tribute for her. She would have shared so much joy in seeing the children laugh, play, and learn in this space. We miss you, Betty-Anne.