

Logos Lantern

HARDISTY

In December at Hardisty, we were able to celebrate the upcoming birth of Jesus and the Christmas story through devotions, prayer, and Bible reading.

We're continuing our journey of learning about Jesus and deepening our understanding of His teachings. We were incredibly blessed to have Rev. Jonathan Crane join us for our December chapel service! Rev. Crane's message beautifully complemented our ongoing theme of "God-Given Emotions," reminding us that our feelings are a gift from God and can be used to connect with Him more deeply. We were led in worship by a parent/student team in Christmas carols, emphasizing the birth of Jesus.



SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

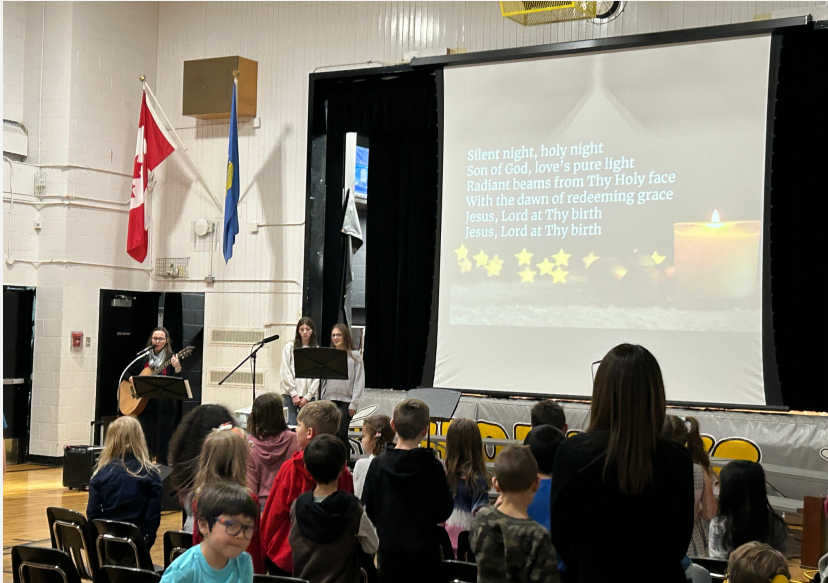


We also have a dedicated parent group that continues to pray for, and support, our Logos program. We have a parent volunteer who provides weekly Kindergarten pullouts and we are grateful for their support.

In our Jr. High, we continue to explore the series, "The Chosen" that focuses on Jesus' interactions with others. We continue to compare the world's point of view and God's point of view and how we can renew our minds to think the way He thinks.

Merry Christmas from Hardisty and Blessings on your New Year!

Chapel Focus



DECEMBER/JANUARY

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Loneliness

JANUARY

Pride & Humility



2023-2024 LOGOS THEME
"I'M ALL IN!"

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord your God. Love
Him with all your heart, all your
soul, all your mind, and all your
strength.



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School Updates



YOUNGSTOWN

This month we hosted Youth Pastor Diondre as a guest speaker at our Chapel. Students were reminded of how much God truly loves them!! We have also partnered with the Britannia Youngstown Blessing Box. Classes have been collecting and walking over their donations all month long. 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." Students are serving as a form of worship, a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share the love and grace we've been given.

BRITANNIA

This month our Logos students worked hard on our hygiene products fundraiser. Students called local businesses, created posters, made announcements in classes, and collected items at lunch.

We ended up with several boxes and many bags full of hygiene products, thanks to the generous donations from many of our staff and students. On the last Wednesday of the school year, we walked over to Youngstown Elementary (in some pretty cold weather I might add!), and worked together to assemble hygiene kits for the Mustard Seed.

We really do have fantastic Logos students here at Britannia, and I was proud to see how they took this project on and made it happen!



QUEEN ALEXANDRA

December has been full of festive and fun activities at Queen Alexandra School! Every Tuesday in December, teachers "matched" their outfits in a new way and students had to guess what it was (E.g. light up necklace, holiday socks, red and green)! On Fridays, students participated in whole school theme days that created a sense of community among everyone (E.g. holiday hat/hair day, holiday sweater day, pajama day).

Through generous donations from our school community, we decorated a "generosity tree" in our front foyer with new socks, toques and mittens. These items will be donated to people in need in an Inuit community.

For "Faith Fridays" in December, students have been learning about the nativity story. In our December Chapel, we talked about the gifts that Christmas brings and the Celebration of the Birth of Jesus! During our discussion in Chapel, students shared the many gifts Jesus gives us, including:

- The Gift of His Love
- The Gift of Faith
- The Gift of His Peace and Grace.
- The Gift of His forgiveness.
- The Gift of Eternal Life.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this year, we encourage you to show gratitude for the gifts and blessings that God has given you. They are everywhere. You just need to pay attention and ask God to show you all the ways He is working in your life.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6

May God bless you and keep you safe during the holiday season!

