



# THE KING'S HERALD

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

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



Every Tuesday, staff and students gather in the gym for our weekly assembly to hear special announcements about such school activities as Model UN, upcoming games, Movember and special Student Council events. It is also a time to share devotions as a school.

This past week, we talked about the Biblical concept of perseverance. The apostle Paul encourages Christ-followers to persevere staying focused on Jesus so that we aren't pulled in different directions. It is the same perseverance that allows a Sidney Crosby to return successfully to the game of hockey after a long lay-off due to a serious injury. For us at King's, our job is to stay focused on our studies through the next few weeks, especially with the Christmas season just around the corner. Next week, parents and students will receive the next mygradebook update. Let's use this communication to continue the good work that needs to be completed before we take a break to celebrate the birth of Christ the King.

As we look ahead, there are two special events for all families to enjoy. On December 2 and 3, the King's players present one of Canada's most performed plays, "Quiet in the Land". On December 15, King's musicians will lead us into the holidays with their annual Christmas concert. Parents are also invited

to join staff and students for our Christmas Chapel on Tuesday, December 20 at 8:45 a.m. May we each experience rich blessings as we focus through the last few weeks before an extended rest from work well done.

### *MR. JOHN DEBOER*

King's is accepting resumes for a part time opportunity to work as **receptionist in the front office**. The position is as a temporary fill-in for short term absences and for a term contract from April to mid-July. If interested, please send a letter of application and resume to the Principal, Mr. John DeBoer at [jdeboer@kingschristian.net](mailto:jdeboer@kingschristian.net). Please feel free to contact Mr. DeBoer directly should you have questions.

It is tempting to enter the King's **parking lot** directly from Burnhamthorpe Rd, especially when there doesn't seem to be much traffic near the front entrance. Please note that this access is one way, for exiting the property only. With the construction trailer and equipment limiting visibility, it is even more important that we all respect other drivers in the parking lot. Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.



*More Fashion Disasters on the next page*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- *Fri Dec 2 & Sat Dec 3* - The King's Players present *Quiet in the Land*
- *Thursday Dec 15* - King's Christmas Concert (7:30 - 9:00 pm)



### *Optimist Club Award*

Congratulations to **Lexi Putman** (pictured left and in front row, above), winner of the Optimist Club of Oakville's annual youth award. The Optimists believe it is important that the youth of our community should be recognized for their efforts and accomplishments in arts, athletics, academics and community service. They honour deserving students as role models in our community. Lexi is a deserving award winner indeed!



## FASHION DISASTERS November 18th




**Dec 2 and 3**

**The King's Players Present QUIET IN THE LAND**

*Quiet in the Land* is a play that captures an image of life in a small Amish community in Waterloo County, Ontario during the First World War. When a young Amish man named Yock enlists in the army he splits the community down the middle and risks losing all he holds dear. In playwright Anne Chislett's powerful tragic drama, we learn the power and value of tradition and faith.

"At first glance, this is a rural family drama with a twist. Jack, called Yock, chafes against the strict beliefs of his father, Christy, and wants to 'join the twentieth century' like many a farm boy before him. But farm boys usually can join the army without rupturing their bond to their community. Not Yock. By enlisting as a soldier in the First World War, he exiles himself from the pacifist Amish country side around Elmira, Ontario, and from Katie Brubacher, with whom he has fallen in love. But Chislett then takes the conflict a step further, into the realm of dangerous themes that characterize first-quality drama."

**- Ray Conlogue**



KING'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGIATE  
AND THE KING'S PLAYERS

ARE PROUD TO PRESENT:

**QUIET IN THE LAND**

BY ANNE CHISLETT  
Produced by Special Arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Friday, December 2nd, 2011 - 7:30pm  
Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 - 2pm and 7:30pm

King's Christian Collegiate  
528 Burnhamthorpe Rd West, Oakville

Tickets at the Door  
\$5 Student - \$10 Adult - \$25 Family

For More Information Call:  
905.257.5464 Ext. 523

## Lessons in Forgiveness

submitted by Andrew Roberts (Grade 12 student)

Earlier this month, Marina Nemat, influential speaker and award-winning author of two books: *Prisoner of Tebran: A Memoir* and *After Tebran: A Life Reclaimed*, came to tell her story to the students of King's Christian Collegiate.

After being imprisoned and brutally abused for over two years as a result of her Christian faith, Nemat now shares her traumatic experience, a process she says has helped her to heal. "I began having psychotic episodes, and [through speaking out I was able] to... control them, and find a way to help myself deal with the past."

Despite the seriousness of the subject matter, the King's gym felt as if it were a normal day. Nemat was welcomed, and she walked to the stage with confidence, allowing the student body to feel comfortable before she began her story.

In 1979, the Iranian government formed an Islamic Republic. During this time, Nemat remembers her friends slowly disappearing; she felt that everything she knew was caving in around her. Nemat's fear came to a head when she was kidnapped from her home and imprisoned by Islamic extremists for more than two years at Evin, a political prison in Tehran.

