



# CONNECTION

July 2019

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**Mission Statement:**

Our aim is to assist parents in educating covenant children in accordance with God's Word as we confess that in the Three Forms of Unity, to equip and assist them in developing their individual gifts and talents for a joyful life of responsible stewardship to God's glory.

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## FROM THE BOARD

Mr. James Meinen  
Principal

Another school year is complete! Another year to look back on and give thanks, another year we can see many of God's blessings. We can see growth, students maturing, students developing talents and abilities, and we can see the student's enthusiasm. This is all evident at the school assemblies, concerts, yearend grad, it is evident in their school work they take home, and their joy and enthusiasm bubbles over when they come home, and in this we can see God's gracious hand. We can also celebrate as a community at the graduation of 6 students last week. We are so thankful for the many gifts and talents of our graduates and we wish them the Lord's blessing as they go onto high school and beyond. We can and also celebrate as a community because this is definitely a community effort. Our school would not be possible without the efforts of everyone here in Owen Sound. We thank the many volunteers and members and donators. We can see the Lord's blessing here too, where we work together in unity.

As the school year is over the staff are spending a bit of time at the school cleaning up and making preparations for school this fall. This summer the carpets are getting professionally cleaned, the grade 1&2 classroom is getting a new set of desks to accommodate a larger class size, and we are doing some work on the upper room to prepare it to be a classroom in the fall.

We value your opinion as members of the school society so we asked for your thoughts by requesting that you fill out a SWOT. We received a number of these back and have been very encouraged by many of the comments on them but there are also a number of things that stand out for us to work on too. We will be having a strategic planning session in lieu of a regular board meeting in July to focus our attention and to develop a list of priorities. Thank you to everyone that responded to this SWOT. We will publish some of the information we received at a later date.

We hope and pray that everyone has an enjoyable, memorable summer, and has time to praise God in His creation and together with friends and family. We also like to wish our teachers an enjoyable break, that they may be ready to come back recharged and full of enthusiasm to teach a record number of students in the fall!

On behalf of the Board,  
Alex Sikkema



## TREASURER'S REPORT

What a blessing to witness another graduation at Harvest! It's a real pleasure.

Another pleasure is the continual experience of unity together as board, staff, committees and membership. Reflecting on the year behind us, we can be very thankful for how God has equipped us with everything we need at Harvest. He is good! As we continue into the summer, wishing the staff and volunteers much enjoyment, and hopefully an opportunity to recharge after a wonderful year. Great job to all!

As we enter July, the beginning of a new school year, the new approved budget takes place with the following rates:

Parental: From \$700 to \$710/month (1.4% increase)  
General: From \$300 to \$310/month  
Single/Retired: \$160/month maintained  
Student: \$50/month maintained.

We recognize the enormous financial commitment from all

members and donors. Thank you for your support! At the same time, we're very thankful that Harvest can continue to operate efficiently with very minimal annual fee increases; a trend that we hope can continue with consistent manageable growth!

We're excited to begin another year, and look forward to continued planning, improvements, and working together with the membership - to God be the Glory!

**Mark Hutten**

The following NEW school fees are in effect as of July 1, 2019!

\$710.00 - Parental  
\$310.00 - General  
\$160.00 - Single/Retired  
\$50.00 - Student.



## FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

School busyness seems to have come to an abrupt halt. After a flurry of field trips, sport events and curriculum, summer holidays has arrived and with it a bit of a reprieve from the school routine. For the EdCom it's also a time to take a bit of a breather before the next school year begins. At this time we'd like to highlight a few things:

1. We've received feedback from this year's grade nine students and are thankful that for the most part they were well equipped for high school, even though some seemed to miss Harvest recess and the small school feel.

2. We thank the parents for their feedback and direction for developing the grade 7/8 health/sex ed unit. We continue to peruse and approve resources to aid the instruction of this topic which should be unveiled in the coming school year.
3. We are very thankful for the abundance of volunteers at Harvest and their dedication and enthusiasm in their selfless service to Harvest!
4. We welcome Curtis Hutten to the EdCom as the Board liaison and wish him the Lord's strength and guidance in this new-to-him task. It's

rewarding work to be busy with the heart of Harvest's education program and the daily excitement of a Christian school.

