



Thanks for Supporting Us!

As we begin the 2026-2027 school year, we thank you for your continued support—through your prayers, your volunteering, your generosity, and your encouragement. Your partnership sustains the work of Ambassadors Christian School here in the Nation's Capital and enables us to provide Christ-centered, Reformed education to the children entrusted to us.



October 2026 Newsletter

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



Making Known His Faithfulness

"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 89:1)

As we reflect back on our first year at Ambassadors Christian School, our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to our God. We can truly say with the hymn writer:

*"Praise to the Lord,
above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under His wings,
and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by His gracious ordaining?"*

Last year, the Lord answered prayers we had carried for a very long time. We desired a Christ-centered education for our children—one where biblical truth would not simply be taught, but lived. In His mercy and faithfulness, God led our family to Ambassadors Christian School.

We have watched our children Jesse and Grace thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. The Lord has been pleased to nurture gifts within them through faithful teachers, caring classmates, and a community committed to helping children grow in the knowledge and fear of God. We are thankful for the encouragement, accountability, correction, and love that are present throughout the school community, the body of Christ.

Melanie has also been richly blessed through her opportunity to serve as a part-time teacher. It has been a joy to experience not only unity among the staff, but genuine fellowship with the students and

families. As we enter our second year at Ambassadors, it feels as though God has graciously knit us together with this community of believers in such a short time.

As her husband, one of the greatest joys for me has been watching the evident delight she has in this work. Her gratitude and love for serving at Ambassadors are reflected daily in her words, her actions, and her interactions with both students and staff. The joy she brings home from the classroom is unmistakable, and it has been beautiful to witness how God has used this opportunity to encourage and bless her as she serves others in Christ's name.

As written in Psalm 89, we do not simply want to experience God's mercies and faithfulness—we want to make them known. The blessings we have received through Ambassadors are ultimately testimonies of God's goodness and grace. He has provided, sustained, guided, and cared for our family far beyond what we deserve.

*"Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you."*

Our prayer is that God would continue to use Ambassadors Christian School for His glory, raising up children who know Him, love Him, and serve Him faithfully. To Him alone belongs all praise.

God has been faithful to the Bursey family, and we gladly say, *"Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him."*

In Him,
Dustin & Melanie

From Board Chair

Mr. Malcolm Wildeboer

We are so thankful to enter our 15th school year at Ambassadors Christian School. This may be stating the obvious but above all, a school needs students! This is especially top of mind for a small school like ACS. This year, ACS welcomed 32 students from senior kindergarten through grade 8. This is our largest student population yet! Behind these 32 students are 19 supporting families.

We praise the Lord for each of our 32 students, for the opportunity to teach and show the Lord's marvelous love and care for them. We are humbled by the privilege to come along side the ACS parents, supporting their godly desire to raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.

To add to what may seem obvious, a school needs faithful teachers. Again, this year, God has blessed us abundantly with godly and skillful, creative, caring teachers to meet our staffing requirements. We are grateful for the prayerful and committed leadership of our principal. Each day, her steady hand on the tiller of the ACS ship is a blessing for the school and our community.

We marvel at the opportunity our community has been given to teach and share the gospel with our students through every subject and school activity.

Our prayer remains that we be increasingly equipped to "make known God's faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 89:1).

Through this newsletter we are delighted to share how the Lord, who is always faithful, has blessed us so richly as we begin another year at ACS. We acknowledge our Lord's blessings shown to us through you the reader, through your prayers and gifts of all kinds.

With joy and confidence in our Lord, we enter our 15th year!

School Theme Text:

Proverbs 3:5-8

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones."

Upcoming Calendar of Events



Why Support ACS?



- We feel uniquely privileged to be able to provide a rich, Bible based, Reformed education to the children of Jubilee Canadian Reformed Church as well as other church communities in Ottawa. A Reformed Christian school in the Nation's Capital provides a vital service to families that find themselves there for a variety of reasons, whether short-term or long-term. This speaks to our broader Canadian Reformed community across the country - that the Nation's Capital has a Canadian Reformed Church and school - enabling brothers and sisters from across the nation to come and work to influence positive change on the Hill while they and their children are being cared for spiritually. We see this as 'Reformed Infrastructure'. ACS is the only school in the Capital delivering Biblically Reformed education.

- Jubilee and ACS remain small by comparison to other Canadian Reformed communities in Southern Ontario and across Canada, and funding continues to be a challenge for us. And yet, God has always provided for us, and we are thankful! We are partially funded by parent tuition and memberships but nearly 50% of our funding comes from fundraising and donations.
- A typical year requires \$170,000 to be raised in addition to tuition. Our fundraising events account for approximately \$50,000 and the remaining \$120,000 is through donations from our supporters.



Thank you Mrs. Van Grootheest!



As we look toward the remainder of the 2026–2027 school year, we want to express our deepest gratitude to Mrs. Van Grootheest as she prepares to retire this coming summer, concluding ten remarkable years of dedicated service as both teacher and principal at Ambassadors Christian School. Navigating the unique opportunities and challenges of a small school requires extraordinary commitment, and Mrs. Van Grootheest has consistently met every season with steadfast vision, invaluable spiritual guidance, and a contagious, positive attitude. Her long-term dedication has left a lasting and meaningful impression on our students, staff, and entire community. While ACS has already begun the search for a new principal, finding someone to match her unique blend of leadership and classroom multitasking will be a challenge, but are confident that God will provide! We wish her God's richest blessings in this final year as principal and her upcoming retirement from ACS.

Ways to continue supporting ACS

Join our **Gift Card campaign!** Through the platform Fundscrip, supporters can easily obtain plastic, reloadable, or electronic gift cards to use at over 200 retailers, including regular expenses such as groceries and gas. A percentage of each gift card purchase goes directly to supporting ACS.

Click [here](#) to create your own account and order your gift cards. For any questions, please contact the ACS Fundraising Committee, fundraising@ambassadorschristianschool.ca

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www.ambassadorschristianschool.ca



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Thankfulness for the provision of our new teaching staff: Miss Sonnard (art) and volunteers (Mrs. Visser (star of the week), Mrs. Feenstra (classroom help))
- For our students as they grow in the knowledge of our Almighty God.
- Provision of a new school principal for 2027 - 2028 school year.

What is the Harvest Foundation?

The Harvest Foundation continues to be a tremendous blessing to Ambassadors Christian School and to Reformed Christian education across Ontario. Through its long-term endowment and the faithful generosity of supporters, Harvest provides annual financial assistance to 18 Reformed Christian schools across Ontario, including ACS. This support helps reduce tuition costs for families and strengthens the long-term sustainability of each partner school. We are deeply grateful for this partnership, which reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that Christ-centered, Reformed education remains accessible for generations to come. To learn more or to support Harvest's work, please visit www.harvestfoundation.ca or scan the QR code below.



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Reducing tuition.





2026/2027 ACS Staff

(left to right as pictured)

Mrs. Wildeboer - Grades 4-5

Mrs. Bursey - Physical Education, French, Social Studies

Mrs. Smith - Grades 6-8

Mrs. VanGrootheest - Principal, Grades 2-3

Miss. Alexander- Grades SK-1

Miss. Sonnard - Art (not pictured)

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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