

# THE NORTHEASTERLY



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## Lord of All Things

February 1, 2012

### WHERE DID I SEE GOD AT WINTER CAMP?

For those who were wondering why the smell of beef jerky is wafting down the junior high hall and entrance; we went to Winter Camp! Winter Camp is a grade 8 three-day field trip east of the city. Students build their own lean-to to sleep under the stars, hike through ankle-deep snow, build fires, chop wood, and make meals.

If you have walked through the grade 8 classrooms you would see words on the wall that indicate winter is indeed here! Learning that prepares grade 8 students for camp include terms and meaningful responses to hypothermia and frost bite. Hypothermia: a dangerous condition when our body temperature goes too low because we are very cold. Frost bite: when a specific part of your body becomes frozen (bitten by the extreme cold). In this experience we learn more about God's amazing creation – the season of winter, the ways God has provided us to adapt to cold temperatures and survive. I am sure that all winter campers appreciated their own warm homes, showers and beds this weekend. (I know I did!)

This week we will be engaged in many conversations about where we saw God at Winter Camp. It is easy for me to identify several ways I saw God:

Peace from knowing it was that students were prepared for this experience. It was an important decision that weighs heavy on staff hearts to bring 50 students out to the wilderness for three day and ensure they have a positive time.

Fabulous parents that repeatedly went above and beyond to help campers cope with the conditions; including starting fires, pushing liners into boots, chain sawing wood for hours, doing night watch, and helping kids build lean-to shelters! This trip would not be possible without the enthusiasm and willingness of parents, thank you.  
(thoughts by Vicki de Haan)

### ENROLMENT 2012-13:

Enrolment packages for **new families** will be available at your School on Wednesday, February 1. Perhaps you would like to pick up a package for a family member or friend who is considering Christian education at Edmonton Christian Schools. Also available will be *Application for New Student* forms for **current families** who wish to register a **new child** for 2012-13, whether in Kindergarten or another grade. The priority deadline to complete and return these forms is April 11. Preschool packages will be available on February 1 as well. All application and information forms will be on our website on February 1: [www.edmchristian.net](http://www.edmchristian.net). The **re-enrolment process for current families** will take place in mid-March; more details to come. If you have any questions, please call the Society office at 780-408-7933.

### ELEMENTARY OPTION DAY-PARENTS NEEDED!

Please take a look at page 3 of the newsletter. We are asking for parent volunteers to help make the Elementary Option day a success again this year. If you have a craft or any kind of two hour learning idea, that you are willing to share with a group of students please fill out the form and send it back to school a.s.a.p.

### LOST AND FOUND

Please check the lost and found it will be sent to the Thrift Store on Friday, February 3, 2012.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Feb 2	Parent Night <b><u>Your Story: The Wounded Embrace</u></b>
Fri. Feb 17	PD NO SCHOOL
Mon. Feb 20	Family Day NO SCHOOL
Tues. Feb 21	Junior High Ski Day Grades 4-5-6– Option Day
Mar 1 & 2	GETCA (Public School Teacher Convention) NO SCHOOL
Fri. Mar 9	WaterPark Evening
Mar 26-30	Spring Break NO SCHOOL

*Our students will grow in critical thinking skills using a Biblical framework.*

### ***That is NOT my Child***

Every parent wants to believe that their children are safe, healthy, well-adjusted people that know how to behave and how to seek help when they need it. It is common that I encounter parents who say, "That is not my child" when they hear about students who do things to harm themselves and possibly others. We all have a hard time believing that those closest to us... those we love... could be involved in something that we do not know about... something that might threaten a life.

It is with sadness that I know, every year, there are students in our school who struggle with feelings that cause them to hurt themselves -- damage their bodies and their spirits. These students usually call out for help -- but, sometimes the adults around them are not listening... or not believing... or simply do not know what to do. We might be too quick to say, "That is NOT my Child."

**Research says that one in six teenagers hurt themselves. They self inflict pain or damage on their bodies. These *students* are in our school and not just in Junior High. We hurt for them! Are they your children, sleeping in your house, eating with you and you do not know it? Whether they are cutting themselves, starving their bodies, "beating themselves up" for who they are -- they are here; they are OUR children. If this research is true, there would be up to 30 students (possibly 5 per class) in our Junior High who are vulnerable and experiencing self-injury.**

On **Feb. 2, 2012 from 7 – 8:30 at Bethel Christian Reformed Church** (14204-25 Street)

**Brett Ullman** will be speaking to parents and youth about this topic. Brett is a national speaker from *Worlds Apart*, a non-profit organization committed to educating and inspiring youth to critically think about their interactions and how they are impacted by media-culture, every day. Brett spoke to our Junior High students (and interested parents) last year when he was in Edmonton. He has been main speaker at Youth for Christ. Those who attend his talks know what a powerful impact his words make.

