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A FRIDAY OF FAITH BY HANNAH

On Friday, February 21, Spiritual Emphasis Day was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The entire high school attended workshops, worshipped together, and engaged in fellowship over a delicious lunch provided by the Watsons.

The primary purpose of Spiritual Emphasis Day has always been to encourage personal spiritual growth and bonding between classmates. This year's event succeeded in achieving these goals, despite being slightly different from previous years.

For starters, the larger numbers prompted a location change and a couple adjustments to the schedule. "Since there were more people, we

added more groups and speakers," Mrs. Brouwer explained. "We scheduled more workshops in the morning because people tend to get tired after lunch. We also made lunch longer so the students would have more time to fellowship together and avoid rushing onto the next activity."

Subjects this year included social media, anxiety, stress, and our relationship with God. "I thought Spiritual Emphasis Day was very beneficial," said Grade 11 student Sophia Martin. "I learned many lessons, like what emotions are and how to interpret them. One thing that stood out to me was the workshop on boundaries, which taught that if you choose what you



*Grade nine students sing during a time of worship.
Photo by Mrs. Crouse*

want right now, you'll lose what you want the most." Ethan Berhardt, a student in Grade 9, mentioned that his main takeaway was the sermon on the parable of the Prodigal Son. "The

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MR. KIM: ALWAYS UP FOR A LAUGH BY WENNEY



*Mr. Kim poses for a picture outside the grade six classroom.
Photo by Wenney*

Many students know Mr. Kim as that substitute teacher who always cracks jokes during class. Grade 11 student Matthew Ma agrees that Mr. Kim is "funny and entertaining." He likes to bring in "a certain level of freshness and excitement" to the classes he'll be covering. Overall, Mr. Kim loves working with the students at NTCS, as "they all bring joy and energy to the classroom."

Before substituting at NTCS, Mr. Kim worked at a variety of schools in Ontario. He was a substitute teacher at Peoples Christian Academy and he also taught up north in Pikangikum, Ontario. Aside

from teaching, Mr. Kim worked with numerous theatre companies in Toronto. Mr. Kim is very interested in Theatre Studies, which was what he studied as an undergraduate at York University. He followed up his undergrad with a Bachelor's in Education at the same university because he wanted to pursue a career in teaching. "I enjoy working with and positively engaging young people," he shares. "I think it's important to guide and encourage younger generations to not only become life-long learners, but also people of compassion and high character," he said.

Now, Mr. Kim is a full-time teacher at NTCS and is teaching Language Arts, Social Studies, and Visual Arts for Grades 6A and 6B. "I find Language Arts and Social Studies very challenging to teach, so my goal is to grow and improve as a teacher in those subject areas," he stated. 6A student Makaila Shenouda says that Mr. Kim is a very good teacher and he makes class very interesting. She especially likes how he puts everything in powerpoints and uses experiments to teach them. What motivated Mr. Kim was watching his students grow because he wants "to motivate students to become their best selves; whether that means persevering through challenges or

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speaker took a different perspective on the story. His message was that God comes to us, not the other way around. We can't save ourselves."

Besides strengthening their faith, students were also able to grow closer together in fellowship. Ethan described his day as fun. "I got to hang out with friends and spend more time with God," he elaborated.

All in all, this year's Spiritual Emphasis Day was no less effective than past years' and for good reason, too. Faith is a delicate thing. If neglected, it can easily crumble away. That's why we should be thankful that the high school has a chance to refresh their beliefs every year. "Some issues can't be discussed in chapel," Mrs. Brouwer said. "Spiritual Emphasis Day was added for that reason, and also the students are important enough to invest a day in their spiritual growth."



To Spring

By Hannah

Spring is the resurrection of the barren wasteland
Ravaged by winter and frozen in time
Preserved within ice and mistaken for dead
'Til the shriveled trees shatter their bleak masquerade
And expose their true hand of veiled life under ice
Soon to be draped in green finery and
Studded with buds filled with promise of life
As the southward-bound bird concludes its long flight
Back home from its winter retreat.

The bashful sun peeks from its cover of cloud
And its rays sweep the land, now awash in its light
As the flowers erupt in a joyous fanfare of
Colours, painting the fields as an artist fills canvas
With strokes and thin lines, and the colours all spill
Into crevasses, fractures, shadows and holes
Bringing hope and new life wherever it goes.

The snow melts away and the green is restored.
Somewhere, on a branch, the translucent chrysalis
Shudders and cracks.



Russell Mo and Daniel Dai fill up their plates at lunchtime.



Keynote speaker Michael DaSilva is an NTCS alumnus.



Andrew Watson, Albi Angjeli, and Frederic Yoon run together hoping to score some points. Photos by Mrs Crouse



High school music students played some jazz tunes at Open House. Photo by Wenney

MR. KIM CONT....



Mr. Kim went to Chandos with the grade six classes and loved every minute. He also took lots of pictures for the yearbook!!!
Selfie by Mr. Kim

learning to be kinder to one another. Gently mentoring students is one of the most rewarding aspects of teaching."

Mr. Kim grew up in a Christian household, and he loved hearing stories of people giving their lives to Christ. "I do remember late in my university days renewing my commitment to Christ and weeping upon hearing certain gospel truths since attending Faith Church," he declared.

