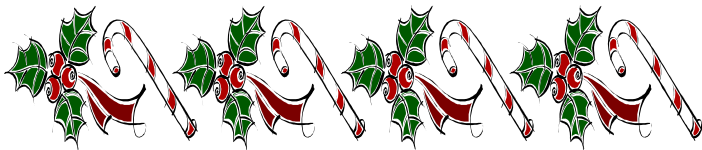


GRAD COMMITTEE UPDATE

The class of 2011 would like to thank all those who supported their fundraising activities. So far we have sold fruit, flowers and cash vault books.

Grad Pictures will be organized the same way as last year: students need to make an appointment for a time slot during the third week of January. Our photographer will be here after the Christmas break to make a presentation to the students about the possibilities and potentials of their photo session.

Updated information about the grad planning can be found on our Grad 2012 site - a link to which can be found on our school's website: <http://ichs.icssa.ca>



ICHS Calendar

Dec 23 Jr. High Skating 11:45 – 1:00
Dec 23 Early Dismissal 2:30
Last Day of School in the year 2011!

Have a blessed Christmas!

Dec 27-28 Alumni Basketball Tourney

Happy New Year!

Jan 9 First day of school in 2012
Jan 13 Hot Dog Day
Jan 13-14 JV S/H Eagles Classic BB Tourney
Jan 18 LA Hot Lunch - Chili
Jan 19 Early Dismissal 2:30
Jan 20 January Newsletter Distribution
Jan 27 Semester Break – no school
Jan 27 Jr. High Ski Trip
Jan 30 Start new semester

Feb 6 Report cards - Jr & Sr High
Mar 1 Participation Drive Dinner

2012 YOUTH AMBASSADORS

PROGRAM: NORTH AMERICA

Are you a high school student between 15 and 17 years old who likes to travel, meet new people, and learn about different cultures and ideas? Are you interested in leadership, community outreach, and issues such as poverty and the environment? Consider the Youth Ambassador Program – July 20 to August 9, 2012.

Sister City International is seeking applications from students in Lethbridge who are interested in being involved in an exchange program where students from the US and Mexico spend three weeks together in the US. The program consists of:

- ◆ A four-day summit in Los Angeles, CA
 - ◆ A week of activities in California
 - ◆ A week of activities in Washington, D.C.
- In these three weeks, students will have the opportunity to:
- ◆ Expand their understanding of global citizenship through meeting with other students from the US and Mexico.
 - ◆ Improve their leadership skills through small-group workshops and team-building exercises.
 - ◆ Develop skills of goal setting, time management, and communication through the development of a framework for formulating a community out-reach program – which later they will implement.
 - ◆ Learning more about policies focusing on the areas of poverty and the environment.

Three students will be selected from Lethbridge to participate. The US Department of State covers the cost of airfare, meals, lodging, and tours.



JR. HIGH CHRISTMAS SKATING PARTY

On Friday, December 23, Junior High students will leave school at 11:45 for their annual Christmas skating party. Skates must have skate guards or be in a strong bag and helmets are mandatory for the shinny hockey players.





JUNIOR HIGH

This monthly award is a partnership with the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce's "Adopt a Citizen of Tomorrow". Each month a student in each grade (7 to 9) is selected based on the following criteria:

- * Positive attitude
- * Good attendance
- * Acts of citizenship
- * Best effort (Most improved)

We congratulate the following students:

September

Grade 7: Martina Van Pelt is a very organized and conscientious student who always tries her best. She works hard in class and gets along great with her classmates. She has a positive attitude and is a pleasure to have in class! Congratulations Martina!

Grade 8: Frieda Sinclair was a great student to have around and an asset to our school. She showed leadership in applying a cheerfulness and enthusiasm to any task that came her way. School work was done thoroughly and well. She has definitely left a quiet spot here at Immanuel Christian High School. (The Sinclair family moved to Ontario in October.)

Grade 9: Dakota Leenstra was chosen as September's junior high student of the month. Coming off of summer vacation, Dakota was not only willing to learn, but eager to learn about God and His wonderful creation that surrounds us. Dakota is very diligent in his work and is willing to help others when they need it. In this way, he shows a servant-like attitude that is encouraged by the apostle Paul in Philippians, chapter 2. Congratulations Dakota!

October

Grade 7: Brittany Veldman is an excellent student demonstrating hard work and a positive attitude towards learning. Brittany makes schoolwork a priority, ensuring that she has completed and understood all of her assignments. She also expresses gratitude after each class for the instruction she receives. Brittany is involved in Junior High Athletics, participating in CC, VB, and BB as well as taking on a leadership role in Students' Council. Brittany

cares for her fellow students and supports them however she can making her a worthy recipient as Student of the Month!

