



inside look

AUGUST 2022

From the Principal's Desk

I recently became a grandma for the third time, and I was the “grandma-on-call” when my daughter went to the hospital to deliver their second child. I was meant to be at school, getting things ready for the arrival of staff, and then students the following week. However, I found myself building block towers with my grandson. We would build a tower and then knock it down, only to build it again amidst laughter and squeals of delight. As we built the towers made of blocks, my mind went to the “building blocks” that make up Agassiz Christian School, and I realized again how thankful I am for this school community. The “building blocks” are many:

- Students
- Staff
- Parents
- Grandparents
- Prayer warriors
- Custodians
- Wednesday lunch supervisors
- Chapel speakers
- PAC members
- Board and committee members
- Construction Experts
- Painters
- Financial contributors



So before we open the doors on September 6 and officially start the new school year, I just want to say thank you in advance for being a part of our school community and for doing your part to “build” the community of Agassiz Christian School. You are an important block in our tower, and I am grateful to be building with you!



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COVID PROTOCOLS

For the most part we are beginning the year much the same way that we ended the last school year. COVID protocols have been greatly reduced and we can return to a much more “normal” school environment. Here are some of the major things to note as we start the new year:

- Stay home when you are sick!
- Students and staff are encouraged to receive the vaccines available to them.
- Our school will be a mask-friendly environment, in which the personal choice of individuals and families will be respected. Masks are not required for students and staff.
- Parents and volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to once again be active “building blocks” of our school community.
- Cleaning protocols will more closely resemble pre-pandemic practices.
- Frequent hand-washing reduces the spread of germs, so good hand hygiene will continue to be encouraged.
- Extra-curricular school activities will resume and will be governed by the wider provincial or local health authority orders.
- What to do when you are sick or have COVID-19:
 - use the online self-assessment tool (<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>)
 - follow the guidelines provided on the BCCDC website.

2022/2023 Staff

Position	Staff
Kindergarten	Mrs. Victor
Grade 1	Mrs. Driesen
2/3	Mrs. Sache Mrs. Wouda
4/5	Mrs. McGregor Mrs. Wouda Mrs. de Waal
6/7	Mr. Braun
Principal and Itinerant Teacher (Coding, Library)	Mrs. de Waal
Music	Mrs. McGregor
Librarian	Mrs. Hertgers
Preschool	Mrs. Neudorf
EA's (Learning Support)	Mr. Giesbrecht Mrs. Jarvis Mrs. Notenbomer Mrs. Peters Mrs. Timmers Mrs. Timmins Mrs. Van Brugge

School Keys

Every few years, we try to do a “school key round-up.” If you have a set of school keys that you are no longer using, please return them to the school.



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Welcome to New Families

If you are new to our school (Grades K-7), please join us in the library at 8:30 a.m. after your child has joined their class on the first Wednesday. We will have coffee ready as we discuss what excites us at Agassiz Christian School and we will answer any questions that you may have.

New parent orientation/information event in the library on Wednesday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m.

School Supplies

- K-7 students need to have indoor running shoes with regular, **non-marking** soles.
- All students also need to have outside shoes in which they can be active, ready for PE, recess and outdoor learning.
- K-7 students need a backpack large enough for a binder.
- Students should have a personal water bottle at school
- Students also need to bring a box of Kleenex to school, to help keep our classrooms germ-free once the “cold” season arrives.
- All other supplies are provided by the school.



Chapel

This year our chapels will be on alternating Fridays from 8:20 to approximately 8:45 a.m. There will be occasions when chapel happens on a different day of the week because of a special occasion or a guest speaker, but we will let you know of these changes through our school app. Parents (and any other guests) are very welcome to come to this first chapel and any of our chapels throughout the year.

Please join us for our first Chapel of the year on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:30 a.m.

Some Current (and real) Building Blocks

If you haven't visited our school recently, please drop by to see some of the amazing work that has taken place over the summer (and please take some time to say thank you to the people who helped to make all the renovations and building happen)! Some of the changes include:

- A completely renovated Grade One classroom (that used to be the Music room).
- A new outdoor classroom - a new and beautiful space to learn outside.
- Lowered sinks in our Preschool and Kindergarten rooms - students can actually reach the taps now!
- Newly painted playground equipment - no more rusty hands!
- A new projector unit in the gym.
- And a newly painted school (I don't

PAC

After it's inaugural year, the Agassiz Christian School PAC is excited to begin a new school year and is looking for new and committed members. For more information about our PAC please contact: Kristin Te Brinke 604-217-2126

Meet the Teacher Evening & Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, September 14, you are invited to have an ice cream treat and to meet your child's teacher and have a tour of their classroom. Your child will be the tour guide. The ice cream will be ready to be served at 6:00 p.m. It melts quickly, so come and get it while it's cold.



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Volunteer Opportunity

We are in need of noon hour supervisors on Wednesdays from 12:10 - 12:45. This provides an opportunity for staff to eat together, have devotions and discuss issues relating to our common goals. Please contact Judy de Waal for more information.

Tuition Payments

Please submit payments to the school office. If you are on the 12-month payment plan and have not submitted your August payment, please do so with your September payment (10-month payment plan begins Sept. 1).

Bussing

Different from previous years, bussing is no longer a part of general school tuition, and bussing families will be required to pay an extra fee for the service. If you are wanting your child to take the bus, you should have already registered with the school. If you haven't done so, please call the school as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly. Please phone or text Josh Vanden Eykel at 604-791-0280 if you have questions concerning the bus route. ***The schedule will be coming shortly to bussing families via email.***

School App

The "My Agassiz Christian" app helps to keep students, parents, and staff connected, engaged, and on track. The app contains school news, calendars, class updates, and other school information such as important events and school closures. The app works wherever you go - on iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android phones & tablets, and on any computer's web browser (except for Internet Explorer). You can even choose between push notifications, text messages, and email for your most important updates.

To get started with the "My Agassiz Christian" app, either:

- Search for "My Agassiz Christian" in the AppStore/Google Play.
- Visit agassizchristian.appazur.com and tap the button.
- Learn more at: agassizchristian.appazur.com/help/flyer.
- Please contact the school office or your child's teacher for the security password.



Important Dates to Remember

- **September 6** - The first day of school for Grades K-7
- **September 7** - 8:30 a.m. New Parent Orientation in the Library.
- **September 8** - 9:00-10:00 Tues & Thurs Preschool Orientation
- **September 9** - 9:00-10:00 Mon, Wed, Fri Preschool Orientation
- **September 12** - MWF Preschool begins
- **September 13** - T, TH Preschool begins
- **September 14** - 6:00 p.m. Meet the Teacher/ Ice Cream Social
- **September 17** - Fall Fair Parade for K-7 children
- **September 30** - Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school, P-7)
- **October 10** - Thanksgiving Day (no school)



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