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Lord of All or not at All

BE SMART, BE SAFE

Yesterday I attended a professional development workshop with other Principals in Edmonton Public School. One aspect of our conversation was to identify how greatly our society (and culture) has changed in the last 10 years. Needless to say I felt *old* (and many others did too) when we realized that recent literature indicates that some of our "normal" technological and communication resources/devices are considered *obsolete* in this new decade to come. Some items deemed obsolete included records, overhead projectors, corded telephones, fax machines, CDs, movie rental stores, palm pilots, film in cameras, telephone books, 411, paper maps, dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc. I am sure that many of you STILL use some of the above – they are on the obsolete list.

Instead, as we head into the 2nd decade in this century, there are numerous new communication and learning devices. These include cell phones that do most anything you want them to do, Smart Boards (which are only smart if the operator knows what he/she can do), iPods, wireless computers of all shapes/sizes and capabilities, endless access to instant communication, email, Web sites, Internet users, etc. (there is a long list of newer forms of communication).

Connected to these numerous changes comes the increasing concern for user safety! The safety and privacy of the user can easily be lost. To "be safe" owners and users are required to have a certain degree of training or awareness of appropriate usage.

With many of these devices, it is not easy to know with whom your children are "talking". Friends are one thing, but online people often use aliases and aren't always truthful about who they are. It is essential that parents dialogue with their children (supervise/teach them regularly) to ensure they are aware of the risks and take proper precautions. **Do you know how to control these new experiences and place restrictions when necessary?**

We want all our children to be safe and be critical thinkers. They need to learn to understand, evaluate and choose from right and wrong. We need to teach them how to be smart and safe. The following are a variety of Internet safety websites worth checking out. They are loaded with valuable information for parents, teachers and students on computer use and safety. This information would make excellent discussion material for you and your computer-loving son or daughter. If you know of others please let us know.

Some exceptional websites for learning about Internet Safety;

- 1) [Netsmartz](http://www.netsmartz.org) (<http://www.netsmartz.org>)
Covers all aspects of Internet Safety & Awareness and offers excellent free resources. (Outstanding)
- 2) [Surf Safely](http://surfthenetsafely.com/) (<http://surfthenetsafely.com/>)
Explains all technical jargon and issues in plain language. (Excellent)
- 3) [Microsoft Home Security](http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/default.mspx) (<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/default.mspx>)
Outlines all aspects of security with videos and articles. (Excellent)
- 4) [i-Safe America](http://www.isafe.org/) (<http://www.isafe.org/>)
Covers various aspects of Internet Safety and Awareness. (Excellent)
- 5) [SecureMac](http://www.securemac.com/) (<http://www.securemac.com/>)
Security issues are covered from the Mac perspective. (Very Good)
- Internet Safety (Government of Canada): (www.safecanada.ca). Check under "Bullying", "Internet Safety & Internet Security for Kids" and "School safety."
- 6) Games and Activities for Kids: (www.safecanada.ca/link_e.asp?category=13&topic=105)
7. Instant Messaging Safety and Privacy Tips (Microsoft): www.microsoft.com/athome/security/online/imsafety.mspx

(Thoughts by Darlene Eerkes, Principal)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri. Mar. 12 Waterpark Evening at WEM
Thurs. Mar. 18 2nd Report Cards
Fri. Mar. 19 **NO SCHOOL** Day in Lieu
Wed. Mar. 24 Open House 9-11 am & 6:30-8 pm
Thurs. Mar. 25 Easter Assembly 8:45 am
Mar. 29-Apr. 5 Spring Break **NO SCHOOL**

MOSAIC CENTRE

Mosaic Centre is a service project supported by Edmonton Christian Northeast School. ETS bus tickets have become a great need at the centre. We would like to support them by donating funds to purchase ETS bus tickets. On your hot lunch order form we have added a line for you to put a few extra dollars on your hot lunch form to be donated to this need. There is no receipt for this donation. So if you want to round up your total of hot lunch money by .50 or 1.00 that would be great!!

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S 46TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF MUSIC CELEBRATION

Edmonton Christian Northeast School is honoured to have several student participants in this Night of Music event. This annual program celebrates excellence in music and a very special part of the evening is the student art exhibit. The musicians who were chosen to play as part of a city wide honour band are Jessica S. and Haley J. [Gr.9]. Student artists whose work was chosen are: Heidi T, Miriam V., Rebekah M.[Gr.1], Jordan V., Emma S.[Gr.2], Elijah J., Sophie B., Mikayla D. [Gr.3], Mathew P., Brianna H.[Gr.4], Charissa K., Connor S., Tehara S., Katie G.[Gr.5], Mary G., Stephanie S., Stephanie R., Marcus C., Aaron G. [Gr.6], Wes S., Rachel J. and Destiny H. [Gr.8]. Congratulations to all of these music and art students! This event is being held at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on March 3rd, 2010 at 7:00pm. Admission is free of charge and you are invited to this prestigious evening.

FRENCH EXCHANGE

Come and get them! Stawnichy Kielbasa rings, \$8.00 each. The grade nine students are raising money to go on their Quebec exchange. They are selling them now, the last day of orders will be March 20, and delivery date March 24. Your support is much appreciated. Thanks.

WEM WATERPARK

Waterpark Fun Night: Edmonton Christian School has exclusive use of the WEM Waterpark on Friday, March 12th from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. for our 10th annual "Wet and Wild" community fun night. This is a great community event and we are happy to have organized it again this spring. Tickets are being sold at the School offices for \$10, (children 2 and under are free). WEM discourages bringing in your own food and drinks—so be discreet, if you bring in a large cooler, for example, you may be asked to return it to your vehicle. If you can't decide or commit until the last day for example, you can ask that tickets be held for you to pick up and pay for at the ticket table by the top of the escalator. Extra tickets will be available for purchase also at the ticket table. Everyone is welcome. Come on out and get wet!



ENROLMENT 2010-11:

Enrolment packages for **new families** are available at your School office . Perhaps you would like to pick up a package for a family member or friend who is considering Christian education at our School. Also available will be *Application for New Student* forms for **current families** who wish to register a new child for 2010-11, whether in Kindergarten or another grade. All forms are available on our website: www.edmchristian.net . The deadline to complete and return these forms is April 14. The **re-enrolment process for current students** will take place in early April; more details to come in March. If you have any questions, please call the Society office at 780-408-7933.

A CANADIAN TIRE BOX is in the entrance way of the school. This is for you to donate any Canadian Tire money you might have. We hope to raise money for sport/playground equipment. This is an initiative of the Parent Council.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING...

Anyone is invited to join parent/grandparents on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 to pray. Prayer requests may be placed in the **Prayer Request Box** in the office (at the front desk)

An alternative program of Edmonton Public Schools in partnership with the Edmonton Society for Christian Education.
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EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Talking To Your Child About Sexuality

An information session for parents

March 16, 7pm – 8:30

**Whitemud Crossing Branch,
Edmonton Public Library, 4211 106 Street**

Topics include:

- Why sexual health education is important**
- Some practical tips on how to speak to your child/ teen about sexuality**
- What is taught in the classroom**
- How to build your comfort level**
- Where to find more information**

To register call 780-496-1822