

# Community Connector

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Greetings friends and families of Milton Christian School.

January 2012 was a whirlwind of activity and I believe there will be no slowing down in the months ahead. There are many announcements and much activity ahead in the month of February.

The MCS administrative team and I experienced one of the most touching acts of sacrifice by a young student attending MCS. One day, just before Christmas, a kindergartner came into the office holding her full piggy bank and said, 'I would like to give this to help pay for the library. It was all we could do to hold back the tears as we were witnessing such an example of Christ and his love.

This is a lesson I would like to have us all learn from, particularly with the months ahead of us. I believe that we should teach generosity and that this characteristic is crucial for successful living.

I am reminded of two scriptures:

**Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give  
Careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever,  
And a crown is not secure for all generations. Prov. 27:23-24**

**Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first and best part  
of all your income. Then your barns will be full, and your  
Vats will overflow with fresh wine. Prov. 3:9-10**

God's word definitively encourages people to share tithes and offerings, and I would ask that we continue to prepare our hearts and minds towards what God would have us give in the months ahead to the future of Milton Christian School. I have extended this challenge to the student body, and have asked for ideas where the students and classes can raise funds with a goal of \$5000. Ideas such as jewellery making/sales, a talent show, bake and McMillan sale have all been ideas put forward by students. Please share any ideas you may have. I would like anything we implement to be student led.

Blessings

Principal Van Slingerland

**"My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever."  
Psalm 145:21**



## MCS Announcements 2011/2012

**Grade 1-2, 5-6 Free Dress**—Grades 1-2 and 5-6 will have free dress on Friday February 10th, 2012

**Valentines Day**—MCS will be having a Valentines Theme Day on Tuesday February 14th, 2012. Students will be permitted to wear free dress as long as they wear a red or pink clothing item.

**Grandparents Day** - Milton Christian School is going to have a Grandparents Day on February 16th, 2012—8:30am to 11:00am. This is a special open house in which students can invite their Grandparents and extended senior family members. Visitors can mingle in the classroom and view their grandchild's work, enjoy some social time, and participate in a school wide assembly. It will truly be a day of celebration as we visit among the generations.

**Snow Tubing**—Grades 1 through 8 will enjoy a day of Snow Tubing on Friday February 17th, 2012. The entire student body will have free dress this day.

**Family Day**—Monday February 20th, 2012 is Family Day. MCS will be closed.

**Kindergarten Pizza Day**— The kindergarten class will have a pizza party lunch on Friday February 24th, 2012.

**MCS Open House**— Milton Christian School will be hosting an open house for all currently enrolled families on February 27th, 2012. The open house will have various 'information stations' whereby parents can acquire information and instruction on the following topics:

- Understanding your child's report card
- New Drop off/pick up procedures
- The Milton Christian School's new home—The library
- General Information and Questions

**Skiing**—The grade 3-8 classes will be enjoying a day of skiing on March 2nd, 2012.

**March Break**—MCS will be closed from Monday March 5th to Friday March 16th 2012 for March Break. Classes will re-commence on Monday March 19th, 2012.

**Tuition/Enrolment Intention Forms**—Tuition rates and enrolment intention forms for the 2012/2013 school year are due on or before March 1st, 2012

**Annual Fundraising Banquet** - The Milton Christian Education Association annual Fundraising Banquet will be held on Saturday April 21st, 2011. This event is always the highlight of the year. Please mark this event on your calendar. It is sure to be an awesome evening of great food, live and silent auction action, and celebration as MCS endeavours to raise funds for the schools future.

**Volunteers Needed**—We continue to look for individuals to serve on teams to assist with Policy, Facilities, Development, Finance, Human Resources and Community Relations. If this is an area that may interest you, then please speak to me at your earliest convenience.



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Milton Christian School will be implementing new student drop-off, pick-up, and school visitor procedures.

Such changes will take effect March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 upon return from March Break, and we ask for the co-operation of all staff, students and parents connected to Milton Christian School.

### **STUDENT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE**

The safety, security and wellbeing of every Milton Christian School student is paramount. In the interest of such safety and security, and in order to create and maintain an orderly procedure so that all students and teachers can thrive, Milton Christian School will implement the following student drop-off, pick-up, and school visitor procedures.

Students should be dropped off each morning, between 8:15am and 8:25am. As a rule, unless registered for other school programs, sports team practices, or with teacher's permission; students should not arrive at school earlier than 10 minutes before the start of school because no supervision will be available before this time.

Students should gather outside, with all necessary belongings, in their designated class area, and await the morning bell at 8:25am. The designated gathering area will be marked by orange cones and students are to line up according to class designations (IE. Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc). Teachers will assist in, and supervise during the morning arrival procedure along with senior student peers. At 8:25am, the homeroom teachers will escort their classes from the outside gathering area to their classrooms. All students, whether they arrive by vehicle or on foot, are expected to enter the school building through the assigned door. Students will be directed to come in early on rainy days or in extremely cold weather. Outdoor shoes and boots should be removed upon entry into the school.

School begins at 8:30am each day and students should be in class and prepared for the day by this time.

Prompt arrival by all students is necessary to ensure a good start to the school day. Students who are not in their classroom by 8:30am are to obtain a late slip from the main office.

It is expected that all students leave school property at the end of the school day unless they are participating in some school activity supervised by a staff member. Any students, including brothers and sisters, who are not part of such an activity should leave by 3:30 p.m.



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Students will gather in the designated area at the end of each school day and await pick up. The designated gathering area will be marked by orange cones and students are to line up according to class designations (IE. Grade Pre-K-SK, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc). Parents and/or designate should pick up students between 3:15 and 3:30 pm.

All doors, other than the main entrance doors, will be locked during the school day. All parents, visitors and guests must report to the school office upon entering the building and get a visitor pass. No visitor (including parents) should be in any part of the school other than the office without a visitor pass. It is important for the safety of the students that all visitors have permission to be in the building. It is our policy that students will not leave the property during the day without parental/teacher consent be it verbal, or in writing. If parents and/or designates, pick-up students during the day for any reason, they will report to the office and office staff will call for the student to come and meet their parent/designate. If parents and/or designates, drop-off students during the day for any reason, they will report to the office and office staff will escort the student to their class.

Students must have written or oral parent permission to leave school property with someone else, and must be accompanied by an adult if they leave school property.

For safety reasons we recommend that children in Grades K - 4 not ride their bikes to school unless supervised by an adult. Students travelling by bike must obey the rules of traffic and wear a helmet. As soon as you are on school property, dismount and **walk** your bike to the bicycle rack at the back of the school. Be sure to lock up your bike. Skateboards and roller blades are not to be used on school property.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

An open house information session will be held on Monday February 27th, 2012 to discuss and provide information on the new procedures as well as other important topics.