5. And again, a big thank you to our staff for their selfless, loving, dedicated, fun, patient, and godly commitment to their task, and to their assistance in our task of raising the children God has entrusted to us! We wish you a restful and refreshing summer!

On behalf of the Ed Com,  
James Gunnink

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

As I sit and write this report my classroom walls are empty, the halls are quiet, and textbooks, bibles and Books of Praise sit in neat piles on my back table. Last night Harvest said good bye to the graduating class of 2019, and today marks the first day of summer holidays for our students. The season of school has ended, and summer season is upon us. For the graduates, the season of elementary school has ended, and a new season of high school awaits. When reflecting upon the seasons of life I am immediately reminded of the Book of Ecclesiastes.

*"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to cry and a time laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace".*

A few verses later in verse 11 we read: *"God has made everything beautiful for its own time"*. We could see some of that beauty at graduation, where we could celebrate the blessings we have at Harvest and look back upon how good God has been to us. The Education Committee could also hear about some of the beautiful blessings at Harvest in the graduate surveys that made their way to us a few weeks ago. One former Harvest student wrote: *Recess is awesome at Harvest, I really miss recess. Now that I go to a Catholic high school, with a very shallow religious program, it really makes me miss the Bible program at Harvest. Harvest also has a really great atmosphere, I miss being friends with everyone in the school. Harvest also did a ton of singing and concerts, which I especially miss.* It is nice know our graduates miss Harvest!

But Ecclesiastes 3:11 states that God has made everything beautiful for its own time. Really? Everything? When looking back at this past year, we have so much to celebrate, but there were times at school when things were challenging. Times when one student acted mean towards another. Times when hurtful words were said. Times when students faced frustration when

they could not grasp a concept and struggled academically. Is there somehow beauty in this?

Well, mean acts and unkind words are not beautiful. The text does not say everything is beautiful, but rather that God can take even the bad things and in the proper season turn them around and use them for the good he intends. I came across a great quote that highlights this: all sunshine and no rain, makes a desert. Tough situations can help make us stronger, can strengthen our faith, can help us develop more empathy and can bring the communion of saints closer. Even in difficult situations God is at work in our lives. While we look back and celebrate all the positives this past year, we can also praise God He was with us when we struggled. For we can rest assured he works all things to our good. And this allows us to be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and that no creature shall separate us from his love (LD 10).

On behalf of the staff, I want to wish everyone a wonderful summer season. We pray after a season of rest and relaxation, we will see an energized group of students and volunteers back in the fall!

*James Meinen*

### Looking ahead:

While the 2019-2020 year may seem far away, a lot of planning for this year has already taken place. Perhaps the most work has been devoted to prepping for a very large incoming grade 1 class. A few weeks ago, we welcomed a record number of grade 1 students - 12 to be exact. Our large number of incoming grade 1 students, coupled with a large grade 2 class, has led us to splitting this class for a 1/3 of every day. To make this work we have been blessed to hire Ms. Amanda Kapteyn. She will be teaching grade 2 upstairs in the catechism room. Work has been done and will continue to be done to transform this upstairs space into a classroom. Desks have also been ordered and most have already arrived for grade 1/2. These desks are bit smaller than the old ones and will allow us to make more effective use of the space.

You can also find the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year attached to this bulletin. Finally, for those who are eager to get a jump on back to school shopping, we have attached a list of needed school supplies.



## Campfire! Cleaning help:

I know most of you are not thinking about the end of the summer before it has even begun, but we have once again been given the opportunity to clean Campfire as a fundraiser for Harvest's Student Fund. Clean up week will be from Monday, August 26 - Wednesday, August 28. If you can let Brenda V. know which day works best for you that would be great. Come all day, for a morning, or for an afternoon! Remember to bring your older children to help as well. Many hands make light work! You can reach Brenda at (519) 375-6688 or [bmvangroothest@gmail.com](mailto:bmvangroothest@gmail.com). Thanks!

## Supplies for 2019-2020

This list is updated from previous years, please ensure that your child/ren have everything on this list in September.

