



The Walls are Falling



The school is moving into the second month of the year, and it seems to be going so fast. As you recall our school-wide theme for the year is “Breaking Down the Walls” as chosen by our SALT team. SALT is busy solidifying continued plans to see this fleshed out in our student activities throughout the year. Much has happened in this regards, and much will happen. Upon reflecting on the month of September we have felt the Lord’s hand in our work and in our school. Our students, your children, are blessings to us each and every day.

As parents, you have seen and experienced many changes to our program that have been implemented this year. Perhaps you haven’t noticed anything different and maybe this year is not unlike any other, or this might be your first year with us and you are just now coming to understand how the ship is moving and happening, or maybe you are someone who has been a part of things for awhile and are questioning some of the changes that are happening. From our perspective, we have finished a month that has kept us on our toes as a staff because of all the changes that we have implemented this year. We love this place and believe in what is happening, but change takes work, thus making for a very busy month ... and it only gets busier. Through all of these changes, all of us can certainly agree on one key ingredient that remains about us: God continues to richly bless us as a school and as a community. As a staff, we try to openly acknowledge this everyday.

In regards to some of the changes and/or re-direction, perhaps you have a question or desire some guidance in some areas. We’d love to receive your feedback / questions / concerns:

- How is the late start Thursday for your family?
- What is/are your child/ren saying about the BABs (the Big Audacious Blocks that are 2 ½ hours long) on Thursdays?

Dates and Events	
Oct 8, 9	CTABC Convention—No School
Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day—No School
Oct 13	Picture Retakes
Oct 16	Interims for Sem 1, Term 1 sent home
Oct 17	ACS Auction
Nov 2	Christian College Info Day 11:45—2:45 p.m.
Nov 11	Remembrance Day—No School
Nov 19	ACS Society Meeting @ Middle School Campus
Nov 25, 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences—Evening
Nov 27	No School

- What does your son or daughter think about the theme that SALT chose?
- How do you feel about the money that was spent on technology at our school in the past year?
- Does your child appreciate his or her teachers and do you feel that their classes are God Glorifying?
- Are there school rules or policies that your child is simply fed up with or just doesn’t understand how it fits with who we are as a school? Or another???

Julius Siebenga
Principal

Nicaragua Trip

The dates are set, the application process has started, and the team of teachers and students will soon be chosen. ACS, as part of our worldview and desire for wholistic education, is once again partnering with Worldwide Christian Schools to send a working team to Nicaragua. Most of the schools there struggle with lack of adequate facilities and supplies, under-trained teachers, and have minimal understanding of Christian education. The desire of WWCS is to work alongside the Nicaraguan communities to build up a sustainable system for which Christian education can thrive. Outside teams therefore come to develop, train and empower the communities to carry out this task on their own. During the first week of Spring Break, a team will be heading down to improve the facilities of one of the affiliated schools. Last year, the team was successful in helping out the community of Esperanza – making a lasting impression not only on the community but on the team itself. Come out to support the various fundraisers for this trip throughout the year and most importantly, we would love your prayers for effective preparation for our team and the communities we will meet.



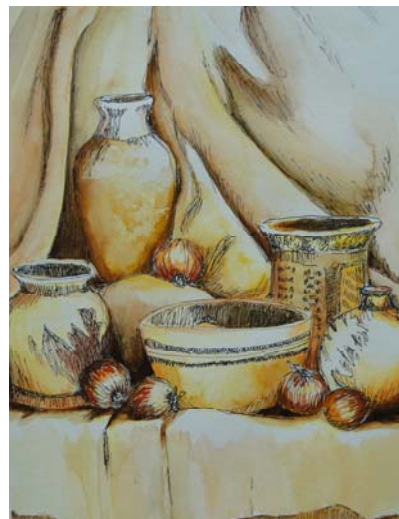
Pamela Van Dop
Community Life

Chapel/Praise Teams

With the start of a new school year comes the formation of new praise teams. It was beautiful to see students with a heart for God come out to audition for such a vital part of worship in chapels. We were able to form two teams to set up an every other week schedule. Congratulations and I look forward to working with these talented groups:

Eun Soo Kim	Janell Palmer	Amy Meindersma	Julia Miller
Ashley Ridder	Ethan Van Ee	Rob Workman	Jocelyn Janzen
Josh Kyun	Peter Van Bodegom	Evan Scholing	Reuben Spyker
J.P Pater	Jenna Kastelein	Wes Verbeek	

Work done by some our AP Studio Art students.....



