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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

Another school year comes to a close. A tough year for all no doubt. Yet as we sit back and contemplate on this past year, we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. We can be hopeful of a normal September where our classrooms can be filled with children and teachers can with their students. Where the children can the education get and the interaction that they need. May the Lord allow this to happen this September!

For those who were able to attend second zoom membership our meeting earlier this month I hope it was informative. It's a little tricky to do something like that via zoom and hopefully our last time as well. This September we plan to have a full-schedule membership meeting with full attendance as well. We'll have lots to report on as new committees have just been formed, we'll hopefully have a good plan to present to the membership in terms of expansion/ high school direction. You'll hear from the board before that of course, so stay tuned!

Going forward this summer we as a board hope to have a more typical summer. We'll continue with the strategic planning, and overseeing the new committees formed. It's important that each committee has a clear mandate and is able to report back to the membership on what they do. The goal with new committees is to share the workload that the board/ EdCom was already doing, and hopefully to build on that and take things to the next level. The board will continue to meet with our typical board items as we plan for a great 2021/2022 school year.

Mr. James Meinen

Principal

We would like to thank the staff for another year. No doubt you've had to adjust, and I'm sure it wasn't easy. From doing online learning and sending packages home, working behind the scenes to keep the lights on and doing extra cleaning, it's been a different year and we thank you for sticking with it!

Otherwise, we wish everyone a great summer! It was so encouraging to see many of you at church for the first time in a long time, and hopefully there is much more of that coming up. May the Lord bless Harvest and give us what we ask of Him!

On behalf of the Board, *Curtis Hutten*

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FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As we have finished another school year we can be so thankful for the blessing of Christian education for all our covenant children. We are thankful for a wonderful staff and their love for our students as well as teaching to the glory of God. This past year we can be thankful that we were blessed with 7 months of in-class learning and only 3 months of online learning. While online learning isn't our favourite way to learn or to teach, we could see our staff working hard to improve their methods and delivery each time we had to make the switch to online. I think this last term was a great improvement on the first in March 2020. This also shows the skill and determination of our staff here at Harvest!

This year we have said good-bye to Mrs. VanTol as a staff member and we welcome her to the EdCom! We are so thankful for her expertise in curriculum development as well as in the classroom, she will be such an incredible blessing to us. For many teachers as they step into teaching curriculum development is an evergrowing talent they work to develop. Janelle has grown to the point that she now is able to teach and help other teachers in this area. We are thankful for her

TREASURER'S REPORT

We're thankful again to be in a good financial position as we near the year end. Thanks to all donors, members and supporters. God is good, he allows us to care for each other and our school too! Not only with financial blessings, but the blessing of community also. As we approach the new school year starting in July, a reminder that the fees will be changing as of July 1st as per the new approved budget.



willingness to continue to be an active member in our Harvest school.

This fall we welcome back our staff with the addition of Mrs. Melissa Kruisselbrink. Mr. Meinen our fearless leader and principal will also continue in the role of grade 5/6 teacher, Miss Hutten contains the rambunctious grade 7/8 class, Miss DeHaan the energetic grade 3 /4 class and in grade 1/2 we have Mrs. Vandenbos and Mrs. Kruisselbrink to welcome new and excited students. Mrs. Vandenbos will be with us for the first part of the school year but will be leaving us in December. We congratulate her as her family will be growing, the Lord willing. Although she will be missed at Harvest it is such an incredible blessing for Mike and Amanda as they await their new baby.

Recently some of you may have received surveys about the education received at Harvest, these are short surveys but are very helpful feedback for the staff and Edcom as we work hard to develop the best curriculum we can, to educate our covenant children in the best way we can to the glory of God. Please take a few minutes to fill out these surveys.

We wish everyone a blessed summer holidays and look forward to returning to in-class learning in September. We continue to pray for our staff and students and also our government and leaders as they make decisions about the coming school year. We can rest in the knowledge of our heavenly Father who holds all things in His Fatherly hand. He knows the struggles and trials and also provides the strength to help us through them.

