# Inside Look at Agassiz Christian School



APRIL 2025

## Easter Poetry by Grade 6/7 ×

#### "Jesus' Beating" Free Verse by Tara Van Laar

Jesus is loving and kind,
But around Him people were blind.
Heartbroken He was,
All the people were in a buzz.
"Crucify Him," they shouted,
He was guilty, Pilate doubted.

He died for us, now I know, Those people were just too low.

They beat Him for sure,
This was their justice cure,
Crown of thorns on His head,
This was because they wanted Him dead.
On that cross He is now hanging,
In his head he could still hear the banging.

He died for us now I know, Those people were just too low.

He is our saviour, The pain was greater, Greater than a gash or ache, But on the third day He will awake.



#### "Weeping" A Haiku by Elli Ferland

The women will weep, Crying all of your own tears, But your return is near.

#### "The Death of Jesus" Free Verse by Emmett Boyer

Jesus was misunderstood, beaten by His own He was King, but not known.
He taught many, but they turned against Him, Kept on teaching His Father's word.
The word spread around,
People wanted Him dead.
But Pilate knew He had done no wrong,
So he sent Him to Herod,
Hoping he would greet Him and not punish Him.

Herod couldn't get a single word out of Him, So he sent Him back to Pilate.

"Crucify Him," the people were yelling.

So happy their wish was granted,
They flogged Him.

Most people covered their eyes,
Right after they made Him carry a cross so big and heavy.

He fell many times,
Simon had to help Him.

They nailed Him to a cross so big and heavy,
Nails left in Him for hours,
'Till He was dead.
People were crying,
But some were mocking Him.
The sky went dark,
And He yelled, "Father into your hands, I commend my spirit."
We have been forgiven,
Right there, right there, He died.



#### Woodwork and the Cross: A Hands-On Easter Reflection

With only two weeks to prepare for our Presentation of Learning, adding a woodworking component might not have seemed like the most practical choice. Looking back, I'm incredibly thankful that we did. Introducing our students to basic hand tools and guiding them in building their own wooden crosses was both ambitious and deeply meaningful.

We began where all good woodworking should: with safety. After a brief introduction and safety quiz, students demonstrated their understanding of how to properly and safely use a handsaw, chisel, and hammer. From there, they learned how to take precise measurements, down to the millimeter. They quickly picked up these new skills and approached the next steps with growing confidence.

Learning to use the handsaw correctly was no small task. We practiced using the full length of the blade, paying attention to posture and blade kerf. Once students had cut their two main pieces of wood to their chosen dimensions, they moved on to the challenge of crafting a half-lap joint. Anyone familiar with woodworking knows how tricky a clean half-lap can be, but our students rose to the occasion and produced tight, well-fitting joints. With the construction complete, they glued, sanded, and stained their crosses, bringing their projects to life with care and pride.

The project wasn't just about skill-building. As we built, we also reflected. During devotions and Bible study, students explored Jesus' trial, His journey to Golgotha, and His crucifixion. Each student selected a meaningful Bible verse from our readings to engrave onto their cross, something that resonated with them personally.

After finishing the woodworking portion, students expressed their thoughts through poetry, writing about the cross and what it means to them. Listening to the poems was a beautiful way to enter into their learning and faith journey this Easter season.

As we move beyond Easter, many of us are left wondering: "What comes next?" Thankfully, we don't have to guess. After His resurrection, Jesus gave us clear direction:

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." — Matthew 28:19-20

May we all be encouraged to carry that message forward, and look for every opportunity to share the hope we have in Christ.









### Easter Poetry by Grade 6/7, continued.

#### "Jesus" A Cinquain by Elizabeth McNeil

Jesus, Kind, calm, Caring, loving, believing, Silent He stays, Saviour.



## "Curtains and Hope" Free Verse by Essie Blattner

The curtain is torn,
Come upon during forlorn.
Maybe this even adorns more,
As I know this is a sign,
From a promise for so long,
Kept dearly sworn,
Prophesied, foreseen, promised,
Spoken from the lips,
Of my Holy Lord.



#### "That Wicked Tree" by Kale te Velde

That wicked tree, Your hands pierced for me, Spear in Your side, How the Sanhedrin lied.

Up on that hill, Where so many are killed, That tree used for ill, To the tomb You lie 'till.



#### "The Thief" A Haiku by Gia Hatch

The thief was abused.

Feet and hands nailed to the cross.

To heaven with God.



#### "Sanhedrin" A Cinquain by Summer Wouda

Sanhedrin Nasty, jealous Taking, laughing, hurting No power for Jesus Heartless

#### "Cross Poem" Free Verse by Kezaira Glasman

The rugged wood,
The pain it hides,
For our sins.
The Sanhedrin,
Holds Him there with their lies.

Yet in that pain, And with those lies, For our sins, Our Saviour dies.

The cross with it's rugged wood,
The pain hidden under cloak and hood,
The cross, the pain,
For our sins.

The only time,
God turns His back,
And when Jesus dies,
The earth will crack,
For our sins.

And when it does, The curtain splits, For our sins.

On the third day, He rose again.



#### "The Cross" by Nora Peters

I'm heavy and wet, They have no mercy, Walked Him up the hill, No mercy for Jesus.

They pinned Him to me, No mercy for me or Him, The lights start to dim, They take Jesus off.

I'm standing alone,
With two friends,
They talk and talk,
Not knowing the end for Jesus had come.

He died for people, They killed Him on me, I was just an old tree, I was just an old tree.

# An inside ook into ... what's happening.



### The PAC (Parent Action Committee)

- Join our "Agassiz Christian School Parents" Facebook **group** for reminders and calls for volunteers.
- The next PAC meeting will be held May 7 at 7:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend!
- If you would like to help out at school throughout the year, please contact Sara Sterkenburg at 604-845-0063.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the year-end Family Picnic! Stay tuned for details to come.



The school would like to purchase an electric piano/keyboard in good used condition. Please let us know if you have one to sell or are willing to help us find one (from FB Marketplace or another source)!





## Important Dates to Remember

- May 16 NO SCHOOL (Annual Staff Retreat)
- May 19 NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)
- May 21 CESS Track & Field Meet
- May 28 Ready, Set, Learn
- May 30 Family Picnic (evening)
- Swimming Lessons (K Gr. 3) June 9, 11, 13, 17, 19
- June 13 Preschool Graduation
- June 18 Grade 7 Farewell Celebration (evening)
- June 20 Last Day of School for students
- June 27 Report Card Pick-Up



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