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From the Principal's Desk



Parenting and El Roi

Parenting is one of life's greatest joys—and one of its greatest challenges. As a mom of six and a grandparent of five, I have personal experience with the daunting task of parenting. There are days filled with laughter, curiosity, and small victories, and there are days when patience feels thin and the path forward unclear. There are moments when you experience great joy and sit back, thinking "I've got this!" And then days when you feel like the worst parent in the world. In both those moments, it is comforting to remember one of the names of God: El Roi — "the God who sees me."

El Roi reminds us that God sees not only our children, but also us as parents—our efforts, our prayers, our worries, and our hopes. He sees the late nights, the difficult conversations, the small acts of love that often go unnoticed, and the deep desire we carry to guide our children well. We are not parenting alone; we are seen, supported, and invited to grow.

To support you in your parenting role, Agassiz Christian is offering a parenting workshop on Feb. 12 at 7:00 with Hannah Beach, an award-winning educator, author and emotional health consultant. I encourage you to take advantage of this free event -- a time set aside to encourage, equip, and connect with one another. A time to gain practical insights, and experience a supportive space to reflect on the realities of raising children in today's world. Whether you are in the early years, the busy middle, or navigating new stages, this evening is for you.

As a school community, we seek to help our children discover, grow, and thrive. That journey is deeply connected to the way we walk alongside them at home. We hope you will join us as we learn together, encouraged by the truth that El Roi sees us, loves us, and walks with us in every season of parenting.



JOIN US ON FEB. 12, 2026 AT 7 P.M.
for a Free PARENT workshop with
Acclaimed Author and speaker:

Registration is appreciated but not required!



HANNAH BEACH
relationship. play. resilience



An **insidelook**

... into Grade One



Growing, Learning, and Thriving

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” This quote reflects how I feel as the teacher of our 22 Grade One students, each bringing unique gifts and talents into the classroom. This year so far has been filled with learning, thriving, and growing together.



Our Grade 1 classroom is a welcoming and supportive environment where students are encouraged to be curious, respectful, and confident learners. Each day begins with familiar routines that help students settle in and prepare for learning. We start our day with daily devotions during calendar time, and students share prayer requests. This warms my heart, as there is a genuine care and love for their peers and families.



A favourite part of our morning is STEM Bin Time, where students engage in hands-on building and problem-solving activities using materials such as blocks, Lincoln Logs, popsicle sticks, playdough, Unifix cubes, and Jenga blocks. They consistently create the coolest and most innovative designs, demonstrating imagination and skill. This time supports the development of critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. Teamwork is a strong focus in our classroom, and students are encouraged to work together, share ideas, and support one another in their learning.



In literacy, we have begun using Secret Stories in phonics, which has been an engaging and effective way to support early reading skills. Students are showing a genuine love for reading as they apply their phonics knowledge to decode words and explore new stories. Each day, students participate in Language Arts rotations, which include quiet reading, learning a new concept at the teacher table, working on a computer, and an independent language craft or fun game. These rotations support individualized learning and help students develop confidence and a lifelong appreciation for literature.



An **inside** look ... Grade One



In science, our favourite unit so far has been, "Hey! What's Up There?" in which students explored the moon and its phases. Using Oreo cookies to model the moon phases made the learning both memorable and enjoyable. Our current focus is Genius Hour, where students are beginning to research and develop their own inquiry projects. There are many different interests being explored, from the gold that can be found in Barkerville to the unknown or not-so-familiar animals that live in the deep ocean, where it is dark.



Students also participate in weekly art lessons and enjoy Show and Tell on Fridays, where they practise speaking confidently in front of their peers. A highlight of the year was our Christmas concert, where students shared the message that Jesus is the Light of the World.



I am grateful to teach these wonderful students and look forward to the remainder of the school year, trusting that God will continue to guide our learning and growth together.

Mrs. van der Linde



An **insidelook** 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 Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!

If you would like to help out at school throughout the year, please contact Sara Sterkenburg at 604-845-0063.



Portable Progress!

On Friday, our portable was finally able to be put together and placed into position. Renovations are now under way to transform it into more classroom space for students as our school continues to grow and thrive!



We are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year!

Wear Pink on Feb. 25!

Feb. 26

@ 6:30 p.m.

Genius Hour

Presentation of Learning

Students are working hard on their Genius Hour projects and look forward to presenting them at the Presentation of Learning evening and on Grandparents/Grandfriends Day!

Feb. 27

@ 10:15 a.m.

Grandparents/
Grandfriends Day

Important Dates to Remember

- **Jan. 30** - Hot Lunch
- **Feb. 6** - All School Skating (K-7)
- **Feb. 12** - Hannah Beach Parent Workshop 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 13** - SCHOOL CLOSED (Pro-D for staff)
- **Feb. 16** - SCHOOL CLOSED (Family Day)
- **Feb. 20** - Family Dance Evening 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 25** - Pink Shirt Day
- **Feb. 26** - Presentation of Learning Evening for families
- **Feb. 27** - Grandparents/Grandfriends Day
- **Mar. 6** - SCHOOL CLOSED (Report Card Writing)
- **Mar. 13** - All School Skating (K-7)



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