

THE KING'S HERALD

It is a land the **LORD** your God cares for; the eyes of the **LORD** your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

Deuteronomy 11:12

A NEW DAY HAS DAWNED...

Every September, it's a new beginning at King's as a fresh batch of Grade 9s streams through the doors, anxiously looking for a familiar face. Grade 11 girls squeal with delight as they catch a glimpse of a classmate they haven't seen since June. The guys have all grown about six inches.

Although I have been present for every "first day" since the school opened in 2001, this was a particularly meaningful one for me. This time I observed all the activity as a staff member, as King's new Director of Communications and Admissions. Now each student is a particularly interesting individual, not just one amongst a sea of faces. Each one has a story, a family, a heritage, a customized course load, a unique vision for their future. And what has struck me the most as I have spent a month acclimatizing to my new role and rubbing shoulders with the staff in a new way, is the profound respect each staff member has for each student. Each young man and woman is treated with dignity and honour, and a Christ-like approach to every interaction is the goal. I'm impressed. This is the kind of school the founding Board of Directors prayerfully envisioned nine years ago. It's a thrill to see it first-hand - and it warms my heart.

Just look what the Lord has done! "He has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126)

In service of the King, who delights in answering our prayers,
Sharon Roebbelen, Director of Communications and Admissions

GALA INVITATION

You may have received a Save-the-Date notice with your child's exams announcing our Sixth Annual Gala. We have decided to combine the Gala with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new expansion and have consequently moved the Gala to

NOVEMBER 9, 2006.

We trust you can accommodate this date, as it is a highlight on the King's calendar, and we invite you to join us for the festivities. This year, we will feature a Silent Auction, parent and student testimonials, a flute and harp duet featuring Joan Brown and Charlene Wallace, and of course, a fabulous dinner at the beautiful Burlington Convention Centre. More details to follow.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENT

Please welcome Michael Sintichakis (right) as he joins the King's staff as Director of Food Services. Michael has served on the King's Board of Directors for three years and has left his job as Director of Catering for the Holiday Inn on King in downtown Toronto in order to serve the students at King's. Michael will ensure that the King's kitchen serves fresh and wholesome foods every day and will oversee banquets, private events, retreats, church



functions and conventions held at our facility. Michael and his wife Susan have one daughter attending King's and two King's Graduates (Class of 2004 and Class of 2006).

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

If you haven't done so already, you'll want to check out King's newly updated website at the same address as before, www.kingschristian.net. Please bookmark it - or better yet, do as the staff does, and make it your home page! Important notices will be in the Quick Links section on the Home Page. The website will be updated regularly, so check your favourite sections often for all the latest news and pictures. If you have submissions or suggestions, please contact Sharon Roebbelen, Director of Communications and Admissions.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- *Thursday September 6*
3:30 - 6:00 pm
Grade 9 Welcome
Event, Hosted by Stu-
dent Council
- *Monday, October 9*
Thanksgiving Holiday
(school closed)
- *Thurs/Fri Oct 26 & 27*
Mid-Semester Study
Break (school closed)
- *Thursday November 9*
Ribbon Cutting Cere-
mony and Sixth Annual
Gala / Silent Auction

USED UNIFORMS

We are blessed by the volunteer efforts and entrepreneurial spirit of Grade Nine mom Anne Culham, who has tackled the Used Uniform program with gusto. Anne accepts donations of used uniform items, and then washes, bleaches and replaces buttons as needed, and irons them. They look brand new. They are sold at half the retail price and ALL the proceeds go towards the King's Library Fund. If you have a uniform item to donate, there is a box for this purpose in the office.

Drop by "The Closet" at the school every Wednesday in September from 8:30 to 9:30 am to check out the ever-increasing stock. For more information, contact Anne at (905) 274-5391 or email her at david.culham@sympatico.ca.

STUDENT DRIVERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS

Students who drive to school are required to sign a permission form whereby they agree to park in appropriate parking spaces, respect the 15 km/hr speed limit on school property, arrive promptly for classes and only transport students who have signed a Passenger Permission form. Passengers who wish to ride in a fellow student's vehicle are required to sign a form which grants them this privilege. Both forms require a parent's or guardian's signature and are available in the school office.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

If you haven't been to the school lately, you won't believe the progress that has been made on the expansion. Most of the second floor is now occupied, affording students the opportunity to study in more bright, spacious classrooms with large windows and skylights. The area looking down upon the atrium provides a great space for walking, talking and hanging out. Benches line the halls and provide great spots for chatting, reading, and checking class notes. Additional washrooms are now accessible. Still receiving finishing touches on the second floor are the Student Services area and the staff lounge. The showpiece of the entire expansion, of course, is the dramatic atrium, with its soaring beams and expansive windows. Adjacent to the atrium are the kitchen, the library and the new front offices, all still under construction. While the front offices are scheduled for occupancy by the end of September, completion of the remaining spaces is slated for October. You won't want to miss the **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony preceding the Gala on November 9** - watch for details about this exciting event. And meanwhile, drive by and admire the fabulous exterior, brick work and beautiful windows, as well as the new curbing and paved surfaces, all designed to form a seamless addition to the previous structure. Truly, a pleasure to behold!



The New Main Entrance
still receiving finishing touches

FASHION SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Mr. Dykstra, King's fashionista (def: a person working in or deeply involved in the fashion industry; a person devoted to fashion) took a few moments on Tuesday to remind students of the dress code expectations. Some things to keep in mind:

- You must be in uniform throughout the day and for all King's activities, including outings.
- Undergarments must be pure white and stay tucked in.
- Pants and skirts must bear the King's or McCarthy's logo.
- Hats, coats and jackets are to be kept in your locker.
- Phys Ed classes require King's gym apparel.

