

## Happy New Year—Welcome 2017

Welcome back to school! On behalf of the staff and leadership of Milton Christian School, we wish everyone a Happy New Year. We trust everyone had an enjoyable Christmas vacation and that all are eager to celebrate a brand new year.

Before the Christmas break, 450 friends and family members packed into Knox Presbyterian Church to enjoy the incredible Christmas presentation; ***Manger Tales!*** Most who witnessed the presentation believe that it was an outstanding performance, highlighting the gifts and passions of Milton Christian School students.

February is almost upon us and you know what that means..... snow, slush and ice! We ask that students have an extra change of socks in their backpacks for those days that they might get wet during recess. Students should have proper outdoor winter clothing, waterproof boots, gloves and hats to wear during our outdoor breaks.

MCS is very pleased to announce that the association received close to \$60,000 in donations during the month of December. Praise the Lord for His faithful, who are willing to give generously. Milton Christian School is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency, which relies on donations to operate. Thank you to all who donated. Its never too late to contribute.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be taking place on **Thursday February 2nd, 2017 from 3:45pm to 8:00pm**, and **Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 8:00am to 12:00pm**.

To ensure a smooth process of scheduling parent/teacher interviews; please adhere to the following instructions. We encourage full participation with Parent/Teacher interviews.

Parents can register and schedule their parent/teacher interview on <http://milton.schoolappointments.com>

Please go to this website, and follow the attached instructions for registering and scheduling an appointment with your child's teacher.

Please limit your appointment scheduled to **one 15 minute appointment per homeroom teacher** and, if desired, one 15 minute appointment per family with Mr. Tadros, the MCS French teacher.

If you desire to meet with any other teacher, or if you need additional time after the 15 minutes; please schedule an appointment to meet with the needed teacher at a later date/time.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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On the evening of **Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 from 6:30-8:30pm** we will also be host to our annual **High School Visit night**. Representatives from Kings Christian Collegiate, Toronto District Christian High and Hamilton District Christian High, will be onsite to speak to families about enrollment at their perspective schools. Please take advantage of this evening by finding out the benefits of attending their schools.

## **MCS Family Social—Chili Night**

MCS will be hosting a social night on **Friday February 10th, 2017—7PM** at the school. It will be a **chili cookoff**. Please make your best chili recipe. The rules—If its in a pot..... Its chili. The original calendar date indicated for this evening was scheduled February 3rd. It is now scheduled for February 10th. Please RSVP to Rachel Ayala at [admissions@miltonchristianschool.com](mailto:admissions@miltonchristianschool.com)

## **Valentines Day**

MCS will be having a Valentines Theme Day on Tuesday February 14th, 2017. Students will be permitted to wear free dress as long as they wear a red or pink clothing item. We would ask that no candy be sent to school.

## **MCS Hockey Game and Family Skate**

Milton Christian School will have an Intramural Hockey Game and host a family skating event on Friday February 17th, 2017 from 11am—1pm at Milton's Memorial Arena. As many of you know Mr. Martin has been leading an MCS Hockey Program. The players participating in the hockey program will square off as two teams—one coached by Mr. Martin and the other by Mr. Miedema. Teams will play each other for the first hour of the event, and then the entire student body will participate in a family skate. Tickets for the event are \$7.50. MCS students are free. Details and order forms will arrive home soon!

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Annual Fundraising Banquet** - The Milton Christian Education Association **Annual Fundraising Banquet** will be held on:

**Saturday, April 29th, 2017—6:30PM**  
**Pipers Heath Golf Club.**

This event is always one of the highlights of the year. Please mark this event on your calendar. This year attendees will be entertained by the very talented comedian; Timmy Boyle. It is sure to be an awesome evening of great food, live auction action, and celebration as MCS endeavors to raise funds for the school's future. Tickets will be \$100 per person and will be limited. Details to come, but you can RSVP by contacting the school anytime.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER SAFETY PROCEDURES

The range and types of inclement weather situations do not supersede the duty and power of the Principal, or designate, to make local decisions about the safety of students and staff regarding various inclement weather conditions.

### 1. EXTREME COLD: TEMPERATURE WITH OR WITHOUT WINDCHILL

- a) warmer than  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students may remain outside for all regular outside activities
  - b) between  $-15^{\circ}$  and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students may remain outside for no longer than 20 minute intervals.
  - c) colder than  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ : students must remain inside
- \*\*Warnings and advisories issued by Halton Health Department at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .*

Milton Christian School will close at the discretion of the Principal and related to local safety issues. MCS will only close school in the rare instances when the Halton District School Board **closes its schools** due to inclement weather or other emergencies (ex. power outages). This information will be available to parents on local radio stations, and the Milton Christian School website.

On snowy days when public school buses are cancelled, MCS will still open. However, it is up to the discretion of parents/guardians as to whether the roads are safe for travel for their family. Since many students (and possibly one or two of the staff members) may be unable to get to school, parents must be aware that these may become **child care days** in which there are no regular classes or lessons.

The Principal reserves the right to cancel school on days during questionable weather circumstances and if it is deemed safer for the children to remain home.

If the school must close for a day due to inclement weather or other emergencies, information will be made available on the school website found at: [www.miltonchristianschool.com](http://www.miltonchristianschool.com)

Students and parents should assume that classes will be held unless an announcement is made.

### Family Day

Monday February 20th, 2017 is Family Day. MCS will be closed.

## Living Curriculum Teachers

What kind of teachers does MCS strive to employ? We believe Christian parents are looking for a special type of teacher; one we call the Living Curriculum. Parents understand these teachers will have awesome responsibilities and opportunities to shape their children's lives. But how do we identify a Living Curriculum Teacher?

First of all, there is no prototype. They come with different personalities from different types of families. They were raised in the different environments in different parts of the world. They attended different colleges or universities and enjoy different styles of worship. Today, they are a wonderful mix of people rooted in Evangelical Christianity but with different heritages and different experiences. We do believe, though, that Living Curriculum Teachers share a number of identifiable beliefs and qualities. Living Curriculum Teachers are:

- ✦ born-again, growing, **followers of Christ** and they desire that their students experience the same personal relationship with Christ that they have.
- ✦ happy and positive people. Students **trust, respect and desire** to be around Living Curriculum Teachers.
- ✦ **humble and trustworthy**. They have an open mind and a sensitive spirit. They are approachable and they really listen.
- ✦ relationship builders. They understand that **modeling through relationships** is essential for growth in Christian character. They pay attention to the individual needs of students as they work at building meaningful and appropriate relationships.
- ✦ committed to treating students with dignity. Students know they can count on a predictable, **nurturing and stimulating** environment in the Living Curriculum Teacher's classroom.
- ✦ parent partners. They believe the best education is one where **parents and teachers work together** supporting students from both sides.
- ✦ life-long learners. They **never stop getting better** at the art and science of teaching. They understand that teaching content is not the only goal. Study skills, higher level analysis, critical thinking skills and problem solving abilities should all be taught and practiced within the study of each subject area.
- ✦ motivated to motivate. They take **time with students one on one**. To see a student end up serving God, using his or her gifts clearly within the will of God, provides an indescribable joy to the Living Curriculum Teacher.

We are passionately committed to providing Living Curriculum Teachers for MCS parents and their students.