Modeline Kwirant, a grade 12 student at King's, is amazed by Nemat's strength. "She is such a strong woman even [despite] everything she's gone through," says Kwirant. Nemat's powerful words made Kwirant think about her own life. Kwirant was inspired to be more forgiving. "It made me feel bad about all the petty things I don't forgive people for," she says.

John De Boer, the school's Principal, believes his students can learn a lot from visitors like Nemat. "I think speakers like Nemat have experienced life in a much bigger way, that allows people to look at the world in a much bigger way," says De Boer. De Boer was also impressed with the way Nemat presented herself to the student body. "She just told her story, and let them feel what they wanted to feel", he says.

Nemat shared her spiritual healing process with the students. She spoke of how it wasn't easy. "I believed that once I put my memories on paper, the past would go away. But it didn't... So I charged ahead, fueled by a desperate need to find closure," says Nemat. Nemat now draws on the memories from those dark days to lift others up. "I have been able to use that very dark and painful experience to do something beautiful," says Nemat.

Nemat suffered regular beatings at the hands of

her captors. She told students that despite being treated so inhumanely, she never lost sight of who she was. "I always felt like a human being, thanks to my cellmates. Our friendships kept hope alive in the darkness of the prison," she says.

The moral support of her fellow captives, although integral, could not sustain her alone. Nemat spoke of how God was also a contributing factor to her survival during confinement. "There were moments that I had doubts, and there were times that I felt He [God] might have forsaken me, but He always made sure to pull me up when I was down," says Nemat.

Nemat explained to the students that during her time in prison, when she could feel her despair taking hold, she would remember that God understood her pain. She says she took strength from her belief in God's love and His inability to abandon anyone.

Caleb Sawh, Minister of Spiritual Development at King's, expressed his thoughts on forgiveness in relation to Nemat's experience. "It was very eye-opening to see that someone could go through that much pain... and still be able to turn around and forgive the people that hurt them," says Sawh.

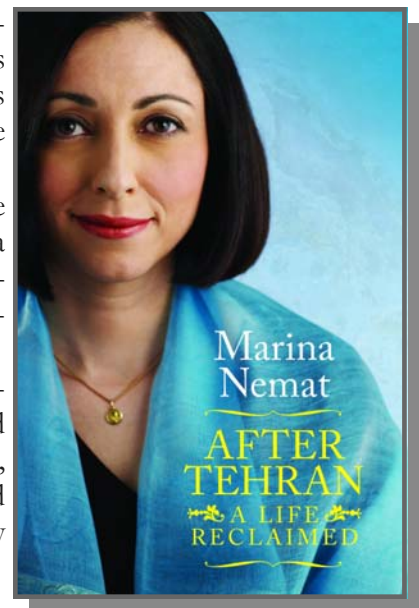
Love isn't something usually associated with an experience like Nemat's, but Nemat says she felt God's love during that time. She spoke of how her ability to love was a gift she could not have survived without. "Love doesn't expect a fair trade, but it's selfless and extremely generous," says Nemat.

After her release in 1984, Nemat took the lessons of love she learned in confinement to forgive her terrorists. "I have forgiven those who tortured and imprisoned me," she says.

Nemat now looks back on her experience as one that has shaped her into the spiritually enlightened person she feels she is today. She says those days make up the core of who she is.

Nemat left the students of King's with a message of unconditional love and forgiveness.

"Anger and hatred keep us captive and imprison us," she says, "they consume us. I'd rather use my energy doing good things."



Daniel Salley (in red)



## Wrestling News

You never know what to expect at the first tournament of the year. Well, actually, you should, because we are a great team.

Read on...

Sean Wilson (in red)



Of the 30 members on the current roster (as of mid-November), only 18 wrestled in the tournament today (November 18). These wrestlers woke up super early to make the 6:30 bus and to be on the wrestling mats at 8AM. They all wrestled extremely well, and the hardware most got to take home is a record number for any tournament that King's has ever entered. Thirteen individual wrestlers placed Top 4 in their weight categories. Please congratulate them on a job well done!

**First Place:** **Kyle Klassen** (who completed dominated everybody at this tournament and would be named Most Outstanding wrestler if such award was given)

**Jack DiBlasio** (not bad for a rookie)

**Second Place:** **Alessan Sferlazza** (scary good)

**Mariam Malaty** (tiny but mighty)

**Jordan Bernatchez** (see Mariam)

**Sean Wilson** (he is doing extremely well, and is a possible OFSAA hopeful with Kyle and Selo and Jordan)

**Andrew Ohi** (off to a great start)

**Third Place:** **Daniel Salley** (not bad for a kid that has gained 20 lbs and 4 inches over a summer...)

**Eisha Kwirant** (she sprained her shoulder in her first match, but she has a great future)

**Tyler Sloat** (strong wrestler...could make some waves at the big tournaments at the end of the year)

**Fourth Place:** **Selo DiBlasio** (rough start, but it's all about how you finish)

**Jabari Hamilton** (best tournament for him by far)

We're looking forward to a great season with such a talented and committed group of wrestlers. Thanks for your support!

**Mr. Tom Fusilli, Wrestling Coach**

## November

During the month of November, several of our male teachers and students (below) are sprouting moustaches (and more) in support of Prostate Cancer Awareness and Research. Support a moustache near you!