Rubber Chicken Challenge

The third annual Rubber Chicken Challenge, held on Thursday, September 24, once again brought competition, fun and excitement to the halls of ACSS. This year, teams not only competed in their 22 groups, but also contributed their points to 7 houses. These 7 houses are teams of 3 or 4 groups that will work together all year on various events and activities to accumulate points all year long. This year's events included the classic tug-o-war, challenging mind puzzles, and an artistic recreation puzzle, amongst others. Students showed their team work, enthusiasm and encouragement all day long. When the dust finally settled, the proud 'Code Red' house stood proudly hoisting the incredible Rubber Chicken trophy high. Once again, the challenge had proven to be a highlight and a success!



Patrick Naayer
Rubber Chicken Challenge Coordinator

S.A.L.T. (Student Action Leadership Team)

Our SALT team started the year off by spending a day together in August, planning for the upcoming year, preparing and sharing a meal and selecting a theme. The theme that we chose and then ran by all the students is "BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS". The supporting Bible verse is: I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13). We want to be a part of breaking down walls like hunger, prejudice, loneliness, exclusiveness and other social barriers that hamper community.

Our goal this year is to do this by reflecting Christ, building community, representing the student body and celebrating this year with fun events. Our plan is to carry out our goals through serving others.

On the first day of school we broke down a few walls by meeting, greeting and helping new students when they entered our school for the first time. The rest of the year already promises to be special – we are planning activities and events for the whole school; including the 30 hour famine, air band, common grounds, fun & dress-up days, a dance, the community outreach weekend (COW)... We're looking forward to being servant-leaders in our school this year!

* GRAD 2010 *

The student grad committee is made up of a group of 13 grade 12 students who represent our classmates and who volunteer our time to make sure that Grad 2010 is the best grad ever! Our vision is to build community in our class, to be an example to the school and to embrace the concept that it is better to give than to receive. Our grad committee is working on planning a student activity day for this fall or winter which will include service and community building events. We will also meet with the parents who volunteered to be on the grad committee. We'll ask the parent committee to plan a student activity day for the end of June and to plan the grad banquet & cruise. We will also design a sweatshirt to celebrate our grad.

Our grad is spread out over a whole month! The events are planned so that we have a chance to celebrate our years together and then we can come back to share our experiences before going our separate ways. The Commencement, which honors our achievement and celebrates ACS's mission will be the final, culminating event of our grad celebrations.

MANY THANKS from us to the parents who are working on the Parent Grad Committee to make our grad memorable. We appreciate the time you spend to make our celebrations so special!

DATES: (To be announced)	Student Planned Activity Day
May 28	Banquet & cruise
June 18	Parent Planned Activity Day
June 29	Commencement

The Grad 2010 Committee

The Taming of the Shrew is coming...

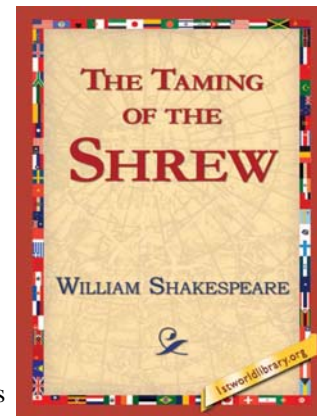
I must confess that I feel the same way as many of our community does about Shakespeare. It is confusing text, funky poetry, and tough to get through. I've put it off for my 17 years of teaching but now feel that I am ready to give it a shot. I have seen *Bard on the Beach* and other companies do a bang-up job with Shakespeare and am now excited to try it myself ... well perhaps not **just** myself. You see, the deal is that I wouldn't direct a Shakespeare without the support of a couple of colleagues. Both Miss Re-bain and Mr DeJong have jumped on board and we are off and running.

You may have seen the two comedies that we have done in the last 3 years. This style of comedy (particularly *It Was a Dark and Stormy Night*) is what I would classify as 'low-brow comedy'. This means it has a lot of slap-boom-bang physical comedy that appeals to the masses. This is also true of *Taming of the Shrew*. Take a few college students, some disobedient servants, a beastly woman, and a sister who delights the attention of every man and you have lots of opportunity for good laughs.