### Grade 1 & 2

- ✓ Non-marking soled running shoes suitable for Phys Ed.
- ✓ A change of clothing in case of accident (Grade 1 only)
- ✓ Pencil Case
- ✓ Pencil Crayons
- ✓ Pipsqueak Washable Markers
- ✓ Enclosed Pencil Sharpener
- ✓ eraser
- ✓ Ruler with cm and inches
- ✓ School bag

### Grades 3 &4

- ✓ Non-marking soled running shoes suitable for Phys Ed
- ✓ Pencil case
- ✓ Pencil Crayons
- ✓ Enclosed Pencil Sharpener
- ✓ Eraser and white out (no liquid)
- ✓ Ruler with cm and inches
- ✓ Red, Blue, Black pens
- ✓ 2in Binder with 7-10 dividers with tabs
- ✓ Physical Education Clothing
- ✓ 1 USB stick (for transportation of files to and from school)
- ✓ School bag
- ✓ Lined paper

### Grades 5-8

- ✓ Non-marking soled running shoes suitable for Phys Ed
- ✓ Pencil case
- ✓ Pencil Crayons
- ✓ Enclosed Pencil Sharpener
- ✓ Eraser and white out (no liquid)
- ✓ Ruler with cm and inches
- ✓ Red, Blue, Black pens
- ✓ Highlighter (2 colours)
- ✓ 1 x 2in Binder with 7-10 dividers with tabs (no zipper)
- ✓ Physical Education Clothing
- ✓ 1 USB stick (for transportation of files to and from school)
- ✓ Scientific Calculator (Just 7/8)
- ✓ School bag
- ✓ Deodorant - no spray
- ✓ Lined paper

## Various Poems Written by Grade 7&8 after concluding the study of Jesus Life & Death

### Jesus' Death and Resurrection By Barrett Meinen

Us.  
Sinful, weak  
Undeserving, jeering, hurting  
We are undeserving of grace; but He brings forth the defence case.  
Mourning, saving, dying  
Awesome, almighty.  
Jesus.

The cross.  
Tall, mighty.  
Killing, overpowering, destroying.  
While Jesus died upon the cross; His mighty works were not yet done.  
Unrelenting, everlasting, coming.  
Great, awesome.  
Jesus.

The grave.  
Man-made, Empty.  
Blocking, holding, securing.  
He was buried inside the tomb; but the grave couldn't hold His body.  
Unravelling, folding, leaving.  
Powerful, strong.  
Risen.

Our King.  
Glorious, Mighty.  
Forgiving, Cleansing, Delivering.  
Jesus has risen from the grave; now in His presence we shall praise.  
Magnifying, exalting, adoring.  
Humble, faithful.  
Servants.

Lies  
Wide, easy  
Filling, contenting, rewarding  
But the truth is that it's all LIES. The only path to Jesus:  
Blessing, defending, rewarding.  
Straight, Narrow.  
Truth.

Hell  
Painful, Ceaseless.  
Suffering, shouting, screaming.  
Perpetually we shall live; unlike heaven, we won't see Jesus.  
Amazing, everlasting, never-ending  
Eternal, magnificent.  
Heaven.

### The Poem About Jesus By Ben Feenstra

Jesus is coming on the clouds of heaven  
Sent from God's own hand  
He taught about the leaven  
He healed a leprous hand.

He is now in the upper room  
Giving the disciples His teaching  
Judas will betray Him  
When we all leave the room.

Jesus is high on the cross  
The people mock and taunt Him  
They offer a drink to Him  
But they don't know that He is boss.

He see Mary and the disciple  
Whom he valued  
Jesus unites them  
Into one kindred.

The man on the cross  
Is my Lord  
The man on the cross  
Is my King.

Jesus is in the grave  
Mary is preparing  
For His embalming  
The women are very grave.

Jesus is raised  
Mary is weeping  
The angel is speaking:  
"He has Risen"

**Jesus' Suffering**  
**By Jackson Spanninga**

Born in a manger  
A young babe  
Teaching and preaching  
In unusual ways

Presenting Himself as the Servant King  
He Himself will come again  
Putting Himself to the lowliest of the low  
We should have died in His place we know.

We should have died upon the cross  
But you chose to pay the cost  
You did it for our sin  
For the joy deep within.

For the lives you would save  
So that you may conquer the grave  
Your death and resurrection  
Has won you our affection

Punched and kicked  
Flogged and whipped  
The Lord hears your pleas  
The devil runs and flees

The linen laid aside  
The Son of God has died  
He has been crucified  
Death has been defied  
The clouds of heaven He does ride  
By Peter He has been denied  
Now Gentiles shall never hide  
Now Jews shall swallow their pride  
Now we by the law can abide  
Through Jesus who stands at God's right side.