Prov. 16:9 'In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.'

On behalf of the Ed Com, Joanie Vis

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Finally, please be sure to view the Harvest Foundation advertisement regarding tuition assistance, if you haven't already. Thanks again, and wishing all of the families in our community a wonderful summer!

Mark Hutten, Treasurer treasurer@harvestschool.ca



\$740.00 - Parental \$320.00 - General \$170.00 - Single/Retired \$60.00 - Student

Harvest

Harvest Foundation supports families in their conviction for providing Reformed Christian schooling to covenant youth. Some families struggle with the monthly cost... We and our donors want to help!

Qualified families can receive 20, 35 or 50% of their annual tuition cost. Our goal is to provide assistance to families who need it most.

Interested in applying for Tuition Assistance? Visit the Tuition Assistance page at harvestfoundation.ca, and click on the Apply for Support link. You will be asked to provide basic financial information. It is held confidential by 3rd party staff at ISM and a small sub-committee of Harvest Foundation. The current round of applications is meant to provide support for the full 21/22 school year and will be based on 2020 tax return information provided. Applications will be received until July 31, 2021.

FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE

As we come to the end of another school year, we wanted to take a moment to introduce the Human Resource Committee (HRC) to you a bit more formally. The HRC was set up earlier this spring and we had a brief introduction in the last Connection letting the membership know this group had been formed. At that time we didn't fully know what the role entailed, but, we have been able to meet a couple times since, and while there is lots to iron out and may change yet, we would like to share a little more details.

We are made up of 3 members; Jan Antuma, Chair, Joanie Vis, Board Rep, and Dana Selles, Secretary.

Our role will be a bit more behind the scenes, and was formed to help assist the lovely staff of Harvest. We are here to follow up with new staff members and ensure that their needs are being cared for, that they may have a positive integration our school into community. We are also available to assist in resolving staff issues that may arise at any time throughout the year, especially issues that the Principal has not, or is not able to, address in a manner deemed sufficient by the Principal or staff member.

The HRC will be preforming a number of other duties as well, including; Review staff evaluation reports as presented by the Principal and report as needed to the Board. Perform the Principal evaluation every 2 years. Enhance communication with staff by way of sending cards, flowers, etc. as appropriate. Review the League of Canadian Reformed School Societies' (LCRSS) Compensation

Committee Report and make recommendations regarding the review to the Board. Review the Professional Development agenda, provide support if needed and grant final approval and Alternate classroom visits with the Board and Ed Comm.

Praying you all have a wonderful summer.

On behalf of the HRC, Dana Selles



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

As the 2020-2021 school year comes to a close I think parents might be as happy as the students to take a break from formal learning and enjoy some time away from school. While we had hoped last year would have been the end of distance learning at Harvest that was not to be the case. The disruptions from COVID this year were far from ideal but once again really highlighted the powerful lesson that we are not in control. As I previously stated in a newsletter I am reminded of the words of Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." What a wonderful thing to hold on to. We plan, but we work to God's purpose! To

bring Him the glory and honour that is due His name.

While we can take comfort knowing God's in control we acknowledge that the past two and half months have not been easy for many of our parents. The staff want to thank parents for all the work they did on their end to ensure learning kept happening over the final stretch of the school year. We look forward to getting back to in person learning in the fall.

On Monday, the school year wrapped up with closing assemblies for grades 1-4 and grades 5-8. Having all the students back together for these assemblies and a big water fight was a great way to end the year. The assemblies also gave us the opportunity to focus on the many blessings God bestowed upon us this past year. We were blessed with health. We were blessed with travelling mercies. We were have blessed to а full complement of staff. We were blessed to have seven months of in person learning. We were blessed with technology to help support distance learning. We were blessed to operate a school where God's Word serves as the foundation for all we do. There was indeed much to be thankful for!



