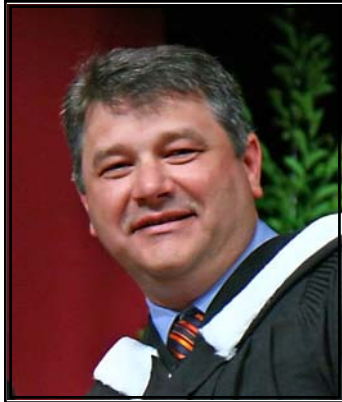




THE KING'S HERALD

*PROVIDING A POSITIVE HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT
AND POSITIONING TEENS FOR GODLY LEADERSHIP...*

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL...



I just went for a walk through the school. It is 2:50 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon. It is quiet. I am so impressed with the work of students and staff alike! We are a busy place, the kind of busy that extends far beyond the boundaries of classroom walls – gingerbread cook-

ies at noon, volleyball tournaments, chapels, music evenings, and a Raptors game. This is normal for school life.

With all of these activities I encourage each of us to keep our focus on learning. It is the time of year when

projects, essays, and tests need to be completed. Courses are nearing completion. This may require added hours of study at home. Our staff is here to support students to learn and to perform as best they can. Please be sure to ask questions and to seek advice as needed. Let's also realize that the hard work is now. A time of rest will follow!

As we experience the richness of our educational experiences, I ask that we all consider ways that we might bless. We are collecting educational supplies for a school in the Dominican Republic, where 43 King's teachers and staff members will be on mission during the semester turn-around break (see page 4 for details on this "Christmas Caring Campaign"). We will also collect non-perishable foods for Kerr Street Ministries, an Oakville-based ministry supporting those in need.

Thank-you for your continued support of life at King's.

MR. JOHN DE BOER

EXTENDING AN OLIVE BRANCH...

Once a month, on a Sunday morning, a group of students from King's meets in Oakville to drive together to downtown Hamilton where they volunteer at the **Olive Branch Christian Ministry Centre**. The Olive Branch provides lunch and a devotional time for community members that are homeless or living with low incomes. Our students are busy serving coffee, snacks, and lunch, leading a time of small group discussion and prayer, and cleaning up.

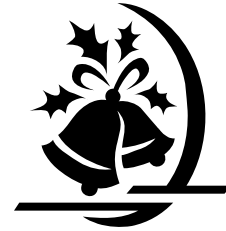
Turn to page 2 for Rob Morton's description of his volunteer experience.



The King's Team serving The Olive Branch in Hamilton, led by Mr. Masengi (left)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Thursday, December 11**
Christmas Concert 7:00 pm
- **Friday, December 19**
Last day of classes before the Christmas break
- **Monday, January 5, 2009**
Students return to classes
- **Tues Jan 27 to Fri Jan 30**
Grad photo shoot



JOIN US TO PRAY

All are welcome to join the group of praying parents that gathers Thursday mornings at 8:45 to pray for students and the needs of the King's community. We meet informally in the office, read Scripture, share prayer needs, pray as we are lead and are on our way by 9:30. Call Sharon Roebelen (905-257-5464 ext 508) if you have questions about how you may participate in this essential ministry.

FROM A KING'S VOLUNTEER...

The Olive Branch was an amazing experience as a group and individually (*read more about The Olive Branch on page 1*). You go there having all the expectations and thoughts of what it's going to be, but it's nothing like you'd expect.

What I expected were a bunch of homeless old people that I'd end up feeling sorry for, honestly. I got there and was blown away when I saw three young kids sitting alone. Connecting with them seemed way too easy as they immediately drew me in for a game of snakes and ladders. Seems kind of lame to most of us but this, Uno, and a Gameboy Advance was all they had. Sitting with them I got to know each of them a little bit on a personal level.

Gino and Rose were brother and sister going into Grade 8 and 7, while little Cody was their best friend going into Grade 6. Their favourite thing to do was to just be together and meet new people. Gradually they subtly started opening up about how their parents had split, and they live with their grandparents, and all the crazy things they've seen. Expecting to leave feeling sorry for them, I said my last goodbyes feeling sorry for myself.

I'll never forget their smiles when I first started asking them questions and pretending that Shrek had to be the coolest videogame ever. I said goodbye to Cody and he specifically lit up like Christmas morning as he waved. It really made me think about how they have little-
nothing and I go home to a warm bed, loving family, and everything else, yet I struggle everyday to just fake a meaningful smile.

Apart from opening up my eyes to the poverty around me, I learned that happiness has no connection to materialistic desires. Going there was definitely a positive experience and something that will change the way I smile forever.