**A Poem About Jesus**  
**By Max Mulder**

Every day in 7 days  
Jesus prays  
He prays to help the good  
He blesses the food.  
Every day he sits  
While the Pharisees throw fits  
Jesus preaches on what the Bible says  
For 6 days  
The Pharisees try to send  
People to bring Jesus to an end  
But He will say  
This is not my day  
The week goes on  
Jesus walks into the holy city  
The disciples are acting witty  
Jesus is determined to speak  
But he was feeling very weak  
So they decided to take a rest  
Zacchaeus climbs a tree to look at the best  
Jesus was on the ground  
Looked up and found  
Zacchaeus in a tree  
Jesus, come and feast with me  
The week goes on  
Jesus is on His death bed  
His body is all red  
He cries His last  
The dead rise from their graves fast.  
HE HAS WON.

**This is God's Plan ~By Emily Guichelaar**

A certain woman named Mary found out that she was with child. The baby was to be called Jesus. "Jesus will save His people from their sins," an angel said to her, "Do not be afraid."

**This was God's plan.**

Now, when Mary could have her baby at any time, there was a census. Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem.

**This was God's plan.**

While they were in Bethlehem there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inns. So Mary gave birth in a stable, wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger.

**This is the start of His life.**

John the Baptist, a friend of Jesus, was preaching by the Jordan River. Jesus came to John and asked him to baptize Him. So John baptized Jesus. Now when Jesus came up from the water, the Heavens were opened. The Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

**This was God's plan.**

After this, Satan tempted Jesus 3 times. He led Jesus into the desert and told Him to make bread (because He was hungry). But he replied with, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

**This was God's plan.**

Through Jesus' life, He taught and prepared us for His death and taught us very important things. He did this through teaching Parables. Jesus helps show us God's power and strength.

**This is the beginning of His ministry.**

To prepare us for Jesus' death, He had to explain what was going to happen. He said to the disciples, "We are going to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day He will be raised to life!"

**This was God's plan.**

Jesus was brought to Pilate and the people wanted Jesus crucified. Pilate was scared that his high position would be taken away so he agreed with the people. Jesus was put into prison to be put to death.

**This was God's plan.**

The soldiers took Jesus to prison. They whipped, beat, spat on, and mocked Him. After that they made a crown out of thorns and pushed it into His head and put a scarlet robe on Him. After a while they took off the robe and put His clothes back on Him and led Him out to be crucified.

**This was God's plan.**

Since Jesus was barely alive after that, Simon, a man passing by, helped Jesus carry His cross. They offered Jesus sour wine but Jesus refused it. The soldiers watched Jesus die on the cross and put a sign saying, "JESUS, King of the Jews" to make fun of Him.

**This was God's plan.**

Now because of Jesus' death, we are saved from our sins. We will have eternal life when Jesus comes back for us. Jesus is preparing for us. Our job is to wait for Jesus to come again but in this we can praise Him.

**This is God's plan!**

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**The Saviour's Life Poem**

**By Gary Vis**

Jesus is our Lord, our Saviour, our King  
Our salvation he did more than bring  
He gave sight to the blind,  
He gave strength to the weak,  
He'd heal when he would speak  
He was nailed to a cross of wood  
In front of Him, the Pharisees stood  
He took the blame and the shame  
He died for us sinners  
He made us the winners  
And Jesus was put in a tomb  
Where he rose from the dead  
It was true what He had said  
He rolled away the stone  
Ascended into heaven  
And sat down on His throne.





**The Servant King  
By Karina Baron**

Jesus is a Servant King  
He died for us that we might live.  
Now it's our turn and we must bring  
Glory to our servant King.

His love was spectacular  
When He died for us  
Full of might and valour  
Because He loved us.

Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly  
And not for the last time  
People praised Him and laid down their clothes  
And branches of pine

Jesus didn't die serenely  
He bore the penalty for all our sins  
People mocked Him and spat on Him meanly  
But no matter what, satan never wins.

Away Jesus' body was carried  
By Joseph and a tax collector  
In a tomb He was buried  
There our Saviour  
The Romans fortified the tomb  
And placed many guards  
By sun and moon  
With a boulder blocking the door.

