



CONNECTION

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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

Hello from the Board! It's been so good to see that all has been going well in the school, especially since the last report we had was just before the school year started and we were uncertain how Covid was going to impact our school. What would happen if our kids were sick? Would masks be mandatory for everyone? What happens if the government locked down the school again? We can see the Lord has been watching over us all and keeping us from sickness, and blessing us with the ability to continue with our operations. We pray that He continues to bless us with the ability to keep Harvest open!

As announced, we had a strategic planning session planned. The goal of this was to see what's needed at Harvest and to make actionable plans to make these happen. This type of planning takes more than just a few people so on October 14th invited the entire membership and we had a great turnout at the school! Thanks to all who attended this. We then followed that up with another session with a smaller group who we picked from the school community on October 24th. It's really exciting to discuss what's next for Harvest school! Stay tuned for more updates from the Strategic Planning Committee (or Steering Committee)!

We plan to have a membership meeting on November 18th, hopefully in person! We will be voting on a new board member to replace Lee-Ann as her term is complete, discussing the budget, going over committee updates and other fun things. An information package will be going out very shortly for all to review and be ready to discuss at this meeting.

We'd like to thank the many volunteers we have at the school, as we continually realize how many people are involved in this school. We'd like to give a special mention to a couple long-standing volunteers on the library committee who recently stepped down for their spots. Thanks to Jelly and Sue for your efforts over these years! Also welcome to the new committee members! Thanks again to all who help out at Harvest, we certainly are blessed with a wonderful community.

We certainly have much to be thankful for here at Harvest. May the Lord continue to bless our community with support the support of many volunteers, great teachers and active parents. It takes a community to raise children in the fear of the Lord, and may this continue at Harvest!

On behalf of the Board, Curtis Hutten



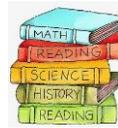
TREASURER'S REPORT

We have a budget together for the 2022 school year, and are excited to answer your questions at the upcoming membership meeting. Look for a detailed package coming

to you soon, along with rationale and a bit of reflection of the past few years. Look forward to seeing you all at the membership meeting soon, lots of big things on the go,

and we'd love to see you all there, up to speed and involved!

Mark Hutten



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

School is in session and has been running very well for a couple months already! We are so thankful for this!! Although we can still hear things over news and social media that may concern us about school closures, we are so thankful to have our doors open, teachers teaching and students learning to the glory of God. This fall Cathy Scheper finished her term on the EdCom and we are so thankful for her years of service! We are so blessed here in Owen Sound to have such an involved and supportive community. We wish Cathy the Lord's blessing as she continues to serve and be involved in school through other ways. We welcome Jan Antuma to fill this vacancy. Jan has a wonderful enthusiasm for the EdCom and has jumped right in to learning and being involved in this committee work!

The Edcom has completed their review of the parent handbook, it should be finished editing and available online soon. We will soon start to review the next handbook. School, society and technology changes quickly and it is good to review and make any necessary adaptations to our school guidelines so our teachers can teach and our children learn well and to God's glory.

The library also has to stay current and interactive for our staff and students. This year they have

started purchasing subscriptions to various magazines for each classroom. These can become great resources for learning and discussion and also provide a different form of reading for students. Students who may not be avid book readers may love the ease of reading shorter articles and stories.

As EdCom we are looking forward to a curriculum building night with the staff at Harvest. This is a really great way for teachers to display their talents in teaching. We have been blessed with an incredible and talented staff and these curriculum nights display their enthusiasm for teaching and as EdCom we get a little taste of being a student again.

And finally, the EdCom has started the process of looking for a new Grade 1 / 2 teacher. We are so thankful with Janelle (and Brent) that the Lord has blessed them with this pregnancy and we wish you strength and health as you wait and prepare for your child. Although Mrs. VanTol will be greatly missed at school (and Russ) we look forward to celebrating with you! Soon everyone will see ads in Clarion, Perspective and Christian Renewal and also online, please share these with family and friends. We have a great staff and principal, a wonderful school, church and community and a beautiful creation around us here in Owen Sound and

we look forward to sharing this all with a new teacher!

On behalf of the Ed Com,
Joanie Vis

NEED A CHANGE OF SCENERY?