Grade 8: Jaden Veluw is a student who desires to learn and understand the material covered in all of his classes. He works hard at all of the things that he is assigned or asked to do. He has and continues to show leadership in the sports that he plays. His general good attitude and friendly nature make him an excellent candidate for student of the month.

Grade 9: Erin Elgersma is a pleasant, hard-working grade 9 student who is always willing to help others. She strives to do her best in everything that is asked of her. She actively participates in classroom discussions and activities. Congratulations, Erin!

November

Grade 7: Brandt Boot has really been working hard this month. His attitude has been positive and he has really been focusing on doing his best! He has a great sense of humor and gets along really well with his classmates. Congratulations Brandt!

Grade 8: Tianna Notenbomer is one of those people who quietly goes about her task and gets the job done, and well. She works well with her peers, contributing her full share to group projects. She is a joy to teach! Congratulations, Tianna!

Grade 9: Brendan Collar is very deserving of the student of the month award for November. He exhibits an excellent attitude, good attendance and is always willing to lend a hand for anything that needs to be done in class. He gives his best effort in his studies and is never at a loss for words in class discussions! He is an asset to our class and to our school community. Congratulations and keep up the great work Brenden!



SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER

Grade 10 - The Grade 10 student of the month for October is **Bryan Van Belle**. Even though he is usually quiet in class, Bryan contributes very interesting (and relevant) facts during class discussions. He also goes the extra mile for topics that interest him. For example, in the "mousetrap powered car" building project in Science 10, Bryan's enthusiasm and ingenuity led him to build an amazing car that worked great (but it still didn't go farther than Mr. Peters' car).

Grade 11 - **Paul Greidanus** is the ICHS Student of the Month for October. Paul is eager to learn and dedicated to doing his best in every class. God has blessed Paul with many academic talents, and he uses these talents well. Paul is also a kind-hearted and good-natured student, something that is appreciated by both staff and classmates. His work ethic, talents and great attitude make him a worthy recipient of the Student of the Month Award. Congratulations, Paul!

Grade 12 - **Amanda Haze** is a student who is engaged in learning in all of her classes. She asks questions and makes comments that show her understanding and desire to learn. Amanda also sings on one of the chapel teams. Amanda's attitude and personality make her an excellent candidate for student of the month.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS

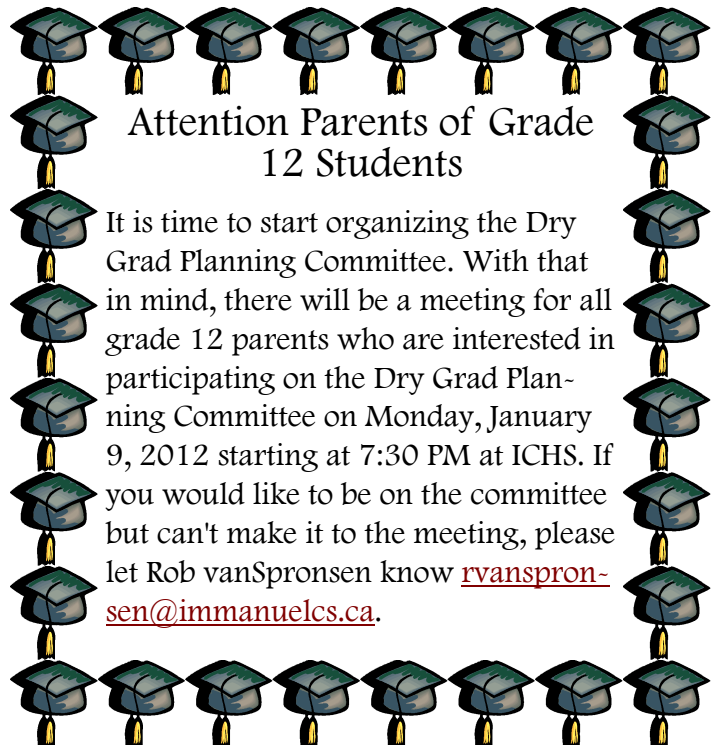
The end of the first semester is drawing near. Please check your son / daughter's marks on Maplewood to see their progress. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact the teacher. Email tends to work the best. The email address of all of our teachers is:
<first initial><lastname>@immanuelcs.ca
(for example: rvanspronsen@immanuelcs.ca)

NOVEMBER

Grade 10 - **Ryan S. Konynenbelt** is being recognized as the student of the month for November from Grade 10. Ryan shows keen interest in learning: he is involved in class discussions, asks great questions and relates well to his peers. He works diligently on assignments and has been gifted with academic success. Keep up the good work Ryan.