Jesus still rose  
After paying for our sins  
Our servant King rose again.



**Victory Reigns Because of His Sacrifice (Acrostic)  
By Mckenna Meinen**

Verily, Verily, I say unto thee  
Into the world entered my Saviour  
Coming to drink from the cup that was set before Him  
To die and be buried  
Oh He was in the grave, but He did not stay  
Rising from death, He conquered sin  
Yahweh, the Saviour of the world.

Repentant sinners follow Him  
Entering into His Kingdom  
I heard that tax collectors loved Him  
God in His mercy saved us sinners from the depths of hell  
No, He said, I will take your burden  
So that you might live.

Barabbas was released in place of Jesus  
Even though he was guilty  
Citizenship in His kingdom has been given me  
All because of the great love Jesus bestowed on me  
Undeniably gracious  
Saviour, my Servant King  
Everlasting LORD of Lords

Our Lord is the Paschal Lamb  
For my sake, He was slain

Hosanna!  
In the fig tree I see a promise  
Salvation through Jesus bearing my curse

Sacrificed at Golgotha  
Ashamed and betrayed  
Christ hung on the cross  
Righteous to the end, He refused the mead offered  
Insistent that He bear the sins of the world  
For the joy that was set before Him  
I rejoice and am glad  
Christ died yet rose triumphant over death  
Eternally powerful, my Saviour.

**He was Born to Die and He Died so We Might be Saved**  
**By Aaron Kruisselbrink**

Jesus knew He had to die  
He died for us so God wouldn't say bye  
To us His chosen people

Mary wiped His feet with her hair  
Because she truly cared  
Judas just wanted the money  
He thought loving Jesus was funny.

Jesus knew the temple had to be clean  
He wasn't just being mean  
When He drove out the cattle and doves  
He was really showing His love.

When He curses the olive tree  
He is showing you and me  
That although we are a mess  
He will take the curse for us.

Christ our Lord is no mere martyr  
After all He's the Master Charter  
He came to die so we might be saved  
And in three days He arose from the grave.

When Christ was afraid  
He went to God and prayed  
Before He was betrayed  
He didn't grab a blade  
But turned to God for strength.

Jesus said to Peter -  
Before the rooster crows  
You will be among the rows  
Of those who have betrayed Me.

And it happened  
Yet Jesus is merciful  
And He died for Peter still  
And all our many sins.

Jesus suffered immensely for our sake  
And then He died at a wooden stake  
When He died the heavy veil ripped  
Showing that we are equipped  
To come before God's throne

Yet Jesus was born to die and he died so we might be saved  
But He did not stay in the grave  
Rather he arose in three days.

We know this is true  
Not because of me and you  
But because he appeared twelve times  
And I didn't just write this because it rhymes.

**Jesus is King (Acrostic)**  
**By Justin Gunnink**

Jubilant over death  
Everlasting  
Sin has no power over Him  
Unceasing  
Sacrificed Himself for us

Crucified so that we might live  
Heals the sick  
Robed in Majesty  
In control over everything  
Scourged for our sake  
Triumphant over the grace

Indescribably  
Supplies strength for the weak

King of glory  
Imperially powerful  
Never against us  
Gives sight to the blind

Forever in power  
Our Paschal Lamb  
Ridiculed by the Pharisees  
Ever in control  
Victorious over death  
Eternally steadfast  
Reigning righteously

**Jesus' Life**  
**By Ryan Scheper**

He was born in a stall  
He was raised by humans  
He fought against the people  
He was tempted in the desert  
He was hit and torn apart  
He was hung by nails  
He healed men from disease  
He was pierced by the spear  
He was put in a grave  
He was dead for 3 days and  
hope was lost  
He rolled the stone away  
He exited the tomb  
He had defeated death and  
satan  
He rose from the grave bearing  
scars of the cross  
He was abandoned by God  
The sky was dark  
He lost his best friends  
He was questioned  
His own words were twisted  
He was put against Barabbas  
He was not let free for Barabbas  
won the vote  
He was put to shame  
He was naked  
He was spat on  
He knew he would die  
He knew his own father would  
turn from him  
And yet he sacrificed his body  
He was humbled unto the point  
of death  
He was silent as a sheep  
He had no fault  
He was calm  
He was a Servant King.