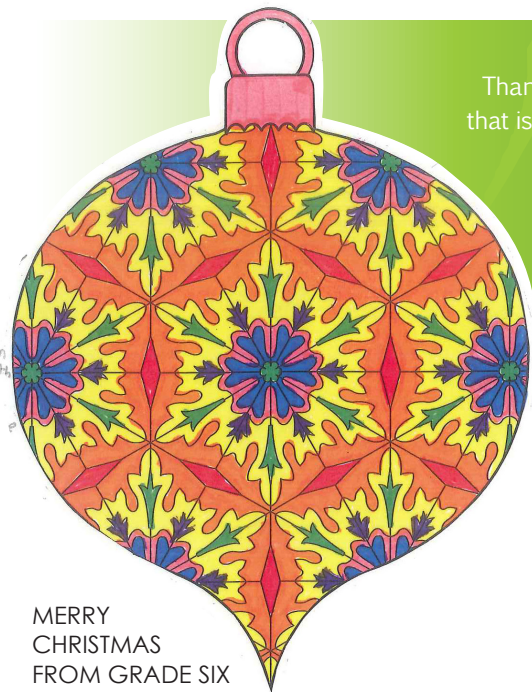


Thanks be to God for His gift
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Christmas Edition



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM GRADE SIX

From the Board AT BRANTFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

“A Christmas Gift That Keeps on Giving”

What if you could buy a gift for your child this Christmas that will keep on giving long into adulthood? According to a recent survey by Cardus, a Christian think tank, you can. It's called Christian education.

Our Board is just beginning to discuss some of the findings. Cardus surveyed American adults in their 20s and 30s who were graduates of Protestant Christian schools, Catholic private schools, private non-religious schools, homeschoolers, and public schools. This phase of the study included only Americans, so it's likely that when they complete the phase of the research with Canadians, the results could be different.

Nevertheless, compared to all the other schools, graduates of the Protestant schools – which is the category most similar to BCS – are unique. They are more content and satisfied with their life, and more optimistic about the future. They're more likely to volunteer their time and money. They pray, read the Bible, and do family devotions more often. They're more likely to be part of stable, loving families. They're more involved in their church and more certain of their faith in Jesus Christ.

There are also some areas where Protestant school grads lag behind, especially compared to Catholic and private school grads. Graduates of Protestant schools are less likely to be involved in politics, don't go as far in their education, and know fewer “powerful” or “influential” people. These findings suggest that Protestant schools aren't necessarily preparing “world changers”.

According to Cardus, Protestant Christian schools produce “salt of the earth” people: they're dependable, content, devout, involved folks who roll up their sleeves and serve willingly. They might not be changing the whole garden, but they bloom where they're planted. Of course, there is no guarantee that every graduate will turn out this way. But, the Cardus research affirms what we already know: Christian education is the best investment you can make in your child. That's a good thing to remember when you buy Christmas gifts this year.

Jim R. Vanderwoerd on behalf of the school board

Grade Two wrote about experiencing Christmas with our senses. Here are some of their ideas:

Christmas looks like...decorations all around
the houses - Myles

Christmas looks like...Christmas lights on the houses - Paige

Christmas looks like...silver snow - Samuel

Christmas sounds like...Christmas carols - Olivia

Christmas sounds like...opening presents - Kyle

Christmas sounds like...Santa coming down
the chimney! - Lucas

Christmas sounds like...Christmas songs - Yeon Woo

Christmas smells like...baking in the oven - Kyra

Christmas smells like...pine trees - Leighton

Christmas feels like...stickiness of the candy canes - Elena

Christmas feels like...the cold breeze - Xavier

Christmas tastes like...warm hot chocolate - Sarah

Christmas tastes like...cookies with decorations - Paige

Christmas tastes like...snow because we eat snow! - Rebekah

Jesus brings joy to our hearts.
Everlasting life he gives to everyone.
Saviour to all mankind
Used his body as the ultimate sacrifice
Sing with Christmas spirit to our
splendid King.

