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our constitution. It was a long and, at times, un-

nerving task, yet God once again showed up. He always provides when we seek His will. We can be

proud of our new constitution and are thankful to

the Board for leading this challenging, yet reward-

goodness as evidence that He is active in our

Our students got to see, first hand, God's

Where have you seen the evidence of God's goodness in your life? Perhaps it's in the salvation of your children, or in His provisions. Maybe you've witnessed personal healing or answered prayer. God is always revealing Himself to us and pursuing a deeper relationship with us.

As I look back on the year, I can honestly say that the evidence of His goodness has been so

apparent. We have had the privilege of providing Christian education to 140 students this year, a number I would have never thought possible. We have two brand new classrooms and have been able to hire two new staff members next year, as we have begun to split our double grade classrooms.



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school. We saw His goodness through our school-wide devotions on Wednesdays. We saw His goodness through spiritual and academic growth. We saw His goodness through answered prayer. We saw His goodness through so many new students

We have faced some challenging moments this year, but that goes hand in hand when doing God's work. If you think about it, the disciples lived right in God's will yet still suffered challenges, persecution and even death. However, none of it was in vain and their work and life always brought glory to God.

This year, we had the challenge of updating

and families joining our community, even mid year. We see His goodness in fundraising efforts and new friendships forming and so much more.

We pray this coming school year will be just as eventful as the last. Take time to rest in His goodness.

Mr. Matthew Charron, Principal

# Board Message

It's summer and the school year is finished. I am sure the students and staff are excited for the summer break and are looking back on another successful and fulfilling school year.

We have been busy with new families joining us, welcoming new employees for a growing student population, and witnessing building plans come to life. It's easy to see what the Lord is doing and how He continues to bless the school, provide for us and guide us through the difficult challenges and exciting changes.

As a board, we meet once a month to discuss things occurring at the school and prayerfully ask the Lord how He would like us to steward His school and His children. We are so excited to continue to see a population growth trend and the completion of the construction of two new classrooms at the rear of the school. They were needed to be sure we can continue to support the student numbers. With the classrooms finished, we are back to our initial focus, completing the fundraising for building a gym!

We also took on the task of updating the schools By-Laws and Articles. Thank you to everyone who took the time to pray for us during this process, along with all the wisdom we received from members, pastors, and lawyers. Honestly, I think I can speak for all of us when I say we are so glad this is complete.

Our school couldn't run without its volunteers. I want to take this time to say a huge thank you for everyone who is willing to sacrifice their time to help. Your service to our school does not go unnoticed.

It can be difficult at times to chart a course for the school and figure out which priorities the Lord would have us focus our attention on at any given time. It is important to continue to remind ourselves that He is our compass. Please continue to pray for us as we navigate the ever-changing processes required to ensure our growing school is run efficiently and effectively for the children God and parents have entrusted to us.

As I wrap up, I want to take time to genuinely and truly thank all the teachers, admin and support staff for the hard work they do. You can see how they shower Christ's love all over our students. I was at the school just recently speaking with a teacher who mentioned that a student got hurt at recess, and the first thing some of the other students thought to do was to stop and pray for Gods protection for their hurt friend. This is why we send our children to WCS to allow them to learn about and show God's love to others. What an incredible blessing it is!

Thank you to everyone for being a part of this school. We are looking forward with great anticipation and expectancy to what God is going to do in His school next.

Kirstie Feddes, Board Chair

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# **More than Bricks Update!**



In 2001 we began a capital campaign called "More Than Bricks" to increase the footprint of our school. God has blessed us to be able to complete phase 1 and 1.5 of our building goals. Our entire focus will now be on our gymnasium and additional classrooms.

We are very excited to share the news that we have official drawings for our new phase! The committee will meet to go over the plans and to tweak them to our liking. We could not be more thrilled for our community to see what we have planned next. It will be incredible to host events like Grandparents Day and school plays on sight in our very own gymnasium. Additional classrooms will allow our population to increase and for us to provide quality Christ- centered education to more students in the Chatham-Kent area. More storage and common areas will make organization better and provide a neater looking school.

The Building Committee will be busy over the next few months. Over the summer we will have at least one work day where we will put new floors down and fix some drywall in the hallway. Please keep your ears open for dates as we will be looking for volunteers to assist with our work day.

We will begin a fundraising blitz which will go toward the gymnasium when our official plans are presented to our community. God has been faithful in allowing us the financial means to pay everything to date, but we are very aware that a new gymnasium will require people to see and support our vision moving forward. We could not be more grateful for all the donations that have been given to support "More Than Bricks" so far. Raising over \$1,000,000 is a testament to our faithful community and to the goodness of our God.

Keep your eyes open for our official plans for our gymnasium soon. We look forward to sharing them with you in the very near future. Until then, please continue to pray for our school as He leads our every decision.