**Your Story: *The Wounded Embrace*** will declare the problem *that thousands of young people, under-confident and often scared, are seeking release from their personal struggles in ways many adults would prefer not to contemplate and, sadly, ignore. You probably have friends who cut, friends who are bulimic and you know self-injury is a serious problem in teen culture today. This talk opens up discussion, raises awareness and shows a way out of the darkness.*

### **C-H-A-M-P-I-O-N**

That is how we are spelling Devon B. in 8C's name these days! Devon has qualified for the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Myer Horowitz Theatre at the University of Alberta. Devon, we are proud of you and know you will represent our school well at this event. Good luck and God's blessings!

### **BE AN EDMONTON JOURNAL JUNIOR REPORTER!**

When: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Where: Myer Horowitz Theatre, U of A Campus

Event: Canspell Spelling Bee

Details: The Edmonton Journal is calling for an aspiring junior reporter between the ages of 13 and 15. The event, featuring the top 50 elementary/junior high school spellers from across Northern Alberta, takes place on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. The successful applicant will cover the event for the Edmonton Journal. If interested, contact Chris Spencer ([chspencer@edmontonjournal.com](mailto:chspencer@edmontonjournal.com)) by Monday January 30, 2012.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR SURVEY**

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish and Tagalog. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2012, and

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January 11, 2012

Dear parents:

It's time again to organize the Grade 4-6 Elementary Option Program. This is a one day program which depends on the talents and skills of parents, in which the students participate in a variety of crafts and activities.

We are again looking for parents to help out with the day. If you have a craft idea, or any kind of two hour learning idea, that you are willing to share with a group of students, please fill out the form below and send it to the office. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Junk at 408-7942.

Each student will have the opportunity to go to two options. There will be a teacher supervisor available for assistance for each of the options. Each option is 2 hours long – one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. This year option day is Tuesday, February 21, which is also the Junior High Ski day.

The options we can offer depend on the responses we get. We are always looking for new ideas, especially ones that appeal to boys. We have a limited budget so please keep this in mind when planning your activity. All costs need receipts to be reimbursed.

Some **suggestions** for options are:

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|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| - Woodworking  | - Cross-stitch embroidery | - Indoor/outdoor sports |
| - Baking       | - Ukrainian Eggs          | - Picture frames        |
| - Chess        | - Dough art               | - Weaving               |
| - Folk Dancing | - Art                     | - Candle making         |
| - Self defense | - Shirt appliques         | - Kites                 |
| - Stamp art    | - Computer                | - Scrapbooking          |

Maybe you have skills in a craft not mentioned. Please list them below or contact the school office at 408-7942. The more options we have, the more successful the day will be.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS FORM IS RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY January 18, 2012.**

Thank you.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can help

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Option: \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot help, do you know of someone that could? Could we ask that person?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: Because of limited space, we are not able to provide babysitting services for parents helping with options.**

# GETCA PRESENTS: TWO GREAT SESSIONS

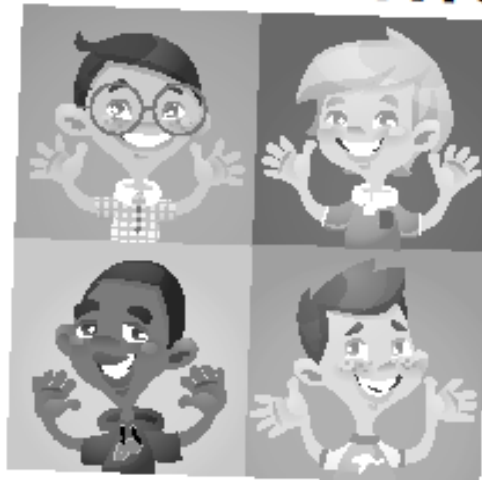


## Dispatches from the Front Lines of the New Girlie-Girl Culture with presenter Peggy Orenstein

Are you the parent of or do you know a young girl obsessed with princess culture? A girl who, despite your best efforts to raise her to be strong and independent, suddenly insists on growing up to be Snow White? Join Peggy as she explores the challenge of parenting in a commercialized culture determined to exploit and market to girls from a very young age. What are girls learning, and what can we do about it? Check out [www.peggyorenstein.com](http://www.peggyorenstein.com) for more information about Peggy.

OR

## BOY SMARTS



## Effective Strategies for Parenting Boys with presenter Barry MacDonald

Get beyond the headlines and hype. What are the varied needs of boys? How can we help boys navigate cultural realities like video games and Facebook? How can we mentor boys to talk about their thoughts and feelings? How can we guide our boys to achieve their potential at school? Learn what it takes for parents, caregivers and professionals to mentor boys to become courageous and caring men. Check out [www.mentoringboys.com](http://www.mentoringboys.com) for more information about Barry.

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 7 to 9 p.m.**

**Shaw Conference Centre, 9797 Jasper Avenue**

*Parking lot on Grierson Hill and in adjacent parkades or plan to come via public transit*

THIS EVENT IS **FREE** BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/GETCA2012> or call 780.429.8040 to register.

Please note that these sessions are **for adults only**.

*Note: Photographs may be taken at this event, which may be used on the sponsors' websites and in other publications.*

Peggy's and Barry's books will be available for purchase at the event.

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