Grade 11 - **Camilla Terry** is a student who is actively engaged in the learning process at ICHS. Her great efforts and her positive attitude are appreciated by her peers and her teachers. She works hard and is sincerely interested in increasing her knowledge. Congratulations, Camilla!

Grade 12 - **Jessica Veldman** Congratulations to Jessica Veldman - Grade 12 student of the month for November. While Jessica is a more 'behind-the-scene' type of person, her determination and positive attitude to do her best does not go unnoticed. She works well with her classmates in group work, contributes to class discussions when asked, and sets high standards in submitting assignments. Ultimately, what really shines is her desire to glorify God in her work.



Attention Parents of Grade 12 Students

It is time to start organizing the Dry Grad Planning Committee. With that in mind, there will be a meeting for all grade 12 parents who are interested in participating on the Dry Grad Planning Committee on Monday, January 9, 2012 starting at 7:30 PM at ICHS. If you would like to be on the committee but can't make it to the meeting, please let Rob vanSpronsen know rvanspronsen@immanuelcs.ca.

SENIOR HIGH ATHLETICS

In late November the volleyball season wrapped up with their zone tourney. Our boys played some of their best volleyball of the year, but placed third and failed to qualify for provincials. The girls faced very strong competition in their tourney and also missed out on a provincial experience. When the zone tourney is over we immediately switch into basketball mode which is now well into their season.

This year the boys are coached by Matthew Bekker along with support from Jason Ferrie (JV Boys), Joe Groenenboom and Rev. Jordan. Early indications are that our boys program will do well and be in the hunt for another 2A zone basketball banner. Our girls' program will be coached once again by Wendy Procee and Scott Forster. As usual the girls team is strong, even though we are down in numbers this year. We would really like to encourage you to come out and watch a few basketball games this year. The coaches and athletes really appreciate it and soon notice the parents, staff, administration, board and committee members who support our school's programs with their presence. We have a wonderful concession and it's great family entertainment. We really can't build community without you.

This year we will be hosting our annual **Alumni Basketball Tourney** on December 27 & 28, 2011. This is a great opportunity to see some of our best athletes from the past and present showcase their throw-back skills in a competitive and fun setting. The tourney is open to all past and present players and coaches. You can sign up on **Facebook** by searching for ***Immanuel Christian High School Alumni Tournament*** or call Mr. DK at **403-381-4461**. A full schedule will be posted on Facebook closer to the tourney and also in the Lethbridge Herald on Dec 26.



EAGLE WEAR

Eagle sports bags, yoga pants, polo shirts... these would all make great Christmas gifts! Please check out our supply of Eagle wear. All our Eagle wear is very good quality and wears well while promoting our school. Check out our supply at the Front Office at ICHS.

WANTED: OLD HOCKEY STICKS

Please send your old, used - but in good shape - hockey sticks to school to be used for floor hockey.

Thank you.



CHOIR TRIP

Please recycle your cans and bottles by bringing them to the Rehab Centre and indicating that the return is to be allocated to the ICHS Choir trip. Your support is greatly appreciated!

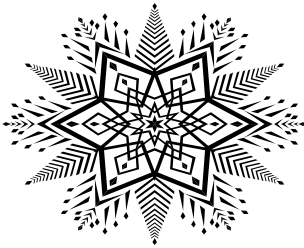


A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Are you still looking for that perfect Christmas gift that will last a lifetime? The French Students at ICHS are once again offering the Eagle Prints from Louis Brandsma at a cost of \$125/print. We made 320 of these about 5 years ago and they are becoming hot items as the final prints are being sold. You can buy them at the front office anytime. All the profits will go to the Paris 2012 Educational Trip. If you would like to see the print you can go to: **www.louisbrandsma.com** and look under the ***prints*** section.

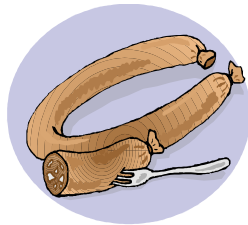
Society/Community News

A Note from the Business Office:
A reminder that if you would like to pay your membership or make a donation before the end of the year, it needs to be post marked on or before December 31, 2011 to qualify for a 2011 tax receipt.



FOR SALE

Fine Metworst (\$14 for 2 rings)
Contact the Business Office



Copies of the
Annual Education Results Report
for 2010/2011 have been filed with
Alberta Learning
and can be viewed on online at
www.immanuelchristian.org

CONDOLENCES

“For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given,
and the government will be on His shoulders.

And He will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**”
Isaiah 9:6

We offer belated condolences to Ed and Christey-Ann Veldman with the passing away of their brother-in-law.

