

Volunteer Program Reminder

Synopsis of the program:

In order to keep our school looking clean and well maintained all year long the Board of Cedars Christian School relies on parent participation.

1. In keeping with our present policy, all families are required to volunteer 25 hours each school year.
2. We ask that each family submit a \$250.00 deposit. Date cheques for June 30, 2010, and submit to the office.
3. At the end of June each family that has completed 25 hours of volunteer time will have their \$250 post-dated cheque returned to them. Please record all volunteer hours in the log book kept in the office. If your 25 volunteer hours are not recorded by June 15, your post-dated cheque will be deposited.

There are many areas to volunteer: in classrooms, the library, driving for field trips, school maintenance, cleaning, committee work, phoning, sports, Sports Day, parking lot supervision, and much more. If everyone volunteers at least 25 hours we will save money in the long run and have a sharp looking school!

Currently we have received volunteer deposits from only 30% of our Cedars Families. If you have not submitted a cheque for this year, please do so by February 15.

Student Drop Off

It has been noticed that occasionally students are being dropped off in the mornings near the main parking lot gate behind the cabins, as well as along the driveway loop near the steel boxes. Safety is compromised when pedestrians have to walk around cars that are stopping, then pulling out. Please do not drop students off in these locations in the mornings. Please drop students off at the regular drop-off site in front of the school on Preston Rd.

Thank-you

Requested Announcements

Looking for free

Ping Pong table in good condition for highschool use. Contact Heidi Strybos. Strybos@shaw.ca

Looking for Childcare

A Cedars parent is looking for childcare for their 2.5 and 5 year old boys. Please contact Christie if you are interested @ 250-962-9491.

Spring Break Camp March 7-10, 2010

Cost \$125 (Early bird price \$115 by Feb.19) Come and have fun with your friends in the great outdoors. Four days during spring break to let loose and have some fun! Indoor skateboard park available. For ages 10-13 (as of Dec. 21, 2010) Info and registration forms at www.nlbc.bc.ca

2009-2010 Semester 1 Term 2 Honour Roll

Principal's List

Grade 7

Brittany Aitken, Kaitlin Alger, Thomas Anton, Josiah Binnema, Caroline Dube, Josiah Fisher, Caitlyn Gairns, Sam Goertzen, Daniel Houston-McMillan, Matthew Janzen, Morgan Kearns, Reanne Quist, Courtney Serup, Landon Uy, Sarah Vaale, Lauren Verity

Grade 8

Kristin Anton, Natalie Bjarnason, Anne Bourque, Aimee Bumby, Karyssa Church, Sophie Czechmeister, Keanna Edwards, Katherine Fullerton, Ashley Gilkerson, Solomon Goudsward, Tamara Grenon, Meghan Heffernan, Sarah Hein, Joy Hoksbergen, Megan Karpenko, Danielle Klassen, Shannon Kragt, Jessica Landry, Brooke MacDonald, Katie Neuman, Michelle Nikkel, Clarissa Price, Hannah Pudlas, Haley Reich, Chris Stuparyk, Stephanie Toninato, Rylan Uy, Gloria Vander Werff

Grade 9

Andrew Bast, Jonathan Bergstrom, Kathryn Binnema, Marshall Brown, Alexys Church, Nikayla Crichton, Elizabeth Czechmeister, Christian Deck, Kayla Eby, Jessica Fisher, Britany Fogtmann, Kayla Gordon, Reed Goudsward, Alisha Heffernan, Ryan Janzen, Chase Pidherny, Kyle Serup, Jackie Toombs

Grade 10

Gera de Fauw, Jessica Fullerton, Janene Giesbrecht, Karly Goertzen, Megan Klassen, Erica Koopmans, Jordan Kwan, Lindsay Lamoureux, Seb Lloyd, Jonathan Pratt, Jeff Pudlas, Kaydee Roberts, Morgan Stewart

Grade 11

Thomas Bast, Keaton Gairns, Alanna MacDonald, Brooke Phillips, Hayden Pon, Christie Pudlas, Courtney Reich, Jeremy Rempel, Jonathan Rempel, Carson Stauffer, Mitchell Vaale

Grade 12

Anna Brown, Pietr Crandall, Brandon Fogtmann, Katelyn Goertzen, Miranda Hein, Kevin Huolt, Ashley Law, Chris O'Neill-Wood, Michaela Rempel