Rob Morton

KING'S CHOIR & BAND RECEIVE FIRST PLACE HONOURS AT BURLINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Festival experience first of many
Monday December 1, 2008 -- Jennifer Higgs

King's Christian Collegiate high school in Oakville recently entered its band and vocal class choir into the Burlington Music Festival and both groups received first place. Kevin Norbury, the school's Director of Music, has worked at the school for six years and says this is the first time the groups have participated in a music festival. "I decided I'd try this small music festival first," says Norbury. "Both groups performed extremely well." The choir and band each received a mark of 90.

The Burlington Music Festival was an opportunity for the students to perform and compare themselves with other groups, says Norbury. Participating in the festival provides the students with experience performing under a bit of pressure, which is a good thing, says Norbury. The festival is also a road trip, which all students love to go on, he adds.

Twenty-five vocal class members sang in the festival Nov. 13. They performed Mozart's Ave Verum and an up tempo gospel song called Great, Great Morning. The choir was awarded a scholarship from the festival.

The concert band's 48 members performed three selections Nov. 15; Fanfare and Flourishes by James Curnow, Four Breton Dances by Broegee and Flight of the Thunderbird by Saucedo.

"It was a very positive experience," says Norbury. Norbury says the Burlington Music Festival is one of a few music festivals that happen in the fall.

He says there are plenty of other plans for the groups, including participation in the upcoming Golden Horseshoe Music Festival, the Peel Music Festival and Festival London.

Article reprinted from the OACS website



COOL FIELD TRIP...

On Nov. 28, Mr. McKendry's Communication Technology class (left, below) went to **Wanted Studios**, a post-production editing facility in Toronto. Students and teachers alike enjoyed learning how commercials and films are brought to life through digital manipulation. Aishat Giwa, Mr. Turner and Caroline Tusiak (left, above) even had an opportunity to show off their vocal talents in the recording booth, recording a commercial for Toys R Us.

Paul Wardlaw (second from left) submitted the following report about the outing:

Going to Wanted Studios was a great learning experience for all of us. Being able to see all the different professional post-production studios in one place was great for seeing the diversity of the industry. Seeing the set-ups each studio had was good for ideas for my own studio. The quality and luxury of the studios definitely intrigued my interest in the industry further.



KING'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009 7:00 PM

**FEATURING THE KING'S CONCERT BAND, THE KING'S CHOIR,
PERFORMANCES BY THE GRADE 9 & GRADE 10 - 12 INSTRUMENTAL
CLASSES, THE VOCAL MUSIC CLASS, AS WELL
AS VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOS
BY KING'S STUDENTS.**

ADMISSION IS FREE. PLEASE JOIN US.



SHOE BOXES - FILLED - AND THEN SOME!!

The Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box project was initiated by Student Council Minister of Spiritual Development **Alyssa Novoselac** (pictured, right) with a goal of filling 18 shoe boxes with gifts and supplies for needy children overseas. Eighteen boxes would represent one box from each class - BUT our teachers took up the challenge and turned the project into a competition - one which resulted in an amazing 57 boxes! Thanks especially to Mr. Smith, Mr. Walraven, Mrs. Weir for their great efforts. Way to go, King's!





TOGA DAY

It is one thing to look at illustrations of people wearing togas, but quite another to have to wear them. Mr. Ford's Grade 11 History Class had an opportunity last week to learn that the toga is just an accessory – and quite an awkward one at that. The well-dressed Roman needed lots of help to get dressed including having slaves to wash and iron the garments in the first place, and a helper to arrange and fit a full-size toga. Having the chance to wear these

ceremonial garments brought home the fact that they were definitely not working clothes. They are clumsy, get in the way, fall off, need to be rearranged and are hot. But then they do make the statement that you are clearly one of the rich, privileged class with an eye on securing government favour and a cushy well paid position. Every member of the class turned out in style. It was fun and we enjoyed the presentations in class at the end of the day. Once again, many thanks to parents for supporting this activity.

Submitted by Mr. Harold Ford

Christmas Caring Campaign




**PLANNED BY THE
KING'S 2009 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
SERVICE TRIP TEAM**



This January, 43 King's students and teachers will be travelling to the Dominican Republic to participate in a service trip. We will be working in an impoverished area where the average yearly household income is the equivalent of \$600 (Canadian). Many families can only count on one meal a day. Many of the children attend school, but do not have the luxuries of backpacks, pencils or paper. We know that education brings great hope for their futures, so our goal is to encourage and enable them by bringing school supplies for at least 100 children.

Please send *your* encouragement to these children . Participate in our Christmas Caring Campaign by:

- **purchasing an ornament for our paper Christmas trees so we can buy:**

Backpack - \$15  Pencils & Crayons - \$5  Bag of Rice - \$5  Notebook - \$2

- **bringing donations to the King's Guidance Office by Dec. 19**

Together, we can show we care at Christmas. Together, we can make a huge difference!