We extend our sincere condolences to Elmer and Elsa Van Dyk and family as Elmer’s Dad recently passed away. Also to the families and friends of Gert Postman and Kim Ducharme we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

It is our hope and prayer that the Prince of Peace would be very real to you during this season of grieving and yet rejoicing as we remember our King, His coming and what He accomplished at Calvary.



CREATIVE COOKS CATERING

For any occasion needing catering

* Weddings * Anniversaries *
* Birthdays * Christmas Parties *

All proceeds go to the
Society for Christian Education in Southern
Alberta

Contact John or Leny Schalk, 381-4982

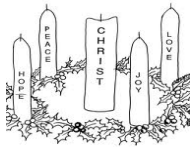


Immanuel Christian Elementary School



ADVENT CHAPELS

"The virgin will be with Child and will give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel—which means, 'God with us.'"
Matthew 1:23



Our time of waiting is almost over. The Advent candles of Hope, Peace and Joy have been lit. On **Monday, December 19 at 9:00 AM** we will light the candle of Love.

The advent season will culminate with a Christmas chapel on **Friday, December 23, at 9:00 AM.**

Please join us for worship!

Through God's Eyes

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love."
Ephesians 5: 1, 2a

Please join us on:

Monday, January 16, 2012 at 9:00 AM

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

*Sing we now of Christmas,
Sing we now Noel!
Joyful news we bring you;
Happy tidings tell.*

*Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!*

Having received God's greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ, we invite you to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us. Please join the students and staff of ICES for an afternoon of carol singing on:

Tuesday, December 20th
at 2:15 PM

Everyone is welcome!



Coming SOON to ICES

Book Fair Luau

February 2, 3, & 6, 2012

Scholastic, Living Books & Usborne
Books available

Look for more information in January....

ICES MILK PROGRAM

ICES will continue to offer a pre-paid milk program for February through June for students in Gr.1 – 6.



An order form will be sent home with your child the first week in January showing the payment amounts based on the days students will be at school for lunch (cannot reimburse for days away from class, sorry).

The milk program will begin February 2. Please return the forms and cheques with your child to school by **Friday, January 13.**



Mothers Who Care

It's never too late to join Mom's Who Care!
ICES: Tuesdays 9 – 10 AM



I.C.E.S. Band Concert

Wednesday, January 25, 2012
at 2:30 PM

Please join us!



2012 SKATING GUIDELINES & SCHEDULE

Once again ICES will be having a skating program for the primary grades. Since this is part of the Physical Education course for each grade, it is important that both the child and the parents are aware of what is expected. To ward off any possibility of confusion or misunderstanding, please take note of the following guidelines.

- ◆ Every child must have a **skating** helmet. This is mandated by the arena. Helmets must fasten properly.
- ◆ All students must have skate guards for their skates. Skates without guards simply cause too much damage to clothes and to the interior of our buses.
- ◆ Children should not be bringing money to buy candy. This is a regular class and such rules apply at the rink as well as at school. Please do not provide treats for students at the arena.
- ◆ Please see that all equipment (skates, guards, helmet, etc.) are properly marked with your child's name. This avoids many tears and headaches. Also, please try to see that your child is dressed appropriately ... it's no fun skating when you're cold.
- ◆ Parents who are coming to help with skate tying should be at the rink 15 minutes in advance.

We thank you for your cooperation and invite as many parents as possible to come and skate with us. Please note that if you bring along pre-school children, they must also wear a skating helmet and will not be allowed on the ice without skates.

MONDAYS – Kindergarten A/B, Grade 1

January 16, 30, February 13, 27
1:30 – 2:30 pm

TUESDAYS – Grade 2

January 10, 17, 24, February 7
1:30 – 2:30 pm

THURSDAYS – Grade 3A and 3B

January 12, 19, 26, February 2
1:30 – 2:30 pm

Location for all sessions at:

Adams Ice Center: 9 Ave & 15 St. North

ICES 'HOT LUNCH' PROGRAM

Thank you for your support for the hot lunch program during the past fall. The second round will begin in Feb. Order forms will be sent out the first day back to school on January 9th to order lunches for the period of Feb – June.