2021-2022 FULL-TIME
GRADE 1-2 TEACHER

We are searching for one who thrives on serving others through God's redeeming, restoring and reforming work as a Christian educator.

If you're a passionate teacher who loves to grow in a professional environment where Christ is glorified, people are cared for and education is personalized, let's chat!

To learn more about our grade school, congregation and Ontario's most stunning outdoor playground contact:

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

After spending the summer and September very focused on keeping up with ever changing COVID-19 regulations and drafting our school's policies and procedures, it was great to step back last month and take part in some strategic planning for Harvest's future. John Wynia (League Coordinator) and Kevin Hutchinson (League Board member) helped guide our school through two planning sessions. These sessions had us considering what Harvest might look like in one, two, and three years' time. A Steering Committee has been set up to work with the feedback we received and I am excited to see where that work leads.

While the three-year time frame is great to work with for short term planning, I want to go a couple steps further and ask: What might Harvest look like two generations from now? Will our grade one students be visiting for grandparent's day and seeing their children's children here at Harvest. Will Griffin, Jason, Milo, Katie, Joelle, Keane, Rebekah, Elizabeth, Levi and Asher see their children telling the next the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord? As Psalm 78 says: He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. While Harvest's mission and vision remains committed on assisting this generation of parents, our goal and prayer is that the foundation laid here will be passed down to the generations to come!

When it comes to the lasting legacy and impact of our day to day work, I was struck by an article shared at our recent PD day called: Bach: A Theologian at the Workplace by Jonathan Camrire. Here is an excerpt from that article.

There is a theologian that your non-Christian friends probably know better and love more than you do. He died 270 years ago but is still sharing the whole counsel of God in places around the world, including those that remain hostile to the Gospel. Many mainstream radio hosts claim that his abilities and influence on culture and individuals are unsurpassed. Have you heard of him?

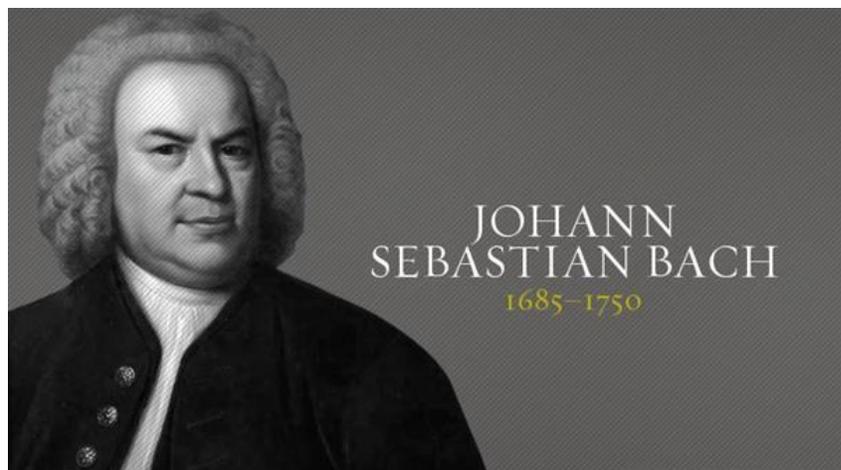
Perhaps there is no better example of a theologian at the workplace than the musician and composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Music students study him; modern harmony is largely indebted to him; his music (which is often explicitly Christian) is performed in the most prestigious venues around the world; CBC Radio and Radio-Canada hosts repeatedly claim he is the

best musician that ever lived. Do you know him as well as your non-Christian friends do?

Bach the Musician

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was a fifth-generation German musician and Lutheran. He served as a church musician throughout his entire career while also doing commission work for secular and royal audiences. Regardless of the occasion, Bach often inscribed the acronym "SDG" for "Soli Deo Gloria" (meaning, "to God alone the glory") on his compositions. Being Lutheran his entire life, Bach may have come across Luther's famous quote: "The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship." Like Luther's shoemaker, Bach's work wasn't merely marked with a Christian inscription; it worshiped God through excellence. [...]

