



Flourishing Learners, Delighting in God, Inspired to Serve

October Principals Report

1. Hosting Christian Teachers Convention was a wonderful experience for all of our staff. It was such a great time of community-building and togetherness. One thing that the keynote speaker mentioned really stood out to me. You will hear more about this in my Chronicle message later today. Dr. Christina Edmundson's words were truly inspirational. She spoke three times, but she saved her most thought provoking message until the end. As she spoke on Friday, she drew me back into my very own office often, where loudly, I have the words "Relentless Love" scripted across my wall.

Dr. Edmundson, with wisdom that cut through the noise of our divided world, proclaimed, "Love does not mean agree. If we only love those we agree with, it means we only love ourselves. What kind of love is that?!" These words, echoed the very essence of my office's exploration of Relentless Love, have provided me - and now I hope you - with a profound opportunity for introspection - a chance to align our beliefs, actions, and hearts with the teachings of Jesus.

This provocation, deeply rooted in biblical teachings, challenges us to extend love and compassion beyond the boundaries of agreement. As Christians, we are called not just to love those who share our beliefs but to embrace the diversity of thought and opinion that exists within our faith community and the world at large.

As believers, we are challenged to be introspective, examining our hearts and actions in the light of these teachings of loving one another. Are we truly living out the message of this love as described by Him? Are we capable of extending love to those whose beliefs challenge our own? These questions demand soul-searching, encouraging us to confront our biases, prejudices, and judgments. It is through this introspection that we grow spiritually, cultivating a love that mirrors the divine love demonstrated by Jesus Christ himself.

Let us be courageous enough to confront our discomfort - regardless the topic, seeking understanding and common ground while respecting the sanctity of differences. In doing so, we not only honor the teachings of the Bible but also contribute to a world where love transcends barriers, fostering unity, empathy, and compassion.

In this growlingly polarized world, let us remember that our faith is not a shield against differing opinions but a guiding light that leads us to love without limits. Love is patient. Love is kind.

Love is enduring. We must love one another. Loving one another does not mean only accepting them if they share our beliefs. Loving one another means everyone.

2. The Remembrance Day Ceremony will take place on November 10th, with a start time of about 10:30. We will have a typical ceremony and will also have our Drama CTF do a play during as well. As November break takes place, I urge you all to take Saturday to take in a community ceremony as well.

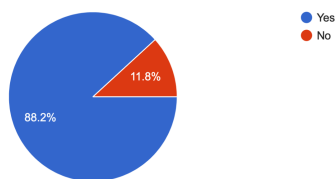
4. Our division I Christmas Concert is coming up soon. It will take place on December 15th at 6:30 pm. Auditions will occur early in November, and practicing will begin quite soon too.

5. PAT dates have been set for both Grade 6 and 9 for BGSD. These are going to take place outside of the original window set by Alberta Ed, as originally AE had them finishing a week before we were completed school. As you can imagine, this was causing havoc with our exam week, and what will be occurring during the last week if exams had already been completed. As we had to make a special application, we did not officially hear about the new dates until yesterday afternoon.

6. Grade 9 Grad - Now that PAT's have been set, we can officially choose our date for Grade 9 Graduation. We will need to also set dates for Jasper for our Grade 7s and 9's as our Grade 9 teacher does all of these things. We need to be cognizant of Jasper, National Indigenous Day, and PAT's.

7. This will be the last year that both 7's and 9's go to Jasper, as we will once again move it to strictly a Grade 7 trip. Therefore, I am interested to hear any feedback on the idea I presented last year to create an Ottawa trip for our Grade 9's.

Do you think a trip to Ottawa is a good idea for a final Grade 9 excursion?
34 responses



As you can see, initial feedback on the trip idea was quite positive, with the bigger concern being the over saturation of fundraising in our community. I have been in conversations on how to keep the price relatively low, while keeping the opportunity high. This includes having the group stay at a school gymnasium, and purchasing sleeping bags and pillows at a local store. They could then donate the sleeping items to a local homeless shelter before they leave. This also creates an opportunity where we give back in some way too.

8. Council of School Councils Conversation - Tonight, at the McLab theatre, there is a CoSC event from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. All of you are invited. I will be there, who is coming with me?

9. Hold and Secure Drill - Over the next few weeks, we will be conducting a few more hour zero drills in correlation with our school safety protocols. With everything that has occurred in Leduc over the last few weeks, we want to ensure that we are prepared in the event things come to our doors as well. While the events at LCHS and ELJHS were concerted and specific to the schools, and the protocols that were initiated by the schools on the possible retaliation were preventative in nature, we also need to be prepared in case things move further out within our community.

10. Social Media - As I scrolled through the 1000's of posts in conjunction with the LCHS/ELJHS situation, I was reminded of the specific ask that we have with our CCS parents. The request that in any situation, follow Christian lines of communication. Please come to the teacher or person you have an issue with and speak to them rather than taking it to social media. While things occur in schools, I know for a fact that every single adult in this building wants to do what is best for your kiddos. The same can be said for BGSD division office as well. While you all are encouraged to advocate for your children, doing so in a positive, productive manner is always the request.

11. Leduc Schools Grade Reconfiguration - Administration and the working committee will be presenting their final recommendations to the BGSD board of trustees on November 1st. As any of you who have been following this reconciliation process, it is quite a large undertaking, and more than simply opening another high school. Once the November 1st recommendation is completed, and the trustees make a final decision on the process, Associate Superintendent Norm Dargis will be making his rounds through school councils explaining the process and the recommendations. He has asked to be invited to our next CCS school council to speak to how this will affect Grade 9 Covenant students. Once we solidify that date, I will speak to Mr. Dargis to see if that works in his schedule.