



# THE KING'S HERALD

*World-class Christian educators passionately committed to student success...*

## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...*

When you administer a school, you're never quite living in the moment. You are thinking about next week, next month, next semester - how can we be better, how can we be more intentional about shaping the lives and hearts and intellects of the students living and learning amongst us each day? And of course, you wonder about next year; how many of **them** will there be? Can we anticipate the unprecedented growth in student numbers we experienced last year or was that just an anomaly - a rare blessing in uncertain times?

The data suggests we can be optimistic. Admissions enquiries for next year are up 45% over this time last year. And considering that 80% of our enquiries become real enrolments, we are projecting a very positive outcome. Confirmed enrolments are up 35%. While we currently enjoy the company of 436 students each day this semester, we are planning for about 465 in September. But God may surprise us with more, as He did last year.

Note to parents: while enrolment of current students is assumed until graduation, please do not assume your Grade 8 child is automatically enrolled. We may or may not be aware of younger siblings planning on joining us. The process involves a meeting with our Director of Admissions, Sharon Roebbelen (905-257-5464 ext 508), who will be only too happy to discuss arrangements.

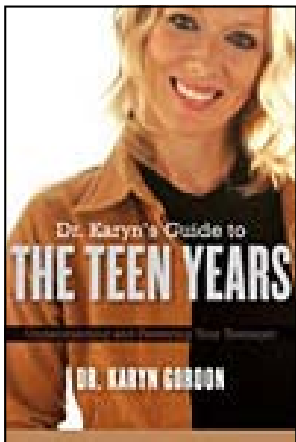
**MR. JIM VANDERKOOY**



## **ADMIT ONE TO THE VEENSTRA FAMILY...**

After nine months of intense production, King's Drama teacher

Tim Veenstra and his wife Jolene have released their smashing new production entitled Samantha Dael. First appearing on February 10 at 10:54 am, the star of the show initially weighed in at 6 lbs, 4 oz. and has been gaining weight and popularity since. Sam has taken audiences by storm with her adorable little hands and delightful smile. Congratulations to the proud producers.



## **RAISING HEALTHY TEENS SEMINAR**

The Waterdown Church Network is sponsoring a workshop on parenting with marriage and family relationship expert, **Dr. Karyn Gordon** on Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM. Widely recognized as a leading author and speaker on parenting and teen issues, Dr. Karyn will present seven strategies for **“Raising Healthy Teens in an Age of Over-indulgence.”** For Dr. Karyn, overindulgence is not just about over-eating: “It's about a culture which puts families at risk through over-scheduling, over-spending, and failing to communicate”. For additional information about Dr. Karyn, check her website: [www.dkbwellness.com](http://www.dkbwellness.com). Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple or additional family member, payable by cash or cheque at the door. Please note: this event is **not** taking place at King's. **Location:** “The Upper Room” of the Waterdown Legion Hall, 79 Hamilton Street, Waterdown.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Friday, March 12 - Monday, March 22 (inclusive):** March Break (no school)
- **Friday, April 2 - Monday, April 5 (inclusive):** Easter Break (no school)
- **Thursday, April 8:**  
Grade 10 Literacy Test
- **May 7 and 8:** The King's Players present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" (public performances)
- **May 10 and 11:** "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" (matinee performances for elementary schools)



**CORIANDE  
STEVENS:  
OPTIMIST  
CLUB  
AWARD-  
WINNER**

### ***KING'S AT OFSAA***

King's is proud to be sending two teams to Ontario Championships.

The **Senior Men's Basketball** team played Brampton Christian Academy on Monday and won by 12 points. The week before, they won the Halton Gold Medal in a thrilling game at Sheridan College. They are now headed to the Ontario 'A' Men's Basketball Championships in Sturgeon Falls, ON from March 8-10. There will be 16 teams there vying for the championship. Coaches Eric Bulthuis and Richard Stewart are proud of their team and are looking forward to the challenge of playing for King's first Basketball OFSAA championship.