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Bach and the Creation Mandate

With masterpieces imbued with musical rhetoric that reflected his theology, Bach clearly saw the end goal of his vocation as bringing glory to God. Although he might not have articulated it as “doing the creation mandate,” his work as a musician demonstrated what it means to be a human living in this natural world under God. He worked the typological “ground” (i.e., music) as a gift from God (1 Tim. 4:4-5) by developing its potential and guarding the centrality of God’s Word in his vocational endeavors (Gen. 2:15). While he clearly devoted himself to church music, his devotion to God did not cease when he worked on “secular” music. He did not fall for the dubious idea of matter versus spirit (i.e., separating his vocational life and his Christian life) but pursued musical excellence as worship to God in every season and sphere of life.

How?

In addition to his church music which beautifully and vividly showcases the Word of God, he sought out the rich potential of music that God concealed in the natural order (Prov. 25:2). He innovated with harmony and melodic persuasion (making us feel certain emotions through the design of the melodic line), as with symmetry and repetitions. His masterful use of numerology can be identified (listen for 3, 6, 7, or 12, important numbers in the Bible) in repetitions, significant harmonic sequences, fermatas, instrument groupings, and in other creative ways. In all his creative work, Bach sought to communicate the greatness and wisdom of God to people because he saw “the aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.” He used his vocation to point people and the physical world to the liberation that the Lord will



bring in the final cadence of history (Rom. 8:19).

Active and Persuasive Theology in Vocation

The Hungarian composer György Kurtág spoke of Bach’s rhetorical force when it comes to belief in God: “Consciously, I am certainly an atheist, but I do not say it out loud, because if I look at Bach, I cannot be an atheist. Then I have to accept the way he believed” (The Guardian). [...]

Can this be said of us as ambassadors of Christ in our workplaces? Does being a child in our Father’s garden create a joy and zeal for our work that draws others to want what we have? Does our quest for excellence in work and relations show the shalom that we anticipate in the new creation so that others will ask of the hope that so invigorates us?

Conclusion

Johann Sebastian Bach was by no means a perfect man. He was at the very least a sinner saved by grace. His workmanship, however, most certainly transpired from his relationship with the Triune God. His primary concern was God’s glory alone which he expressed not only through a frequent scribble of the pen (“SDG”) but in a lifelong

dedication to musical excellence and innovation. Hopefully knowing Bach’s legacy will inspire us to search out God’s glory in our own vocations in a new and more biblical way. Perhaps knowing Bach’s music might also open opportunities for you to share Jesus, Bach’s Savior, Lord, and ultimate inspiration.

You can read this article in its entirety at: <https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/article/bach-a-theologian-at-the-workplace/>

Infusing all we teach with our reformed worldview and creating a curriculum that is SDG is foremost in our minds as staff at Harvest. At our recent PD day, we were blessed with the opportunity to work with other reformed teachers to help develop the reformed character of our Language Arts instruction. The staff were able to work with CARE’s (Curriculum Assistance for Reformed Education) newly developed Language Arts document that connects the four markers of Reformed Education to Language Arts instruction. The day went well and it was a blessing to be able to work with a larger network of reformed educators here in this province.

IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL:

Here in the school, we have been blessed to operate pretty much as normal since opening our doors in September. Beyond smaller assemblies and a bit more handwashing, the day to day operation of our school looks similar to last year. For this we can be thankful!

Some highlights these past two months included field trips to Harrison Park, Inglis Falls, hiking in East Linton and walking across the street to watch a barn being pulled down. We were also able to enjoy lots of outdoor learning in September and early October. Thank you Mr. Post for providing us with the picnic tables for this. Colder weather has seen all our classes moving back inside, but we

look forward resuming more outdoor learning this spring.

While sports are put on hold because of COVID-19, we have been enjoying playing lots of sports here at Harvest. Soccer is the preferred recess time sport and on any given recess this past fall you could find students from grades 1-8 enjoying a soccer game. When soccer is not being played students from all grades are playing Kick the Can or Stratego. Seeing students from all different grades getting along and playing together is one of the blessings of being in a small school.

Looking ahead, interim report cards will be going out around the

time this Bulletin is published. These report cards provide a brief glimpse of how your child fared these first two months of school (a more detailed report card goes out at the end of term 1). While the report card isn't overly detailed, we hope to go into much more detail about how your child is doing at Parent/Teacher Conferences which are set for November 9 and 10. These conferences are very valuable in allowing us to share more about your child and in helping us plan how to we can work together to see your child fully utilize their God given talents.