King's fashion conscious staff members are eager to help you stay in fashion this year and will formally remind you of appropriate fashion. Your parents may receive a phone call updating them on your fashion sense. (This is to be avoided.) King's staff may be eager to sell you clothes so that you keep abreast of the current King's fashion (this is also to be avoided).



Make sure you are in style so you don't miss classes or other important events!

NETWORKING

The King's facility may be nearing completion, but it will need extensive furnishing and equipping before it becomes a comfortable, useful space to work and learn. Your help is requested in supplying contact information for anyone who could facilitate the provision of new kitchen equipment, stoves, pizza ovens, fridges, toasters, food processors, microwave ovens, soup kettles, etc. Smaller items include kitchen utensils, knives, plates and serving trays. Office furniture required includes desks, chairs, tables, couches, and wall units. Receipts for gifts-in-kind may be available for donated items. If you or someone you know could supply such items, please contact Michael Sintichakis, Director of Food Services at msintichakis@kingschristian.net.



King's students in proper uniform. Good thing – it was Picture Day!

OPENING ASSEMBLY

All staff and students gathered for an opening assembly on Tuesday, joined by many enthusiastic (and curious) parents. Staff members were introduced and the Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed. This document is signed by all students and the principal and ensures that students understand and agree to basic rules of conduct for enrolment at King's. Highlights include:

- To be respectful of the property, avoiding damage and always tending to my own garbage. In community, be willing to tend to the garbage of others.
- To never steal anything that is not mine
- To use language that is edifying and to reject language that is vulgar or abusive. No student will be permitted to use the "F" word, give the finger or say "what the hell"
- To reject and avoid using computer technology for visiting pornographic web-sites
- To refrain from and avoid sending inappropriate messages such as gossip, name calling or slander
- To refrain from and avoid any and all racial slurs
- To abstain from and avoid any association with tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs or any other harmful substance while in uniform or any other activity associated with the school

Parents are encouraged to support students' efforts in upholding their commitments in these areas so that we may all leave peaceably as we work and learn at King's.



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

This coming academic year (2006/7), we are offering three destinations for our Mission trips: New Zealand, Dominican Republic and Modesto, California. These chaperoned trips provide students with solid educational experiences that have also been interesting and fun. The trips are designed to promote personal and spiritual growth, foster new relationships, increase cultural awareness, and allow for meaningful service opportunities. They have the potential to open doors and change lives. Interested students and parents are encouraged to pick up forms in the school office ASAP - the deadline is Sept. 30th to indicate interest! For more information, contact Mr. Masengi or Dr. Ashun.

FIRST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL...IMPRESSIONS

We surveyed the Grade Nines and asked for their impressions of their very first day of high school. Here are their thoughts:

- *Very nice building!*
- *Enlightening! It was better than expected! I LOVED it!*
- *Sooo much fun. Meeting new people. The teachers are amazing.* • *Not as bad as I thought.*
- *It was fun and different from other schools.*
- *I enjoyed it. Fun and the teachers are easy to talk to.*
- *I thought it was good, but kind of confusing exactly when classes start.* • *Not as scary as I expected.*
- *Exciting, confusing, fast.* • *It was pretty cool.*
- *It was very weird, different and eventful.*
- *It was very easy and I like all the classes I have.*
- *It was fin, but before I got to school, I was very nervous.*
- *It was more entertaining than elementary school.*
- *I enjoyed doing the activities - great school!*
- *Great looking school. SmartBoards are awesome. And my teachers are AWESOME!* • *I made new friends.*
- *I love my timetable. The staff are really helpful.*
- *King's is all I thought it would be and more.*
- *It's fantastic - a cool place.*

We couldn't have said it better! Congratulations to our amazing Grade Nines on a great first day!

PRAYER POLE

NEW TIME: Join our faithful group of praying parents and supporters **Thursday mornings at 8:30 beginning Sept 14** as we pray for the concerns of the King's community and give God the glory for His mighty work in our midst. This year we will have a designated room for our weekly prayer meeting and a staff representative to guide us in praying knowledgeably about the needs of the school community.

Pray for the many new students who have recently moved to the area, some for the express purpose of attending King's. This year we welcome students from as far away as Zimbabwe, Washington, England, South Africa, British Columbia, and Korea.

Pray for the tradesmen who continue to work on the building as we near completion of the expansion.



Mr. Ford's Ancient History class has a chance to examine artifacts from the Ontario Archeology Association on Wed, Sept 6.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Alan Goodhoofd, Class of 2006 Graduate and recipient of the Larry J. Wilson Memorial Award, has received great press as he joins the University of Waterloo's Warriors Men's Basketball Team as a 6'5" forward. Some background on Alan's performance:

Alan led his team to a OCSAA Gold in 2005 and 2006 while averaging 21 ppg (points per game) and 11 rpg (rebounds per game). He was a member of the Halton All-Stars who won the 2006 Hamilton Spectator Classic Tournament and he also won a JDP Gold while playing for the Central West team in 2005. He has been ranked as one of the top forwards in the province.

Warriors Head Coach Tom Kieswetter had this to say about Alan:

"Alan has the complete package, he can get it done at both ends of the floor with his well developed skill package. He is very athletic, makes great decisions and is fiercely competitive. Alan is ready to jump into the mix right away and we have very high expectations for this talented young man!"

Congratulations, Alan!