Thank you for your support,
ICS Ladies Auxiliary



January Birthdays

| | |
|---------|----------------|
| Jan. 1 | Noah Bezooyen |
| Jan. 2 | Liana Van Pelt |
| Jan. 3 | Kyle Elgersma |
| Jan. 3 | Eden Stasiuk |
| Jan. 5 | Josh Bosma |
| Jan. 9 | Chandler Ball |
| Jan. 16 | Brendan Schalk |
| Jan. 24 | Nathan Hall |



ICES Calendar

- Dec.19—Advent Chapel—9:00 AM
- Dec.20—Carol Singing—2:15 PM
- Dec.23—Christmas Chapel—9 AM
- Dec.23—Early Dismissal—2:30 PM
- Dec.24—Jan. 8—Christmas Break
- Jan. 9—First Day Back in 2012
- Jan. 13—Hot Dog Day
- Jan. 16—Chapel—9:00 AM
- Jan. 18—Staff Meeting—Early Dismissal 2:30 PM
- Jan. 20—Hot Lunch Day
- Jan. 20—Newsletter Issue Date
- Jan. 25—Gr. 5/6 Band Concert—2:30 PM
- Jan. 27—Teacher Inservice Day (no school)
- Feb. 2, 3, 6—Book Fair
- Feb. 3—Hot Dog Day
- Feb. 6—Chapel 9:00 AM
- Feb.15—Staff Meeting—Early Dismissal 2:30 PM
- Feb.16—Hot Lunch Day
- Feb.16—Newsletter Issue Date
- Feb.20—Family Day (no school)
- Feb.21—24—Mid Winter Break
- Mar. 1—Participation Drive



Concept Minutes for the Board Meeting Held November 16, 2011

1. Devotions by Jay Visser.
2. Chair welcomed Darren Adamson from YPM to present the audited financial statements of August 31, 2011.
3. MSC to approve minutes of the October 26, 2011 board meeting.
4. Education Committee Report
 - a. MSC to have educational assistant time in Grade 1 increased to 0.33 FTE.
 - b. MSC to approve Sarah Vandenberg for the 0.33 FTE educational assistant position for the 2011/12 school year.
 - c. MSC that ICES participates in the Early Childhood Development Mapping Initiative.
 - d. MSC to approve the Senior Varsity Girls Basketball trip to Okotoks on December 2 & 3, 2011.
 - e. MSC to adopt an ICES pre-school questionnaire and send it out to Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 & 3 parents.
 - f. Threat Assessment Protocol is being developed in Southern Alberta. This will be revisited later this school year.
 - g. ICES will have all side doors locked except at recess time.
5. Next meeting December 14, 2011.



The Bazaar Committee would like to thank the many volunteers, family and friends who helped make the 2011 Bazaar a success.

With the Lord's blessing and everyone's help

\$80,000.00

was raised for our schools.

We are truly thankful for the continued support for Christian education in Southern Alberta and look forward to 2012!



TRIP NEWS

December 2010



Thank you



Thank you to the many families who have supported the TRIP program this year and to the many new families who started. Your continued participation is greatly appreciated.

Instant TRIP will be open on January 3, 2012 and regular weekly orders will begin January 10, 2012.

The Business Office would like to wish you all God's richest blessings during this Christmas Season. May His peace and love fill your hearts and homes today and all through the coming year. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

November Profit Sharing

Tuition Assistance Fund – \$ 513.16
Parent Tuition Accounts - \$ 513.16

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Benita or Denise in the Business Office at 403-327-4223 during regular office hours.

ICHS Exam Schedule



January 2012

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| 9 | 10 | 11 <u>9:00 – 11:30 AM</u> <i>ELA 30-1 - Part A</i> | 12 <u>9:00 – 11:00 AM</u> <i>Social 30-2 - Part A</i> | 13 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 <u>9:00 – 11:30 AM</u> <i>ELA 30-1 – Part B</i> | 20 <u>9:00 – 11:00 AM</u> <i>Social 30-2 - Part B</i> LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR GRADE 12 |
| 23 LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR GRADE 10 – 11 OPTIONAL STUDY CLASSES FOR GRADE 12 BIOLOGY AND MATH COURSES | 24 <u>9:00 – 10:15 AM</u> <i>Science 9 (PAT)</i> <u>9:00 – 11:00 AM</u> <i>Biology 30</i> | 25 <u>9:00 – 10:15 AM</u> <i>Math 9 (PAT)</i> <u>9:00 – 11:00 AM</u> <i>Applied Math 30</i> <i>Pure Math 30</i> <u>9:00 – 11:00 AM</u> SOCIAL 10-1 SOCIAL 10-2 CHEMISTRY 20 <u>12:20 – 2:20 AM</u> SCIENCE 10 ELA 10-1 ELA 10-2 FRENCH 20 MATH 20-1 | 26 <u>9:00 – 11:00 AM</u> MATH 10C BIOLOGY 20 ELA 20-1 ELA 20-2 <u>12:20 – 2:20 AM</u> CALM | 27 <u>9:00 – 11:00 AM</u> <i>Physics 30</i> |