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Congratulations, Graduates!

#### Cassandra Enns

Favourite Subject: Language (reading)

Favourite Bible Verse: Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You believe in God; believe also in me. My father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:1-2

*Favourite WCS Memory:* My favorite memory is at Lakewood this year because Norma and I spent a lot of time to-

gether on the dock listening to music and talking. Connecting with friends is one of my favourite things at WCS







## Josh Fehr

Favourite Subject: Bible

*Favourite Bible Verse*: 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Favourite WCS Memory: My favourite memory at

WCS is when I was in grade seven. We went to Lakewood campground. We played fun tricks on some of the other boys. There were also other things at Lakewood like when we played manhunt and Rowen fell asleep. It took us a while to find him.

## Rian Killoran

Favourite Subject: Art and Phys.Ed.

**Favourite Bible Verse**: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:29

Favourite WCS Memory: My favourite memory was

when we went to Canada's Wonderland. I got to go on most of the rides and some funny kids from a different school who screamed the entire ride.





## Alex Klassen

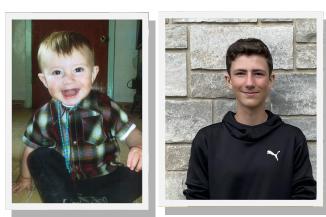
#### Favourite Subject: Phys.Ed.

#### Favourite Bible Verse: Let all bitterness and

wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another. Ephesians 4:31-32

#### Favourite WCS Memory: My favorite

memory at WCS was when the class went to Lakewood as a field trip. Lakewood was my favorite memory because at Lakewood I got to know my classmates and learn more about God.



# Cindy Klassen

Favourite Subject: Language

Favourite Bible Verse: Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Psalm 8:1

Favourite WCS Memory: My favorite memory

here at WCS would be when we went to Lakewood campground last year. We created strong bonds with each other and had really good conversations which made each of us grow more comfortable with each other.

#### Norma Klassen

Favourite Subject: Bible

Favourite Bible Verse: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21 Favourite WCS Memory: : My favourite

memory at WCS is Canada's Wonderland because I liked the thrill of the rides like the Yukon striker, Behemoth, and Leviathan. And it was fun seeing people scared.





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## Rodney Klassen

Favourite Subject: Phys.Ed.

Favourite Bible Verse: For God loved the world so

much that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Favourite WCS Memory: My favourite memory at

WCS is going to Fair Glen because it lasted a long time and also we could go canoeing in our free time.





#### Weston Kraayenbrink

Favourite Subject: Phys.Ed.

Favourite Bible Verse: Jesus looked at them and said,

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible". Matthew 19:26

**Favourite WCS Memory:** This took place when I was in grade 7. My class went to Lakewood to go camping. This is my favorite memory because I could hang out with my classmates and play man hunt and basketball.





# Stephen Kraayenbrink

Favourite Subject: Phys.Ed.

Favourite Bible Verse: Trust in the LORD

with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding Proverbs 3:5

Favourite WCS Memory: Making pop in science class. It was a lot of fun to do this experiment and to eat all the candy

#### Thysje Kramer

#### Favourite Subject: Bible

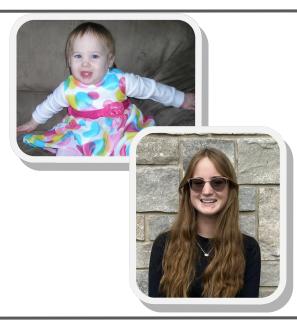
Favourite Bible Verse: Do not be anxious about

anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

Favourite WCS Memory: MY favorite memory

at WCS is when we went to Fair Glen. We challenged the other school that was there to a game of soccer. We lost 4-3 (by a technicality) when Weston threw the ball at Tim it went in. It was still a fun game and we made some friends.





#### Kennedy Roche

Favourite Subject: Language Favourite Bible Verse: There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end leads to death. Proverbs 14:12 Favourite WCS Memory: I've had many good memories at WCS, but if I had to pick my favorite it would be Fair glen this year. I liked spending time with my classmates and

friends and I tried new things. I did archery, canoeing, kayaking, volleyball and more. I learned a lot about the other girls during our late-night talks in the cabin too. It was a very fun experience and I'll remember it for a long time.

#### Zachary Shaw

Favourite Subject: Phys.Ed!!!!!

*Favourite Bible Verse*: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6

#### Favourite WCS Memory: My favorite memory

at WCS is when we went to District Field Day this year. It was probably my best year ever. We got 4th in the relay and I got 5th in the 1500m out of 17 people. This was where I became friends with a guy named Colton who I actually really like.







Re:find was started with a two fold mission: to help support WCS financially and to be an active and engaging witness in our local community. It is awesome to see how God is blessing us in return through our community. Please join us in our mission through volunteering, donations and prayer.

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THANK YOU, RE:FIND, FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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