*This poem was written by grade three,
Merry Christmas everyone!*

Merry Christmas from Grade Seven

I am a Christmas tree so noble and tall,
When people chop me, I gracefully fall.
I am decorated with ornaments so rich and fine
I wonder if one of those presents will be mine.
Thump, thump my heart pumps under the tree
As the children open their present with glee.
On top of the tree looking so bright,
There stands an angel this Christmas night.
It smiles a smile just for me,
As it sits on top of the evergreen tree.
When Christmastime is here
I will always give a cheer.
All the trees shining bright
They all look amazing on Christmas night.
There is lots of snow swirling around
Snowflakes falling without a sound.
I like the Christmas lights aglow
On the freshly fallen snow.
It is Christmas, oh boy!
Everyone is full of joy.
Jesus arrived on this very day
Happy Birthday is what we should say.
The greatest gift not under the tree,
Is the one that many people don't see.
Underneath is the nativity scene
Looking bright and looking serene.
On this Christmas night make a new start,
Make this the year Christ enters your heart!

Christmas Festival at BCS

A great time was had by all on Saturday, December 3rd as the BCS community and friends all gathered together to have some festive fun! Everyone agreed it was a great day and we look forward to next year already! Thank you to all who helped and supported this event. The committee is pleased to report over \$8000 was raised for the school! Great Job!*

“Behold His love within a lowly manger much more than we deserve, here lies His wondrous grace.” C.Porteous

MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone from students and staff at BCS! We hope that this Christmas you will find joy in family and friends and that the New Year will bring abundant blessings to you and your loved ones. We also pray God’s blessings on Brantford Christian School as we enter 2012. We continue to need God in all we do here at school and we are very much aware that it is in His strength that we do all things. We give

God all the praise and glory for His goodness and for His presence every day at BCS! We trust you will enjoy His presence this Christmas and we hope you enjoy reading what our students wanted to share with you in this issue. *“It could have begun anywhere, the story of the king. But, curiously, it began in a manger. Step into the doorway, peek through the window. He is here!” Max Lucado **

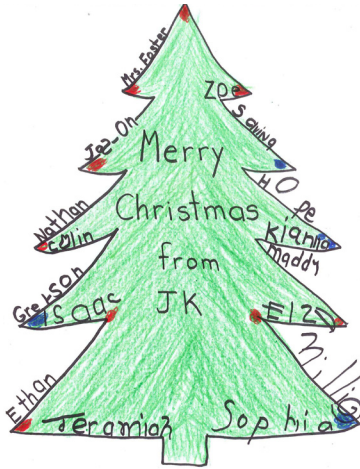
Merry Christmas from Gr. 5

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM JK & SK

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| RYAN | SEBIN | TREVOR | MIKAYLA |
| MRS. VANDERSAR | | | |



< MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GRADE FOUR



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GRADE EIGHT

- A** is for the angel who led the wise men, who saw the special star
- B** is for baby Jesus our Lord and Mary's baby who is good
- C** is for Christmas when Jesus was a baby and his mom and dad were so proud
- D** is for the donkey that Mary rode
- E** is for everyone who comes to my house for Christmas
- F** is for frankincense
- G** is for the Gifts that the wise men gave
- H** is for holly
- I** is for the inn where Jesus laid near
- J** is for Jesus who was born on Christmas Day
- K** is for King of Kings
- L** is for the lamb that was in the inn
- M** is for the mother of Jesus
- N** is for a nice holiday at Christmas
- O** is for ornaments that sparkle and hang down.
- P** is for presents we give at Christmas
- Q** is for quaking shepherds
- R** is for red which is one of the Christmas colours
- S** is for the special star that shone in the night
- T** is for the treats we eat
- U** is for us getting together
- V** is for the violin I play at Christmas!
- W** is for wise men that looked for Jesus
- X** is for 'x' shaped cookies that I would like to eat
- Y** is for 'yeah for Jesus!'
- Z** is for the zoo at the stable where Jesus was born.

Grade one wishes you a blessed Christmas!