



DUNCAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Building on Faith, Family & Community

NEWSLETTER

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God is Good, All the Time

Jeremy Tinsley, Principal

In January I lost a dear friend of mine to cancer. He was an important part of my life for the last 10 years. His name is Curt Tuininga, and he was a principal at Cedars Christian School in Prince George, BC. He was 54 years old when he died.

Mr. Tuininga was my mentor, someone who spent a great deal of time encouraging and supporting me. I attribute and credit God's work through Curt with much of my growth in this role. I remember frequently calling him and seeking his advice, or just needing him to listen to me share something that was heavy on my heart. He always would. He always left me with hope.

About five years ago Curt took a lot of time out of his schedule to travel to Duncan during my first year as a principal so that he could spend a day with me at school. At the end of the day, he came over to my house for dinner where he made quite an impression on my family. Remember, this is 5 years ago, so my kids were much smaller at the time.

After supper, he went downstairs to our playroom with our kids. About 10 minutes later, my wife and I heard yelling and screaming and laughing. We wondered what was going on and raced down the stairs to find Mr. Tuininga and our kids playing pit ball in our basement! He was smacking dodgeballs at our little kids, and they thought it was awesome!

Mr. Tuininga loved to laugh and play.

In addition to playfully teasing me, often in front of my children and to their great delight, he also listened to me attentively, he encouraged me, he compassionately guided me, and he helped me to take myself less seriously. He was honest with me. He made me laugh. Curt knew me well, including my many faults. Yet, he still loved and cared for me and I felt it deeply.

Mr. Tuininga's sense of humour, his humility, his generosity, and his incredible faith in Jesus helped shaped me as a father, husband and school leader.

Curt ended every email he ever wrote with the phrase "God is good, all the time." With this phrase, he taught me and many others that even when life feels bad, God is good. He taught us that God's love for you and me never fades, that God's love gives us life and purpose.

Even at the very end of his life, just a few weeks ago, as he was having to say goodbye, at least for now, to his wife and three daughters, to his friends, his former students, his own parents, **Mr. Tuininga continued to proclaim that God is good, all the time.**

Here are a few words that Curt shared just before he died, words of his that might stick in your mind as they have in mine:

I encourage you to look for, find and contemplate the grace notes of your daily lives. The times of kindness, generosity and simple friendliness and treasure them and create some of your own. Find joy in life and share this message of hope and life because you know your only comfort in life and death is found in Jesus, and others need to know it as well.

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*We confess that Christ is Lord of all and He calls us, in **community**, to **equip** students for a life of **discipleship** as **stewards** of His creation.*

SPRING BREAK—SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed for Spring Break from Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 22. We will reopen on Monday, March 25.

DCS CHARGERS NEWS

CHARGERS SPRING SPORTS

Month of March and more...

Some Important Notes:

1. A complete Spring Schedule will be made available and Spring Sports fees will be announced, when we return from Spring Break.
2. In general...
 - A. Senior Girls Soccer (Gr. 8 - 12 to start - we may have a junior team too - TBA) - Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting Wednesday, March 6
 - B. Badminton (Gr. 8 - 12) Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Thursday, March 7
 - C. Track (Gr. 8 -12) Wednesdays starting Wednesday, March 27. Additional days and times may be added.
 - D. Golf (Gr. 8 - 12) Thursdays starting Thursday, April 4



March 8	Elementary Report Cards
March 9 to 24	Spring Break
March 25	Grade 10 Parent/Student West Coast Trail Meeting at 7:00pm
April 1-3	Grade 10 Work Experience (WEX)
April 8	DCS Pro D Day—No Classes
April 10	Elementary Student Centre Conferences
April 12	Secondary End of Term 3
April 16	Grade 7 Badminton Tournament
April 17	BC School Sports Milk Run
April 18	Grade 8 Capernway BC Christian Track Meet
April 18-21	Outdoor Ed. Cape Scott Trip—weather permitting
April 19	Good Friday—School Closed
April 22	Easter Monday—School Closed
April 24	Annual High School Health Fair
April 25	North Island Badminton Championship
April 26	PLC Afternoon—Early Dismissal
April 26-27	BC Christian Sr. Girls Soccer Champ.
April 30-May 1	CVIAA Track Meet
May 2	Island Badminton Championship
May 9-10	Island Girls Soccer Championship
May 15-16	Island Track Championship
May 24	Grandfriend's Day Mandatory Overnight WCT Practice Hike
May 30-Jun 1	Prov. Girls Soccer Track Championship Badminton Championship
June 13	Secondary Awards
June 14	Secondary Last Day of Classes
June 20	Elementary Last Day of Classes
June 25	Grade 12 Graduation

VENDORS & GARAGE SALE TABLES

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Thursday, May 16, 2019 / 2:00pm to 7:30pm

RENT A TABLE FOR \$20

Email Bethany Duarte

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In support of the DCS Grade 12 House Build Mission

Food Trucks
Science Fair & Student Showcase
Vendors & Garage Sales
Kids Activities
Car Wash
Bottle Drive
Talent Show



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SCHOOL CHAPELS

ELEMENTARY

Wednesdays at 1:20pm
Elementary Gymnasium

March 27—Camp Imadene

April 3—Upper and Lower Grade Chapels

April 10—Kindergarten

April 17—Easter Chapel K-12

As special events sometimes change the time for chapel, you may want to call the school office to check before you come.

SECONDARY

Wednesdays at 11:00am
Pentecostal Church