Honour Roll

Grade 7

Tianna Deck, Sienna Greenberg, Brook-Lynn Kinnee, Joshua Pratt, Jessica Smith

Grade 8

Austin Berkhoven, Ryan Mathers, Alyse Willmann

Grade 9

Tyrus Beeton, Rylee Edwards, Jordann Ketlo, Hannah Maidment

Grade 10

Anna Bumby, Stephanie Good, Stephanie Jones, Spencer Price

Grade 11

Jacob Anton, Caitlyn Bedard, Devon Beeton, Aaron Gates, Dirk Greenlees

Grade 12

Taylor Byl, Mandy Jaycox, Michael Jones, Kevin Kragt, Gisslenni Levitt, Jordan Nelson, Gabriella Presley

Honourable Mention

Grade 7

Cameron Edwards, Graeme Houston-McMillan, Megan Wall, Hailey Zral

Grade 9

Caleb Bedford

Grade 10

Aleisha McCabe, Katrina Toninato, Matthew Worthington

Grade 11

Chelsea Hein, Jubal Vander Werff

Grade 12

Shar-lee Layzell

Reminder

There is no school for Elementary on Monday. February 22nd: Report Card Writing Day.

Kindergarten Registration 2010/11 School Year

If you have a child entering kindergarten next year, please pick up a registration form at the office. The class is full with a waiting list!

Cedar's Board Highlights

- Last Thursday we had a meeting with the school community to discuss getting the ball rolling toward expansion. The Board presented a proposal to pursue a building permit to add a gym and specialty classrooms in our existing parking lot, and the community voted 97% in favor! The Board thanks the community for its support, and looks forward to another meeting in the near future to reveal the building plan.

- Next month Budget discussions will begin for our 2010-2011 school year.

- There are several Board vacancies and nominations (Society Membership required) needed by the end of April for our Spring General Meeting which will be held in May. Nomination forms are available at the office, and must be submitted to the school office in a sealed envelope no later than April 30th. Who might you nominate?

- Please remember to pray for the Administration, Staff and Board as we lead at Cedars, for God's wisdom and discernment.

World Transformation Through Newspaper Ads

The student leadership team at Cedars would like to invite your business to consider partnering with us. This year our school theme is "*Transformers: First You, Then Your World*". We have been looking at different ways of putting this into practice. There are students on our outreach team planning community building activities and fun days to transform ourselves, as a school, into a close, family-like community. We have other students partnering with charities and organizations here in Prince George so we can help transform our corner of the world. And lastly, there are students working with organizations around the world to help them as they transform the world beyond our city borders. If you choose to participate, your business will be helping us as we make an impact on our world.

In order to raise money for different organizations, we are putting three full-page ads in the Prince George Citizen. There will be one in March, April and May. We are looking for businesses who would like to have their business cards border the ads. The ad will introduce the charity to the community and state that your business (along with other businesses) supports Cedars in their work with these charities. Each ad costs \$800.00 and each business is required to donate \$100.00 to Cedars Christian School in order to be included in a single ad. Businesses may choose to support one or more of the three charities. A response sheet, a template of a similar ad run last year in The Citizen, and information on each of the three charities we will be supporting through the ads is available at the school office. Donations are eligible for a charitable donation receipt issued by the school for donation portions above the cost of the ad itself. Our goal is to have 20 business cards border each ad, resulting in \$1200.00 raised for each organization.

Please contact teacher sponsor Shane Nelson if you have any questions.
Cedars' Student Leadership Team

Home Business Shopping Day Saturday, March 27th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm School Gym

Cedars families and public are welcome to come shop at over 20 vendors in one location. Invitations will be sent home with Cedars families before Spring break to distribute to friends and neighbours. Come out and shop (Maybe for Mothers Day??). Door prizes and silent auction items.

Vendors include but are not limited to: Avon, Partylite, Bling Ring Jewellery, Mary Kay, Norwex, Tupperware, Close to My Heart, Stampin Up, BoPeep Soaps, Isagenix, Word to the Wall, Everyday Style, Purse Paradise, Usborne Books, Envirostyles, Watkins.

Come out and support the school!

Milk Program

Sign up sheets go home Thursday, February 18th. Milk will be offered to K-6 and only on Thursdays from March until June. Cost is \$12.00 per child. Return order form by Friday, February 26th.