Aside from his teaching career, Mr. Kim shared some interesting facts about himself. "At different stages in

my life, I've had a cereal bowl cut, a puffy afro, a ponytail, and a Mohawk amongst some other indescribably horrendous hair styles," he laughs. Also, Mr. Kim was once a featured cast member on a TV show. "I was nervous and awful so I won't offer any further details," he chuckles. "Plus, it was on TVO so no one likely watched it." Want to know more about Mr. Kim's hilarious hairdos or listen to his story as a member of a cast? Be sure to pay him a visit, and I can guarantee that you'll be leaving his classroom in laughter.

MARCH BREAK OPTIONS BY SOPHIA AND LUXMY

With March Break just around the corner, here are some ways to use your time wisely or wastefully.

FIVE FUN THINGS TO DO:

1. See a movie

I Still Believe is an inspiring movie about Christian singer Jeremy Camp's struggles; the movie comes out in theatres Mar. 13.

2. See a musical

Hamilton is an upbeat musical retelling the life of Alexander Hamilton, one of the American Founding Fathers. *Come From Away* is a dramatic account of a small Newfoundland town called Gander, and how they had to accommodate the passengers of planes grounded due to the 9/11 attacks.

3. Go on a road trip

Niagara Falls has everything from ziplining over the falls to boat tours to the breath-taking skywheel. Montreal has a plethora of delicious restaurants, a variety of museums, and historical churches. Muskoka is the ultimate natural escape full of scenery and beautiful lakes, waterfalls, and hiking opportunities.

4. Take a walk

The early spring blooms are a beautiful sight to see. Taking a walk in High park or Edward's Gardens can help you relax and forget about school for like 30 min. It is a refreshing and energetic March break activity.

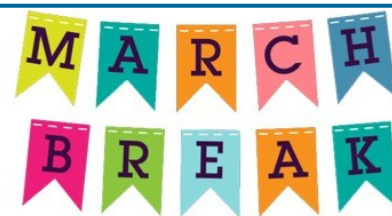
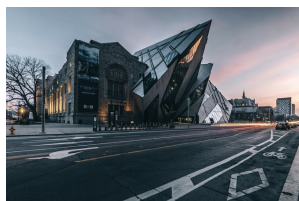
5. Go skiing

If March Break isn't warm and sunny, skiing is a good way to embrace the Canadian cold. Blue Mountain or Mt. St. Louis Moonstone are both good options for a place to ski close to the city.

FIVE PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES:

1. Go to a museum

The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) offers many informational displays that will leave you amazed and educated. The Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) allows a place to appreciate the great talent of Canadian artists.



2. Learn a new skill

A week without school is a great opportunity to pick up a new hobby, whether it's sports, music, or art.

3. Do some spring cleaning

Cleaning your room and organizing shelves is a great way to please your parents while at home.

4. Catch up on homework and regulate your sleep schedule

March Break is a good time for getting work done, or, if you aren't extremely diligent, you can use the extra time to rest up for the final push to June.

5. Try a new recipe

Learn to cook, and make your family proud by cooking a whole meal or just baking them a little treat over the break.

Hopefully your March break is more fun-filled and rewarding after trying these activities!

TAKE A BITE WITH THIS AWESOME SHARK CAPO BY WENNEY



Want a capo that works with a variety of stringed instruments, is sturdy, comfortable, and looks cool? Donner's Shark Guitar Capo is

the choice for you! I've used a variety of capos for my acoustic guitar, but none can beat this Shark Guitar Capo when it comes to its strong grip and high-end look.

The capo is made out of high-gloss zinc alloy and is beautifully shaped to imitate a shark. Its sharp-looking "teeth" are made of soft, eco-friendly silicone that protects the instrument's strings from strong pressure. It also effectively keeps the strings from getting out of tune easily. A steel spring connects the "jaw" to the body to provide a strong grip. It works perfectly to

ensure that all the strings are tightly clipped so no strange vibration or sound will come out of it.

The capo provides a firm grip, but I find it hard to clip it onto my acoustic guitar. The spring is quite tight, which gives me trouble trying to put it on. The spring also tends to shift around instead of being fixated at one spot. Deedose's Guitar Capo, another popular guitar capo manufacturer, is quite similar to Donner's. It's made out of the same material and provides the same features, but Deedose's is lighter and easier to shift the capo around. For Donner's capo, I find it difficult to move it between frets. Nevertheless, Donner's Shark Guitar Capo triumphs over other capos in terms of its sturdy build and sharp look.

Other guitar players have also bought and tried out the Shark Guitar Capo by Donner. Grade 11 student

Erika Schoenebeck states that "it's a good capo for guitars with skinny necks." Mr. Collins says that "it certainly looks great, but I think it is rather big and heavy. There is no way to adjust the tension or force, so it might cause the player to re-tune the guitar if the strings are lighter. Overall, it seems to be a well-functioning, well-made product."

If you're looking for a durable, visually appealing capo, be sure to check out Donner's Shark Guitar Capo online at Amazon.ca. You can buy this Amazon's Choice product for a reasonable price of \$12.99. It also comes in two colours, black and silver, and you will also receive four guitar picks as a bonus. Be sure to sink your teeth into this cool product!



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