

## Dates to Remember 2010 Calendar

Feb. 5	H.S. Semester 1 Reports Distributed H.S. Ski Trip
Feb. 11	Extraordinary Association Meeting -7:30 pm
Feb. 15	Re-registration Deadline *Please note important date to reserve your child's spot for next year. PAC Meeting -Library @ 7:00 pm
Feb. 16	Hot Lunch -Amigo's Taco
Feb. 22	Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)
Mar. 5	Elem. Report Card Term 2 Distributed
Mar. 8-19	Spring Break (All No School)
Mar. 27	PAC Fundraiser
Apr. 2	Good Friday (All No School)
Apr. 5	Easter Monday (All No School)
Apr. 12	Preschool visit 1:15 - 2:30 pm
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)
May 20	Grandparents Day
May 24	Victoria Day (All No School)
June 4	H.S. Grad (HS 1/2 Day) Elem. Report Writing (No School Elem.)
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  
Peanut/Nut  
Free School.



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## Secrets of the Vine in our Classrooms

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High School Vice Principal

Since Christmas break, I have been reading a book to my Grade Seven class called; "Secrets of the Vine for Teens", by Bruce Wilkinson. It is a follow up to the book; "Prayer of Jabez for Teens". I've been really impressed by how much it is inspiring me, let alone the Gr. 7 students whom I am reading it to.

John 15 is the central passage on which the book focuses, in the famous illustration by Jesus of the vine and the branches. I love the way Wilkinson brings the illustration into a language suited for our students. He entitles the following words of Jesus to his disciples as; "The Grape Commission".

*I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain.*  
John 15:16

Wilkinson states that our biggest purpose in life is to produce fruit for our Father (the Gardener). The branches (all of us) are highly valuable to the Gardener. He lifts up branches out of the dirt, mildew and darkness of our sin into the healing light. This is like the discipline process we all go through at times.

The Father also prunes our budding shoots so that the life giving sap works mainly to produce Godly fruit in our lives instead of producing leaves. God challenges us to get rid of the distractions of life,

even some of the good things that take us away from producing more good works and relationship with Him. Leaves are showy, but we are not to be leaf factories; our big purpose is to produce fruit in our lives.

Wilkinson's book also emphasizes the importance of each branch 'abiding' in the Vine (Christ), as a way to stay connected to real power and relationship. Fruit in our lives may be in the form of good works, but we don't need to work ourselves into the ground. We produce fruit by simply allowing ourselves to remain connected with Christ in relationship and obedience.

As I read this book to the Grade Seven class, I can't help but see each student as a new and valuable branch, in which our Heavenly Father is working to care for. When I realize again that the bigger purpose for each one of us is to produce fruit for the Glory of God, I am also re focused on seeing the Father's hand working in each student's life in our school. I see again the way God uses Cedars to develop his young branches, and like God, I would love to see students developing Godly fruit in their lives, spilling out of our school into the community and into the world for years to come.



**Re-registration for the  
2010-2011 School Year  
Deadline: February 15, 2010**

Its that time again! **All families need to re-register** for the next school year. You have received a detailed letter and information update form. Please **update your information and return the form with your tuition deposit by February 15, 2010.**

**Extraordinary Association Meeting**  
Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:30 pm

**PAC**

Next PAC meeting - Monday, February 15th at 7:00pm in the Library.

**Spelling Bee**

Miranda Nikkel will represent Cedars at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 27th at Vanier Hall. Congratulations Miranda!



**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 nearly full! Thank-you!

**Reminder**

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

**Cheer Off Winners!**

Cedars won the Spruce Kings Cheer Off on January 23rd! The Spruce Kings will be here on Thursday, February 11th to play floor hockey at lunch! Everyone welcome!



**From the Elementary Athletic  
Director...**

Congratulations to the boys and girls Grade 6/7 basketball teams for a highly successful season so far this year. Against some very competitive teams from around Prince George, our kids have won a majority of their games. More importantly, they have been wonderful representatives of Cedars Christian School and of Jesus Christ. The season will end the week of March 1.

Thanks very much to the girls' coaches (Mr. Jack Beeksmas and Mr. Jeff Ludditt), and the boys coach (Mr. Shane Nelson). The future of basketball at Cedars looks very bright!

Next on the elementary athletics schedule is the relays, which begin soon after the Spring Break. Mrs. Sherry Toninato has agreed to head this up, and Mrs. Lara Burnham will work with her. If you are interested in helping with this part of your child's school life, please contact either Lara or Sherry.

**Mr. Jack Beeksmas, Elementary Athletics  
Director**

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

Home businesses booths from Cedars families and the community. If you would like to participate, please email Heidi Strybos ([strybos@shaw.ca](mailto:strybos@shaw.ca)). We are only looking for one booth per distributor on a first come, first serve basis. We are in need of more crafting & home interior type businesses. PAC is asking that distributors contribute 20% of their profits and provide a door prize to be raffled off during the day. Invitations will be sent home to Cedars families before Spring Break to distribute to their neighborhoods.

**Planners**

We have extra 09/10 high school and elementary planners. If any parents are interested, please pick one up at the office.

**Save On Gift Cards Fundraiser:**

Save On Foods gift cards are available at the office. 6% of the cost of the gift cards you purchase, goes to your child's student account (high schoolers only), or into the general school fund.

**Olympic Torch at Cedars**

Last Friday, Mr. David Doroghy from VanOc visited Cedars and led an exciting chapel about the Olympics! Pictures were taken with the torch and the students enjoyed waving Canadian flags and cheering.



**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!

**Thank You**

The staff of Cedars would like to thank the the Employee Relations Committee and the many volunteers led by Robin Bjarnason, for the wonderful lunch last Friday. We appreciate you too!

**We're Online!**

To keep up to date with what's going on at Cedars, check out the Shake online at [www.cedars.bc.ca](http://www.cedars.bc.ca)

**Bonhomme Day**

Thanks to everyone who helped make Bonhomme Day such a success!

**Foosball Table Needed**

The high school community foosball table is on its last legs. If anybody has a good quality foosball table that they would donate to the school, please contact the office.

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

### Volunteer Program Reminder

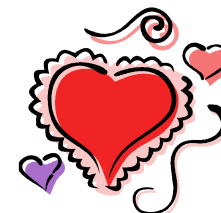
#### Synopsis of the program:

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 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.

#### Ness Lake News

**Snow Camp Feb 19-21, 2010**  
Cost \$90 (Early bird price \$80 by Feb. 5)  
Our winter camp is for Junior campers aged 8-11 years old (as of Dec. 31, 2010). Snow Camp provides the opportunity to experience NLBC in a whole new way! Info and registration forms at [www.nlbc.bc.ca](http://www.nlbc.bc.ca)

**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](http://www.nlbc.bc.ca)