That is it from the principal desk. Please continue to keep Harvest and the work we do in your thoughts and prayers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

James Meinen



This year, grade 3 & 4 began the year with a novel study of Charlotte's Web. After reading the book we partnered up to recreate our favourite scenes out of clay. After molding each character and prop, and painting the backdrops, students set up their scenes and figured out the best angle to photograph each one from. Finally, we used a computer to format our work and add our narrations. This project was a great opportunity to practice many skills and display some of the creative talents that God has blessed us with.

Wilbur Comes Home from the Fair



Wilbur is getting unloaded with the egg sack in his Mouth.



Wilbur digs a hole in the manure pile and drops the egg sack into the hole.



Snow fell at the Zuckerman's farm. Wilbur loved the snow.



Wilbur is getting board all by himself. He spent his days close to Samuel the sheep and the other sheep.



The snow melted. "Spring is close" thought Wilbur. Lurvey pored the slop



In a couple weeks, spring came. Wilbur waited patiently for the eggs to hatch.

CHARLOTTE'S BABIES



Wilbur came back from the fair with the egg sac. He put it beside the manure pile in a warm place.



Wilbur waited for a long time he waited thro winter and fall.



Finely they came out! And all the little spiders came out and they were saying hello, hello, hello.



All the baby spiders were standing on their heads and flying away.



Wilbur cried himself to sleep.



Wilbur woke up and saw three spider webs and three spiders. "What are your names?" ask Wilbur? "First you must tell me why you are trembling?" asked the little spider. "I think I am trembling with joy!" said Wilbur. "Then my name is Joy" said Joy. "What was my mother's middle initial?" asked the second little spider. "A" said Wilbur. "Then my name is Aranea!" said Aranea. Then the third little spider said, "I need a name that is not too fancy, not too long, and not too dumb." Wilbur thought, "how about Nellie?" Then my name is Nellie!

By: Brynn and Katrina

Wilber's New Friends



Wilber is watching the baby spiders go away. He does not know what they are doing so he cries.



Wilber cries himself to sleep because they are going away and they are his friends.



Wilber wakes up because he had a big good nap.



When Wilber wakes up he sees that some stayed and he is happy.



There were three spiders that stayed their names were Joy, Aranea, and Nelly



The spiders grow to Charlotte's size and they have egg sacs and the egg sacs hatched.

TEMPLETON AND WILBUR



"Help I'm stuck in a hole!" Templeton said.

"I'm pulling as hard as I can." Wilbur says.



I believe I can fly and touch the sky.

Templeton flies into the manure pile!

BY: COHEN, JONAH, AND JEFFREY

THE ATTACK OF THE RAT



Wilbur is starting to faint because of the grand clap and the complimentary speech.



Mr. Zuckerman tells Lurvy to grab a pail of water while Avery kneels to check on Wilbur.



As Lurvy and Avery leave Templeton gets ready and bites! Wilbur looks up...



Wilbur jumps while he screams "OUCH!" Templeton is proud of himself.

BY Easton and Damien

WILBUR'S FAINT



Wilbur is about to be given a special medal when he passes out on the judges grandstand.



Mr. Zuckerman tells Lurvy to get some water to splash on Wilbur.



Avery kneels down to wake Wilbur up. He doesn't succeed.



Tempelton thinks he can wake Wilbur up. He bites Wilbur's tail, and the pain woke him up.



Lurvy comes back with a pail of water. In his excitement he dumped it on Mr. Zuckerman



Avery dumps the rest of the water on himself, and pretends to take a shower.

By: **Kyla and Julie**

WILBUR TRIES TO SPIN A WEB



Wilbur talked to Charlotte when he asks, "How do you spin a web?" Wilbur boasts and says, "I could make a web if I tried."



Wilbur asks Templeton to tie a string to his tail so he could spin a web by jumping off the manure pile.



Templeton ties the string to Wilbur's tail very unhappily.



WILBUR JUMPS!



Wilbur lands on his nose **CURTHUNK!**

THE END

By Sydney and Lauren