

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

BY: ANNA



PACIFIC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL -

Everywhere anyone looks, Christians at PCS are showing God's love in action. Students, teachers, staff and parents do all sorts of acts of kindness. Some acts of kindness are public and others are only seen by God.

Did you know that some parents recently went to View Towers to serve meals to people who were left homeless from the fire? Or that high school students sing at churches and care homes? Have you noticed the devotion that the teachers and staff show to students? This is especially noticeable at a time when public school teachers are on strike.

How does our school show God's love?

The elementary school theme this year was "Love Does." Some of the things the elementary school did this year to show love in action were the Ambassadors helping program, making Operation Christmas shoe boxes, and collecting things for the Compassionate Resource Warehouse for people in need. The whole school also donated 3000 pounds to the Mustard Seed.

This year the high school handed out "Kindness Changes Everything" cards that were exchanged by students to acknowledge good deeds. Grade twelve students went on a mission's trip to Mexico, the most exciting trip that everyone waits for. Another PCS high school trip was to Japan, which was mostly learning about another country and its lifestyles, but students were also able to talk about Christ. So even though people don't think they are doing anything special they can still be a blessing to others and find a way to spread the word of God.

It's been a good year. As we break for summer let's all remember to show the love of Christ in everything we do, "...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

This edition of the Pacer Press has the privilege of including an insert from our Grade 8 students. Under the guidance of Mrs. McGhee, Mrs. Deringer and Ms. Yuson (one of our student teachers this term), the four classes each produced one insert for the Pacer Press. The planning, designing, writing and editing was well done, complete with final layout. As an editorial team, we had the difficult ask of compressing these four entries into one insert. We hope you enjoy this view of PCS through the eyes of our grade 8 students!

STUDY CENTER

BY: JARED, MAXWELL AND MARCUS

The Study Centre is a place where Mrs. Hawthorne and the E.As give lots of help. The Study Centre can be as quiet as a good neighborhood if you are doing a test, or loud as a monster truck event when playing games. The Study Centre also has a great selection of books, comics and magazines. There is a little selection of board games for when you are done your homework. There are 4 computers to do homework on, 3 exercise balls, and several wobble stools to sit on, which are really comfortable and quiet compared to the exercise balls because they squeak when you move on them. So, if you ever need to catch up on your homework, the study center is the place to go. It's a great spot to hang out and learn.



GRADE 7 SALTS TRIP

BY: SIMON, BRANDON & GAVIN

Victoria

Every year, the grade seven students of Pacific Christian School set sail on a trip of their life time on S.A.L.T.S (Sea and Life Training Society) to Winter Bay. The idea is to get out on the open sea, to bond with friends and teachers, explore, eat and stay up all at night on watch duty. The students will learn how to set sail and what to do while on board a sailboat. The students will also have a chance to have some fun on the boat itself.

S.A.L.T.S is the chance for grade seven students to be out in nature on the water for a life changing experience with either Captain Tony Anderson or Captain Dave Eggert on either the Pacific Grace or the Pacific Swift.

THE PACIFIC GRACE AND THE PACIFIC SWIFT

The Pacific Grace was built at the S.A.L.T.S. Heritage Shipyard in Victoria; the Pacific Grace slipped her lines May 31, 2001 to embark on her maiden voyage. She completed several successful seasons of coastal programs



before embarking in September 2003 on her maiden offshore voyage to the "South Pacific." The Pacific Grace also sailed offshore from June 2007-June 2008.

The Pacific Swift was built by S.A.L.T.S. as a working exhibit at Expo 86 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Pacific Swift has sailed over 100,000 deep-sea miles on training

voyages for trainees. The offshore travels have taken passengers to Australia, Europe, remote communities on Easter and Pitcairn Islands, and more. Both the Pacific Swift and the Pacific Grace provide a 5-10 day sailing training program for young people along the coast of British Columbia.



PCS Art Work

By: Anna and Tyrel

Since the beginning of the year, many works of art have been displayed throughout both the elementary and high school buildings of Pacific Christian School. Teachers and students alike have the opportunities to post their drawings, paintings, photographs, collages, etc. in the hallways, where they can be enjoyed by anyone who happens to pass by.

"My favorite thing about art is the joy that it brings, and the voice that it can give," says Thomas Snell, while preparing for the play *Alice in Wonderland*, presented by the grade seven drama class.

Many of the works include God, or God's works in them somehow. "Yes, it's a challenge to understand, but I enjoy it," continues Snell, after being asked whether he enjoys bringing God into his work.

The art is displayed in the schools as a way to showcase the talent of students, and also as a way to decorate and bring more beauty into the school.

"Art is a way for people to find joy and meaning, and they can share that with others...Art is always changing. I find that it's affected by technology and current issues. It's an expression of life, and it's dependent on the changing culture of the world."

