



High Level Christian Academy



“THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH”

“Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

Start of the Year Newsletter (September)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

We are all so very excited to welcome your students back in the building and our classrooms! We are rejoicing that our return to school is a return to almost normal; we are permitted to sing again, and masking is optional. We will continue with faithful handwashing and regular sanitizing of high touch spaces, but we can enjoy each other and our smiles! God continues to provide and preserve us. It is my pleasure to welcome back Mrs. Bartlett as our grade 2-4 teacher and Ms. Ahn as our Kindergarten and grade 1 teacher. Ms. Dyck will be assisting in the grade 5/6 and the Jr High classrooms with myself, Ms. Jeffrey, as their teacher. We are extremely thankful for Mary Thiessen as the school janitor, and for Mrs. Brock who brings joy and laughter to our workdays.

Our theme for the school year is taken from Nehemiah 8:10, “. . .the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Nehemiah chapter 8 tells of the Israelites gathering as one in the square; they have rebuilt the wall to Jerusalem. They can gather together safely within the walls of their city and hear from God’s word. They have united as one nation, together with the scribes and the priests to hear from the Book of the Law. They hear Ezra read from the Book of the Law all morning; all listening attentively to the Word of God, praising and worshipping God as one body. As they are hearing the Word of God being read and taught, they are overcome with emotion, weeping and mourning. But they are told by Nehemiah that this day is holy (set apart) to our Lord, and they should not grieve because “the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Their strength is not found in their new wall around their city; it is not in their numbers. Their strength or confidence is found ONLY in the deep gladness, the delight, in the exultation of the LORD. This delight is found in Jehovah, in I AM; the God who has faithfully delivered His people from Egypt, who sent them into exile and who called them out of exile. What a precious reminder! Our strength, confidence, and security cannot be found in our health, our governments, our educational systems, our jobs, etc; our strength comes by rejoicing in our LORD, Jehovah. The apostle Paul instructs the Philippians on how to handle fear and anxiety; he writes:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4: 4-7

Paul tells us that the peace of God comes from the choice to rejoice in who God is and to trust in Him and in His authority over all circumstances and over all things. I pray that this year we would take great strength and confidence in knowing that our God is good; He is faithful and sovereign; He loves us and works all things out for His glory and our good.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Ms. Jeffrey

CLASSROOM REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECS – GRADE 1

Dear parents,

Thank you so much for entrusting me with your child's education for this year. If you would like to help in the classroom in any way, please let me know. We would love to have you involved in the classroom. It could be one day every week for a block or two.

There is a Kindergarten Schedule being sent home. Kindergarten students will come to school every Tuesday and Thursday, and every other Friday. On the school year calendar, the kindergarten days are bolded for your reference.

We have library days on Tuesdays. Please return previous signed out books before signing out new ones. We also have art days scheduled on Fridays and every other Wednesday. For the month of September, Wednesday art classes are scheduled to be on Sept 8th & 22nd. Please keep this in mind since art can be messy!

As part of the Koinonia Christian Schools, HLCA has student scripture memory verses for the school year. K-1 students have a shortened version of the scripture memory verses. They will be handed out on the Meet the Teacher Night. Practicing memory verses at home with the child is strongly encouraged. Grade 1 students will be tested on Fridays, Kindergarteners will be tested on Thursdays or Fridays depending on the kindergarten schedule.

Our school email and Schoology login information have been taped on the inside front cover of the agendas for your reference. Another copy will be sent home.

If you need to reach me, please contact me at 1-587-575-6543 or at Jocelyn.ahn@hlcacademy.ca.

I look forward to a great year of learning and growing with the students.

Blessings,

Ms. Ahn

GRADES 2 - 4

Hello HLCA Family! My name is Mrs. Bartlett. I will be teaching Grades 2, 3 and 4 this year. Originally from the East coast, my husband and I have lived in High Level for the last 14 years. I have a history with HLCA having

taught here for 11 years in ECS/Gr.1 before taking a sabbatical.

