



## ***Edmonton Christian School enjoys record enrolment***

***1440 students will benefit from Christian education in 2008-09***

**E**arly indications are that this will be another productive year at Edmonton Christian School! Students and teachers have reported in full force, the volunteers have sprung into action, and the committees are fired up and ready to go. **The Lord continues to richly bless Edmonton Christian School.**

We again may report increased enrollment: **1440 preschool – grade 12 students will benefit from Christian education at our schools this year.** Northeast and West Schools are essentially full, with just a few empty desks in one or two grades. We also welcome thirteen new, Christ-committed teachers to our schools, some of whom are graduates of ECS.

Your ESCE board is looking forward to a year with less time spent on building a new school and more time applied to policy development and monitoring of the Christian program. **Our new governance arrangement is working well** with a Principal and Assistant Principal at each of our three schools. The Principals are:

- **Rick Pease** – High School
- **Darlene Eerkes** – Northeast School
- **Carolyn Gartke** – West School

**Doug Monsma**, curriculum coordinator, and **Brian Doornenbal**, service learning coordinator, continue to assist the Board as we seek to uphold

the Christ-centred vision and mission of the School.

We have elected a **new Society board executive:**

- Chairperson: **Gordon Vlieg**
- Vice chair: **Wilco Vandenberg**
- Secretary: **Margaret Vanginhoven**
- Treasurer: **Peter Kool**

Your board also intends to tackle some lingering concerns this year. One of the most important is how to handle **our bursting enrollment.** Since

our vision is to provide Christian education for all parents that desire it, we want to strive to do whatever we can to make that a reality. A second concern is our ability to provide a **sustainable transportation service.** Many of you

are aware, through personal experience, of the difficulty in hiring bus drivers for all thirteen routes. Because of fuel prices and the length of routes, we continue to experience challenges when it comes to maintaining the service our families request.

We trust that our parents and member community will be patient with us as we work through some of these issues. We continue to be overwhelmed by the **tremendous support you show our schools and the board.** The energy and effort put in by our volunteers is humbling and appreciated. We encourage you to attend membership meetings, School Council meetings and other community events. Finally, we invite you to **contact any board member** with ideas or concerns.

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### **Society Calendar**

November 24	<b>Fall Society meeting</b> 7:30 p.m. at Northeast School
May 9, 2009	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual <b>Goods &amp; Services Auction</b> High School
September 12, 2009	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual <b>Golf Tournament</b> Sandpiper Golf & Country Club

### **Golf Tournament Results**

**\$52,300 raised for West School renovations.**

Thank you to all Sponsors and Golfers!

See you next year:  
**Saturday, September 12**