BELMONT

An Update from our Grade 2 Logos Class: We have been enjoying the Advent Season and reading the devotional written by Ann Voskamp called Unwrapping The Greatest Gift. Our class has had weekly discussions about the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, exploring what they look like in our lives. Additionally, our class led the Chapel for December, focusing on the theme of Joy, where the students recited their Bible verse, which is Isaiah 9:6.

City Wide Community



GET INVOLVED

- Email logos.society@christianprogram.ca
 - Visit us at christianprogram.ca
 - Join our Logos FB group
 - Be part of the Logos Heritage Club
- <https://christianprogram.ca/about-the-program/donate/>
- Call 780-429-8580
 - Connect with your school's Logos parent liaison
 - Chat with your student's teacher



Spread the Word



Our Fabulous Principals

A message for our Logos Principals (written by Stephanie, a Logos mom/Board member. After sharing this at our last board meeting, it was requested that I share it with our full membership)

I was settling in to google different scriptures in order to find one that would encourage you, our Logos principals. Funny, I didn't need to look very far. In fact, the very first verse that came up was Matthew 5:16.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

This verse resonates within me when I think of the role principals hold. AND! What I found super cool is that this verse also directly follows the scripture we draw from for our Logos Program Mission/Promise - "to effectively train and equip students through Christ-centred teaching to be the "salt" and "light of the world." (Matthew 5: 13-15)

We find ourselves in a tough season, guys. 3 out of 6 of our programs are smaller than we would like them to be. We are so thankful that Belmont's Logos numbers are on the rise - and we celebrate with Shanel! We grieve the fading out of the Logos program in Britannia (while we rejoice in Ana's commitment to continue to implement initiatives that will draw families within the Logos community). We rally with Hardisty as they enter phase one of the Low Enrollment process (and we thank Jason for his commitment to/and his love of Logos in Edmonton Public Schools.)

This is so tough. John and I met with the EPSB team leading alternative programming a couple of months ago. And the truth I took away from that meeting is this - we are all doing our best.

- As board members and parents, we are advertising in churches, in preschools, and to our friends. We have advertisements on social media. We have radio ads. We have video and written testimonials.
- As principals and teachers, we are engaging prospective families when they inquire about programming. We are holding Open Houses, hosting tours, and equipping our staff/students/families/communities to share about the program.
- As EPSB, we have reimplemented the team that heads up alternative programming. We understand the value of these programs and commit to partnering with Logos in Edmonton Schools.

But. There is an even more important truth that the Lord has reminded me of again and again throughout the years. Logos is His program. We are invited to partner with Him in all that He is doing (and I believe that we are great partners). At the end of the day, whether Logos flourishes or if it changes, we will agree with The Lord - Thy will be done.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to partner with EPSB principals throughout the years in different ways. First as a mom, then as a PAC member, later as a Logos board member, and most recently as an employee.

And I see you - the multiple hats that you wear every day. I've seen Kary push a mop bucket down the hall in really impressive heels. I've seen Jason kiss a goat (and win the hearts of his students). I've seen Ana be a principal/administrative assistant/bouncer all at once! I've seen Shane subbing in a classroom, when no supply teacher was available (and I know your work was still waiting for you afterwards). I've seen Shauna engaging with her Junior Highs like a pro (that takes a special person my friends), and I've seen Tamie stop midstride in the middle of a very busy day to address a group of students who needed her intentional and loving guidance (and maybe firm direction).

Your job, I think, must be one of the most fulfilling and the most challenging in the world. Half of our current Logos Principals have had me as their students' mom. So, I know it's been challenging!! I know I haven't always been gracious. I know I haven't always respected your time and workload. I know I haven't always advocated for my kids well and that I've asked too much of you. And I know, as a mom, I'm not special in that way (that many other parents have had similar experiences). On behalf of parents, I thank you. Thank you for hearing my scared, overwhelmed, needy, unprepared, overbearing, unsure heart. Thank you for recognizing I was always for my child.

While we prepare for pre-enrollment, instead of praying for increased Logos numbers, I would ask us to shift in mindset. Let be praying for:

- Only God's will be done in the Logos program
- The Lord's strength, grace, and peace to be poured into our principals
- A renewed spirit of unity

Shane, Ana, Jason, Shauna, Tamie, and Kary - In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.