Grade 1-4 assembly

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I mentioned at the grades 5-8 assembly, that one thing I am thankful for as we enter the summer break is my van's GPS. As my family can tell you, I am navigationally challenged. It used to be that on every summer road trip I would miss a turn or turn the wrong way and end up getting hopelessly lost. Because of my challenge with directions, I would approach any trip with a bit of trepidation. However, that all changed years ago when I got a GPS. Now, I still somehow miss turns, but the GPS always gets me back on track. I no longer worry about getting lost and my family no longer worries about getting to our destination.

Now the amazing thing is that in life we also have something like a GPS. Something that can help us when we get lost. Something that directs us and provides guidance for our lives, namely God's Word! A guide that reminds us "rejoice always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances" (our theme text). What a blessing it is to have this guide as the foundation for all that we do here at Harvest. What a blessing it was that all year long we could learn more about this guide and be reminded where our journey is headed.

At the grade 5-8 assembly we also had the opportunity to celebrate our four grade eight students here at Harvest. Since we could not celebrate their graduation all together, the grades 7's led a little activity at the assembly where the parents had to match a Winnie the Pooh character with the right graduate. It turns out the parents know the graduates well and aced this quiz correctly matching each graduate with the right Winnie the Pooh character! The grade eights also had an opportunity share to а valedictorian address to their younger peers here at Harvest. It

was wonderful hearing their testimony of God's goodness to them over the course of their elementary education.

A small graduation ceremony for the grade eights took place on Wednesday. Congratulations goes out to Brody, Keele, Rowen, and Ethan! Praise God He has brought you to the end of the elementary stage of your schooling. We will miss you next year at Harvest, but we wish you God's blessings as you take the next step in your education journey.

Originally Mason would have also been part of the graduating class this year. His absence is felt. We have and continue to learn much as a school alongside and from the de Gelder family. God has been faithful and is showing us how to walk in love. We congratulate Mason with his graduation from Timothy Christian School and wish him God's blessing as he begins Grade 9 at St Mary's.







LOOKING AHEAD:

As one year wraps up, we quickly look ahead to the year to come. Next year we have a few changes in grade 1/2 with Mrs. Melissa Kruisselbrink teaching grade 1 and Mrs. Vandenbos teaching grade 2 and a whole host of other subjects (Grade 5/6 Spelling, French, Art, Grade 7/8 Science and PE). Mrs. Vandenbos' willingness to tackle a wide range of subjects has been a huge blessing for Harvest these past couple of years. Next year Vandenbos will take Mrs. on task, another new namely becoming a mom! We are excited for the Vandenbos's and pray the Lord will watch over both Mrs. Vandenbos and the baby in the months to come.

With that news, it means Harvest will be looking to fill a number of teaching assignments next December. Our newly formed HR Committee may be reaching out to some of you, and if you are interested in teaching in a part time role at Harvest, please contact us!

While the 2021-2022 school year may seem like a long way away, a lot of preparation has already gone into planning for the year to come. You can currently find a 2021-2022 calendar attached to this newsletter and on the school website. For those who like to get ready for another school year well in advance you can also find a list of required school supplies in this newsletter (we will also publish this list in the August Connection).

To wrap things up, the staff and I wanted to thank the membership and community for all the wonderful support we have received this past year. Your words of encouragement, prayers, baking and little gifts are greatly appreciated. We are blessed to feel the support of the communion of saints in such a tangible way. We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at Harvest this fall!

James Meinen

POEMS FROM GRADE 5 & 6

Over this last block of distance learning grade 5/6 spent some time on poetry. All students wrote some poetry and here are some the poems they produced. Enjoy!

Kittens by Ava

Long, long ago. In a stack of tires. Kittens were born for me to admire. We waited very long to see what we would get. Gary was the one to find the little pet.

Misty, Mikky, Mulch and Runt were their names. Mulch and Mikky looked quite the same. While Misty and Runt were black and white. It's really funny when they play fight.

The Violin by Jenna

Violins are small.

In choirs they use them.

Oh, by the way I play violin!!!

Love the sound of the violin.

It can calm you or make you laugh.