The **Senior Women's Volleyball** team has also qualified for OFSAA after a successful season. The volleyball team came on strong in the second half of the season under the guidance of Mr. Ron Masengi. Sparked by strong team play, they made it to the second round of the Halton Play-offs before being stopped by a strong St. Thomas Aquinas team. The women are heading up to Kenora to play for the Ontario 'A' Girls Volleyball championship from March 8-10.

Both teams have worked hard and have made many sacrifices to get this point. Please remember them in your prayers next week as they travel and compete. You can check their progress at:

<http://www.ofsaa.on.ca/boysabasketball/>  
and

<http://www.ofsaa.on.ca/girlsavolleyball/>. ***Go Cavs!***

Congratulations go to Coriander Stevens (pictured above) on winning Optimist International's annual award "***For upholding the dignity of youth, for showing sincere devotion to the welfare of others and for generous and unselfish contributions to society***". Optimist International is focused on bringing community life to people all over the world, primarily youth. The Oakville Optimist Club recognizes one person from every high school in Oakville who participates in enriching the lives of fellow students and community life - and we're proud that Coriander is the winner from King's!

Coriander and the other high-school award winners gathered for a celebratory dinner in November, where the awards were presented and where each winner was given a \$250 Chapters Gift Card. Coriander says, "It was an honour to be given this award and I think every other student that was there feels the same way that I do."

**COURSE SELECTION NIGHT  
FOR NEXT YEAR'S  
GRADE 10, 11 & 12 STUDENTS**

***WEDNESDAY APRIL 14***

***7:00 - 8:30 PM***

# STUDENT LIFE

February was marked as **Hearts for Haiti** month and Student Council has been busy with different events and fundraisers to make as much money as possible for Haiti. These events included a Gym Riot (where Grade Eleven was overall victorious - pictured right), the "All You Need is Love" dance, and intramural dodge ball. The council has been working hard to create a culture of care and compassion integrated with genuine and vibrant school spirit. Congratulations, Student Council, for all your work throughout February.



This month some students had an opportunity to assist an agency called **Sew On Fire**. Ben Stewart led a group of students on a Tuesday night to the Sew On Fire warehouse (left) where they packed 700 care bags for children that had been affected by the earthquake devastation in Haiti. Ben was visiting a church one Sunday and there happened to be a Mission Fair where different agencies came together to promote volunteerism. As he passed the Sew On Fire booth, he spoke with the representative who said they had an urgent need to pack 1000 bags for a shipment leaving in three days. As his challenge, Ben rallied as many people as he could in two days and they all met to get the work done. It was a great time of laughing and connecting - but most importantly, of giving of our time and energy to a very worthy cause. Thanks, Ben, for your great initiative!



As many of you know, a group of senior students from King's volunteer once a month at a soup kitchen in down town Hamilton called the **Olive Branch**. A few Sundays ago, Drew Hebb led this student group as they setup, served, and cleaned up lunch. He also led the group in a "Sunday Service" where they sang, read devotions, and prayed together. The friends of the Olive Branch were very receptive to our students and were encouraged by their willingness to give of their time and energy. Volunteering and learning through serving are a vital part of what we are trying to instill in students at King's; opportunities like the Olive Branch and Sew On Fire are great ways to get connected with our greater community.



## STUDENT LIFE

On the last weekend of February, 45 students and four teachers spent Friday evening, overnight and Saturday morning at school. We had our second **Spiritual Retreat** and it was a great time of sharing and growing together as a community of believers. The event was led and coordinated by Lauren De Jong and Rob Morton, while Coriander Stevens assisted with worship music. Rob and Lauren ensured there was plenty of time for small group discussions where students could share some of their frustrations of being a teenager, being male/female, and being a Christian in today's society. We also spent time in quiet solitude and allowed God to speak to us individually. Teachers and Pastor Ross MacDonald led devotions three times. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Students appreciated the time to touch base with God, each other, and themselves in a spiritual manner.