It is unrealistic for me, or any of my colleagues or cast, to expect our audience will follow every word and understand every expression. The goal is that our audience will enjoy the comedy and come away with an understanding of the core of the plot. The cast had a great time laughing through the read-thru last Tuesday, and I suspect our audience will leave wondering why we hadn't done Shakespeare earlier! It's going to be fun. It's going to be a huge show. We have 23 kids on the stage, another 23 set builders (re-creating Bourbon St, New Orleans), Molly Teichroeb completing a portfolio of costume design, plus the kids who will do make-up, props, promo, etc, etc. By the end of it, we will have a large community of excited kids and teachers pulling this show together.

You won't want to miss this theatrical event!

Mr Kiers Drama Director



REQUIRED TO GRADUATE in June 2010:

In order to graduate **ALL** of our grade 12 students must complete a Ministry required course called Graduation Transitions (GTP). Each grade 12 student will meet with Mrs. Bakker during the month of October to discuss what has to be done to meet the requirements & to talk about their post secondary plans. Our goal is to have all graduating students complete their GTP by the end of first semester. *There will be a mandatory time set aside during the exam week at the end of January for students who do not finish their GTP by the end of first term.* The necessary forms are available on the Abbotsford Christian School web site – campuses - secondary campus – college & career links.

In order to complete the requirements our students must:

- Complete their Tradex career field trip form
- Do at least 30 hours of volunteer or work experience
 - Have their work/volunteer supervisor complete an evaluation form
- Finish, record & have signed
 - a minimum of 80 hours of vigorous physical activity
- Complete a detailed assignment which relates to college and/or career expectations and plans.

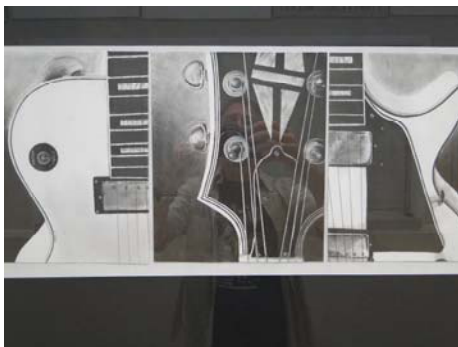
Our students are strongly encouraged to complete this work as soon as possible.

*Every student at ACS has web mail which is accessible at home – the career department is sending **ALL** important senior information & the senior's page to students via their individual emails. Students must check this regularly and read their daily notices to keep up with the information they will need regarding grad, jobs, college & career information & other important senior announcements.

*Graduating & other senior students are offered opportunities to attend seminars offered by the post secondary institutes of BC / ACS campus visits by some post secondary institutions / the Christian College Tour visit to ACS on Nov. 2 / a Christian College tour offered locally / opportunities to visit campuses of interest during special view days for prospective students / a visit to Tradex in December which highlights many employment and educational opportunities.... All of these opportunities are made available to our students to enhance their knowledge of options available to them when they are answering their calling & making decisions about their post secondary options.

Brenda Bakker
College and Career Counseling

More work by our AP Studio Art students



Sr. Girls Volleyball

Hard work, determination and discipline have been our focus for this present season (maybe with a little bit of fun in the mix too). The girls have been practicing almost everyday, pushing themselves to represent their Creator, school and selves to the best of their ability. I am so proud to say that I think we are well on our way to accomplishing this goal.

Our regular season action started this week on a little bit of a low but sky rocketed with an emotionally charged win last night in our home gym. The girls played amazingly... serving, swinging, digging and of course cheering. We are currently sitting with a 1 and 3 record with lots more playing to come. We will be playing in the second of our four tournaments this coming weekend in Langley and are excited for the opportunity to work on our game play both mentally and physically.

Our game schedule is posted on the athletics portion of the secondary website, so please feel free to check it out and support the girls by coming out to watch and cheer.

I have an immense amount of confidence in these players and am so excited to share in their successes and their learning opportunities this season.

Our Roster: Our Coaches:

Kyoko Makishita Alison Lammers
 Gabby Kampman Brenda Stoker
 Micah Cheese
 Shayna Bruinsma
 Karli McGrail
 Melissa Stoker
 Vivienne Veerman
 Jamie Lynn Ridder
 Emma Soeten
 Jessica Stoker
 Jenna Vos

Coach, Alison Lammers



For more information about the Athletic program check out the website at: www.abbotsfordchristian.com
 go to: Secondary >Athletics



You can check out the Volleyball or Cross Country Schedule

Or for more information, you can contact our Athletic Director, Mr. Vince Van Dyk
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