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*"How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings."
Psalm 36:7*

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Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. " And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:14-16

Dear Families and Friends of WBCA;

Last week as I was walking through West Bay rather late in the afternoon (it seemed later than it actually was as I was still not used to the time change), I was taken aback by the number of after-school activities that provided for our students. I had just left a meeting with the Preschool teacher, across the hall from the Preschool Extended Day program. Because of their ages, the Preschool children are cared for separately from the K - 8 kids who are in the K - 8 Extended Day program.

As I wandered down the hall, I took in the distinct savory aroma of pizza coming from the computer lab. Naturally I felt compelled to investigate (both the activity and the smell) and was quite impressed as I watched the Robotics Club going through a routine they are going to present at an upcoming competition. The students were really into their performance, and the technical devices they were creating were ingenious. (I was disappointed to learn the pizza was gone.)

As I looked through the windows at the other wing across the yard, I noticed the Chinese class (that I had promised to visit) was still going on, so I ventured over and was, once again, impressed with this unique offering. Fortunately, the curriculum involved cooking of Chinese food that day, but unfortunately, that also was gone.

Walking back toward the gym, I first ran into (almost literally) the extended day children who were charging in from the playground. Proceeding on, I found a most energetic bunch practicing for the upcoming Christmas program, which, to my pleasure, somehow involved football. (Naturally I felt the need to contribute my professional expertise.) While waiting for the afterschool programs to finish, there was a Women's Bible Study meeting in the library. Outside the gym were the sign-up sheets for basketball for middle school boys' and girls' teams AND for the new cheerleading squad, which is going to begin soon.

As I gathered my things and walked toward my car, I looked back at the well-lit school and was suddenly very thankful for the many opportunities that we are able to offer West Bay students. A school full of children who, at 5:00 in the evening, is still buzzing with enthusiasm for learning things going far beyond the normal school curriculum. That light burned brightly through the early night's darkness, as a symbol of what we are to be to the world. I went home, very appreciative of the many members of the West Bay community who make possible such a wide range of opportunities—and was finally able to eat dinner.

Rick Clarkson
Headmaster

In the spirit of Thanksgiving...

From the Teachers:

They say, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach" ... It may also be the way to a teacher's heart!!!! The faculty and staff want to say THANK YOU to the parents of the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for their fabulous monthly lunches. This comment from one of the teachers sums up how we all feel ... "I love these days because I get a nice lunch and I just want them to know they are appreciated."



From Admissions:

A big THANK YOU to the parents and students who acted as ambassadors and tour guides for the November 8th Admissions Open House - Mrs. Chris Kralicky; Mrs. Andrea Mederios, Max (Grade 6), and Julia (Grade 3); Bryan McCormack (Grade 8); and Mrs. Stephanie Paziienza and Paul (Grade 2). You helped to make the inquiring families feel welcomed and comfortable, showing them why West Bay is such a special school.

Thank you too to the volunteers who provided the yummy refreshments the guests (and the guides!!!) enjoyed.

From the Athletic Department:

Mr. Alex Egan, grandfather of the Kralickys - Joey (Grade 7), Laura (Grade 4), and Evan (Grade 1) - arranged for his homeowners' association to donate two basketball hoops to West Bay. Big THANK YOUs to Mr. Egan and to Mrs. Kralicky for facilitating this donation.

We now need parents willing to install the poles. If you are able to lend a hand, please let Mrs. Dennis know.

Operation Christmas Child:

Thank you for your overwhelming response to this service project. Boxes are due to school by tomorrow, **Friday, November 20th**. They will then be taken to Quidnessett Baptist Church, as the collection point for the area.

Maike Morrison (Grade 6) has done a *fantastic* job as the coordinator. She has shown her organization skills and her creativity, as well as the depth of the love of Christ in her heart.

Oops ... from the Front Desk

In the last Bulletin, I forgot to include someone's birthday in the November birthday list. Hope it was happy!!!

Daphne Boudreau (Grade 5) 11/18

Athletics Department Request

Mrs. Dennis is requesting any pictures of the soccer team and intramural soccer players, taken by parents or students. She is gathering together whatever is available for the sports banquet at the end of the year (SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, May 25, 2010). Please forward any hard copies or electronic files (adennis@wbca.info) to her. Thanks!!!

From the Community

There will be "A Christmas Carol" Women's Bible Study at Christ Church, Wednesday mornings, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th, 9:30 am to 11:30 am. They will be watching segments from the movie and discussing the themes of selfishness, regret, repentance, and salvation. This will be an interdenominational group study. Childcare is provided. For more information, contact Mary Morrison at 884-5430.

Parent Survey

The Board of Trustees and the Staff would like to invite you to complete a short survey that will help us understand better your thoughts about the school. This is just the first step to several that will begin an ongoing dialogue between the school's leaders and our parents as we partner to educate your children.

This survey has also been done by our accreditation body, ACSI, on a national level, and your answers will help us compare to other Christians school around the country. In the next several weeks and months, we will add questions that will provide us more detail on what you value and want from WBCA.

Please visit our website - www.westbaychristianacademy.com - to complete the survey. Both parents can fill it out individually if they like. We will close out this survey on December 1st, and will post the results.

Thank you for your feedback and helping us as we work to move the school to greater distinctiveness and excellence.

Mark Your Calendar

For more/updated information, visit www.westbaychristianacademy.com

Friday, November 20th
Picture Retake, 8:30 am

WBCA Gala & Lifetime Service Award Recognition
at Quonset O Club, 6 - 9 pm

Tuesday, November 24th
1st Trimester ends (Day 56)

Wednesday, November 25th - Friday, November 27th
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, December 2nd
PVB Monthly Meeting
WBCA Conference Room 135, 1:15 - 3 pm



WBCA Writer's Corner

Diamante is the Italian word for diamond. This poetic form, created by the poet Iris Tiedt, takes the form of a diamond when it is completed. Mrs. Plante and Mrs. Perreira's 4th grade classes followed the Diamante pattern that develops one topic using nouns, adjectives and action words.

A Diamante Poem by Lindsay Roberts

Ocean
blue, beautiful
crashing, misting, spraying,
breaking on the shoreline,
soothing to our souls,
jumping, playing, waving,
dull, clear
God's masterpiece