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM MAKES PCS HISTORY

BY: LUKE, MAKENZIE AND JOHNNY; SPORTS REPORTERS

Pacific Academy, Langley B.C.

The PCS senior girls basketball team made history by winning their first Christian Schools tournament ever.

The senior girls had won their first two games, guaranteeing them a spot in the final round against Abbotsford Christian School. It was at a one point differential for the whole game, and in the last quarter, Abbotsford pulled ahead by 9, forcing PCS into a timeout. In the last few seconds of the game, PCS had been cheering louder than ever and were drowning out ACS's coach. The team worked together, building up each other's self-esteem, confident they would win the final game. The constant support from parents and coaches and the extreme effort of the team won them the 2013-2014 Christian Schools Championship.



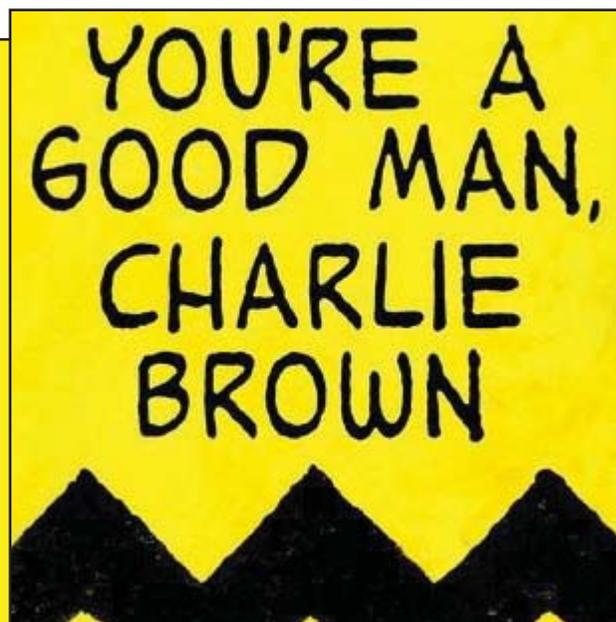
"I immediately felt an over whelming sadness, not only because we had finally won the championship, but because it was my last tournament as a Pacer." Said PCS grad Erin Olsen.

"I think that more was on the line because we were the 'underdog' team. The thing that stuck with me was this quote by Michael Jordan: 'I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.'"

**PACIFIC CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS,
"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN
CHARLIE BROWN."**

BY: GABRIELLE, JESSICA AND BELLA

From June 4th - 7th at Pacific Christian School, the musical theatre group will be performing, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," directed by Matthew Howe, the musical theatre teacher at P.C.S. Mr. Howe has been teaching musical theatre, drama, choir and band at PCS for five years and has been in this profession for 30 years. After asking Mr. Howe what inspired him to do this production he said, "I have known the show for a long time and it was something different that I think the audience will enjoy." A huge amount of work has been put into this play. The 19 cast members, orchestra and backstage crew involved in this production have spent a total of 200 hours preparing in addition to their school work. This musical is a tribute to the original comic strip by Charles M. Schulz. "The audience watching should expect great music, a high production value and that all the viewers should walk away from this composition feeling like they've made some new friends" said Mr. Howe



STUDENTS FACE GRUELING TREK

BY: JAELYN AND JAMIE

A rugged 75km trail, enormous ladders, and an all-around grueling trek, aka the West Coast Trail. 13 Grade 11/12 students and 3 teachers embarked on one of the most demanding journeys in North America.

They have gone on one trip already from May 1st to the 6th and they left on another on May 19th to the 24th. On the third day of their trip, it started pouring rain. They were cold and the trail was muddy. The West Coast Trail is not for the faint of heart, as some students found out for themselves. The students agree that the nature and building up friendships were the absolute highlights.

Grade 11, Haojie Li's advice to future west coast trailers is "it is very important to have a pair of rain pants, gaiters and water proof hiking boots and also to bring warm clothes and double secure them in case it gets wet so that they can be warm at night." She also said "It was an awesome trip, even the difficulties all become the beautiful memories afterward and I will never forget it."

THIS YEAR IS GOING OUT WITH A SPLASH!

BY: NICK AND KALEB

Pacific Christian School

The anticipation of the end of the year fun-fair will start growing soon, and with summer coming quickly, this year's Summer Splash is set to be a fantastic experience!

The annual end of the year fun fair, done by the pcs leadership class, always provides a great way to finish off a school year. Over the previous years, the Fair has provided us with bouncy castles, a dunk tank, photo booths, concessions and many more awesome activities!

Punch cards for the activities will be available for five dollars each, or twenty dollars for a family of five or more. (Additional punch cards will also be available for five dollars each.)

Erin Olsen, one of the many people helping to run and organize this event, says that "The Summer Splash is a family and community based fundraiser for Safe Water Haiti. We hope to raise funds for Safe Water Haiti, and also to bring our school and our community together for a good cause. We are striving to make this an enjoyable event for all ages."



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