Nervously playing in a recital!!!



Beauty in Nature by Lydia

Walking through the fields Getting some fresh air I look into the sky, where, A bird, it's colours revealed.

A bunny popped out of bush beside me It has a fluffy tail And ears droop like a veil Bouncing wild and free

> An orange spot appeared A fox so quick and slick It made a little click And then it disappeared

Walking through the field Getting some fresh air God really seems to care And I can't wait until everything is healed.



Cancer by Bryson

Cancer has a meaning to everyone, It's a horrible disease that sin has done Grandpa you fought hard and are my hero No one can make me believe you mean zero.

We haven't seen each other in a while But when I think of our memories I smile A life in heaven that is glorious Thank you God, for being victorious.

Snow by Noah

As the wind began to blow Releasing small flakes of freezing snow That come drifting down Beautifully with almost no sound.

By morning there is a fresh beginning Like a big white blanket pinned To the earth in snow now covered All the plants in snow now smothered.

To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain by Anya

It started in the 19th year Of the 20th Century Suddenly all that I held dear Meant so much more to me At first it was really nothing -We knew the world was messed But then it came a-coming And I knew that I was blessed.

But closed doors and phone calls Masks, distance, fear Made me feel indeed, guite small But then someone hear me, the one Who holds my tears. He said to me, "Be still. I'm in control." He knew that I was troubled So He let me know His love It came down, it bubbled And filled me with joy Yes, things can be quite difficult The hurt, the fear, the pain. But just remember, in the hurt, halt "To live is Christ, to die is gain" Now I know I need to hold Each moment as a treasure And show His love with pleasure.

The Waterfall by Curtis

As I gazed upon its beauty It looks down at me in pity Me, a small insignificant human And it in shimmering beauty.

The water crashing crumbling all in its path. And we mere humans now know its wrath Something God has made That a human could not. DOGS BY CADENCE The cutest thing That everyone can sing Is an amazing dog Whose cuteness can be seen Even in the fog Sure they might not always be clean But they can chase a ball Some are small and some are tall Oh how I wish I had a dog.

There are so many different kinds For example a German Shepherd Who sometimes whines But they can run like a leopard A man's or woman's best friend I hope this gets to your minds I love dogs Oh how I wish I had a dog!

Summer Holidays!!! By Cooper

Summer holidays are here My friend said in my ear. I was so ready I squeezed Eddy like a Teddy

Finally the day of fun I sprinted outside like a bullet out of a gun. I reached my friends Like me they were in their age of tens.

> They all said hello at the same time It was like a rhyme. We all gave a loud cheer For this was the best time of the year.

Boys Day Out by Reid

Every year in July Cooper, Landon and I Head to grandmas for a fun time. Our grandma is amazing because Of all the great things she does.

She makes a great breakfast She takes us to Storybook Park. She takes us to a clothing store, And then we go golfing more and more.

Every day of the year We wait for this day to come near. When she comes out, we whoop and shout. Thanking God she is here.

Supplies for 2021-2022

This list is updated from previous years, please ensure your children have everything on this list.

Grade 1 & 2

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

Grades 3 &4

- o Non-marking soled running shoes suitable for Phys Ed
- o Pencil case
- o Pencil Crayons
- Enclosed Pencil Sharpener
- o Eraser
- o Ruler with cm and inches
- o Red, Blue, Black pens
- o Binder with 7-10 dividers with tabs
- o Physical Education Clothing
- o School bag
- o Lined paper

Grades 5-8

- o Non-marking soled running shoes suitable for Phys Ed
- o Pencil case
- o Pencil Crayons
- o Enclosed Pencil Sharpener
- o Eraser and white out (no liquid)
- Ruler with cm and inches
- o Red, Blue, Black pens
- Highlighter (2 colours)
- Binder with 7-10 dividers with tabs
- o Physical Education Clothing
- 0 1 USB stick (for transportation of files to and from school)
- Scientific Calculator (Just 7/8)
- o School bag
- Deodorant no spray
- Lined paper