Magazine Subscription Fundraiser

The library's annual magazine fundraiser will begin in the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity to renew old subscriptions, sign up for new ones, and at the same time support Cedars Library.

The library earns 40% during this fundraiser. Your magazine prices are guaranteed to be the lowest. Younger students receive prizes. Older students receive money into their student account.

Our goal is to have 300 subscriptions. Your participation is appreciated.

Magazines can be one way to encourage reluctant readers. They are also a good way to stay informed about current events, products, cultural trends, etc. Of course Cedars cannot endorse all the magazines that are listed. Please review your children's choices carefully.

Math Help!

Each WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY morning from 8:00 - 8:25 am, Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Fisher will be available to help Grade 3-6 students with their Math. Drop in for some extra help when you need it!

Times Tables Math Club!

Each TUESDAY and THURSDAY morning from 8:00 - 8:25 am, Mrs. Goertzen or Mrs. Fisher will be available to help Grade 3-6 students with their times tables through many activities. Let's get faster and more accurate at the times tables!

iPods at School

It is evident that many of our students have received iPods for Christmas, as we are seeing many in student's hands lately. iPods are considered to be similar to Mp3 players, and are not to be found with students at school. Listening to music on the iPod external speakers, playing video games or even using the calculator function is not permitted at Cedars. If at school, iPods need to be kept out of sight and should be kept in lockers where they can be secured. A number of student's iPods have gone missing this last year, mostly when they have been stored in the change room during PE. A better alternative would be to keep iPods at home in the first place. Thanks for your cooperation.

Dates to Remember 2010 Calendar

Feb. 22	Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)
Mar. 2	Hot Lunch -Hot Dogs
Mar. 5	Elem. Report Card Term 2 Distributed
Mar. 8-19	Spring Break (All No School)
Mar. 27	PAC Fundraiser
Mar. 30	Hot Lunch -Pizza
Apr. 2	Good Friday (All No School)
Apr. 5	Easter Monday (All No School)
Apr. 12	Preschool visit 1:15 - 2:30 pm
Apr. 13	Hot Lunch -KFC
Apr. 14	HS Term 3 Ends
Apr. 21	HS Term 3 Report Cards Distributed
Apr. 22-23	Northern Pro D Conference (No school, K-12)
Apr. 26	H.S. Parent Teacher Interviews (HS 1/2 day)
Apr. 27	Hot Lunch -Tacos
May 11	Hot Lunch -Pizza
May 20	Grandparents Day
May 24	Victoria Day (All No School)
May 25	Hot Lunch -Hotdogs
June 4	H.S. Grad (HS 1/2 Day)
June 8	Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)
June 8	Hot Lunch -Pizza
June 9-11	Bowron Canoe Trip
June 10	Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 - 11:00 am
June 11	Elem. Sports Day
June 17	Kindergarten Grad 1 pm
June 18	Last Day H.S.
June 21-29	H.S. Final Exams
June 23	Last Day Elem. & Year End BBQ (Elem. 1/2 Day)
June 24-29	Admin Days

Reminder
Cedars is a
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The Cedars Shake

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THE BUDGET PROCESS

Sage Goudsward
Director of Finance
and Operations

It's February, which marks the start of the budgeting process for the 2010-2011 school year. The process begins with staff making their intentions known and the community re-registering their children for the fall. This gives us an idea of our enrolment for the next year as well as the staff that intend to stay and any staffing needs that may need to be filled. Budget requests are submitted by staff and committees and the budget starts to take form.

We have a \$3 million budget here at Cedars. Of that, about 75% is allocated to staff salaries and benefits. This makes sense since we are a service intensive organization. **Our staff members are** our largest expense and also **our biggest asset**. Our operating costs including building maintenance, financing costs and utilities is about 19% of our budget and educational costs are about 6% of our budget.

Our budget is compiled, refined and vetted by administration, various committees

including the finance committee and the Cedars Christian School Board. Many people within our Cedars' community are involved in the budgeting process from staff and administration to parents who sit on committees and those that have been entrusted as a Board member. After the Board has approved it, the budget is then presented at the **Spring AGM** which this year will be held on **Thursday, May 13th, 2010**. Society members, who attend the AGM, vote on whether to accept the budget as presented. I encourage all society members to prioritize attendance at these meetings as this is where the business of the school is discussed and decisions made. We hope to see you there!

If you haven't re-registered yet, please hand your forms into the main office to ensure your child(ren) have a spot for the fall.