I am looking forward to how God will grow HLCA (and me) this year. Our theme is "the JOY of the Lord is my strength." -Neh. 8:10. May we all feel strengthened and encouraged as we serve together.

See you are Meet the Teacher Night! 😊

GENERAL INFORMATION:

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL

Please let us know if any of your children have any allergies or medical concerns, we need to know about so we can best accommodate them.

HOT LUNCHES

A hot lunch will be offered every Thursday. Order forms will be sent home the last Monday of the month for the following month. Please ensure the orders are in at least 2 days before hot lunch day. The first hot lunch for this year will be on Thursday, Sept 16th.

ATTACHMENTS

1. HLCA Handbook
2. Student Permission Forms (*return ASAP*)
3. Collection of Personal Information Form - PIPA (*One per family, return ASAP*)
4. Monthly Calendar
5. Yearly Calendar (*new families*)
6. Memory Verses (Gr 2-9)
7. Hot Lunch Order Form (*return by Sept 14*)
8. Parent/Staff Phone List

CUTLERY/UTENSILS

The school WILL NOT be providing any cutlery to students except for hot lunch. The students MUST bring their own. We suggest they always have a set in their backpacks or lunch kits.

WATER

There will be a water cooler in the hallway available for students to fill up their water bottles just as we had last year. The water fountain is functional also for students that forget to bring their water bottles.

VISITOR SIGN-IN

Please report at the office by signing in before proceeding to any classroom. Scan the COVID-19 health check list posted on the entrance door before entering the building.

STUDENT PICKUP

The afternoon dismissal time is 3:25pm. All students must either walk home or be picked up by a parent or guardian. If someone other than the parent or guardian is picking up a student, the school must be notified prior to dismissal time.

STUDENT SIGN-IN

Please stop by the office to sign your child "in" if you are dropping them off after 8:50am or "out" if you are picking them up throughout the day before 3:25pm. This will assist us in knowing which children are on site.

NEWSLETTERS – MEMOS

Each last Monday of the month the **youngest child** in the family will bring home the Memos with attachments for the coming month. Please take time to read the newsletter to keep yourselves informed of the upcoming expectations and activities.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website @ www.hlccademy.ca for upcoming events and homework. HLCA has a Facebook group. Its purpose is to be an additional source of information for parents, supporters and alumni to keep up to date on current events at HLCA. It is a supplement to our school newsletter. If you wish to have something posted, (information, encouragement, praise/prayer) please contact the school. Essentially, it is like an electronic billboard. Questions, comments, and concerns need to come to the school by way of phone, text, email or in person. Questions related to your child's class are best communicated by phone, text, email, or a note in your child's agenda.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 1: First Day of School for grades 1-9

Sept 2: First Day of School for ECS

Sept 3: Meet the Teacher Night

Starting at 5:30pm at HLCA – weather permitting, we will be outside. Please bring your own lawn chairs. Family last names from A-K bring a salad, L-Z bring a dessert. Please bring enough for at least 10 people.

The time slots for each teacher will be 15 minutes as follows:

Ms. Ahn (ECS-Gr1) – 7:00-7:15pm

Mrs. Bartlett (Gr2-4) – 7:15-7:30pm

Ms. Jeffrey (Gr 5-6) – 7:30-7:45pm

Ms. Jeffrey (Gr 7-9) – 7:45-8:00pm

Sept 6: Labour Day – No School

Sept 9: Track & Field – volunteers needed

Sept 17: PD Day – No School

(HLCES) UPDATE FROM THE BOARD:

FUNDSCRIP

The High Level Christian Academy is enrolled in a fundraising program called **FundScrip**. This is a program where supporters use *gift cards* to pay for things that they are going to buy anyway, such as grocery, gas, restaurant, and household item expenses. By simply changing your method of payment for everyday spending, the school will receive a percentage of the sales. We encourage families to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity to help HLCA raise funds for operation. The cards are available at the office and are payable by cash, debit, credit, and e-transfer. Please call the office if you have any questions.