



Thanks for Supporting Us!

Another school year has successfully come to a close. Thank you for your contributions, whether prayers, volunteering, or donations that made this year possible. We invite you to continue reading below to learn about ACS activities this past year and ongoing projects.



July 2026 Newsletter



FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

ACS Welcomes the Alcantara Family!

Moving to Ottawa as a new family came with many adjustments and uncertainties, especially when looking for a school that would not only provide quality education but also support our Christian values and help our son grow in faith and character. Since joining ACS, we have truly felt welcomed and supported by the teachers, staff, and school community.

ACS has been a blessing to our family in many ways. We are grateful for the caring environment where our son feels encouraged, valued, and excited to learn every day. We truly appreciate how ACS inspires children to love learning while also helping them grow spiritually and strengthen their faith in God. The school provides a Christ-centered education where faith and academics go hand in hand, helping students see life through Christian values and biblical teachings.

The teachers are passionate, caring, and dedicated to providing excellent education while showing God's grace, kindness, and love to every student. We also appreciate the supportive and welcoming community that helps children grow not only academically, but also emotionally, socially, and most importantly, spiritually.

As parents, it gives us peace and comfort knowing that our child is surrounded by people who genuinely care for students and families. We are truly thankful to be part of the ACS family and look forward to many more wonderful years ahead.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Alcantara Family



From the Principal

Mrs. Caroline VanGrootheest

June 30, 2026: the day that the 2025-2026 school year is officially over and the day that I type this note. 147 school days, 30 students, 7 part-time teachers, 4 in-school volunteers, 1,323 Math lessons, 228 French lessons, 100s of emails, 2 frisbees lost, 3 new chrome books purchased, countless prayers offered, and 3 ACS sweatshirts and 1 ACS polo left in the lost and found. There are, of course, many other stats that are more or less worth mentioning, but those would fill this newsletter. Over and above all of the minuscule details that comprise a school year, there is ONE holy, awesome, sovereign God. It is in his strength and by his grace that ACS could successfully complete another school year. We go forward in faith, "for his steadfast love endures forever".

School Theme Text:

"God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?"

Numbers 23:19.

"The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

Zephaniah 3:17

Highlights from 2026



February 23-26

Reading
Week



May 26

Open House
and Musical



June 15

All School
Year End Trip



January 30

Euchre Tournament
and Puzzle Palooza

May 8

Nine and Dine
Golf Tournament



June 11-13

Senior Class
Quebec Trip



June 17

Last Day of School
and Graduation!



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 for your support!

- Students were busy reading during our annual Read-a-thon from 23-26 February, 2026. We had great support again from our sponsors and raised \$15,000!
- Parents, friends, church members, and local businesses participated in the second annual ACS Nine and Dine Golf Tournament on 8 May, 2026. We had an excellent turnout and raised \$11,000!



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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Make a **one time or monthly** donation through the Zeffy platform. Check out our Zeffy page [here](#) or scan this QR code:



Check out our website for more info on ACS
www.ambassadorschristianschool.ca

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Thankfulness for the contributions of our departing staff (Mrs. Nieuwenhuis, Mrs. Jans), for our in-school volunteers (Mrs. Linde, Mrs. Visser, Mrs. Vanpopta, Mrs. Speijer).
- Pray for new teachers to fill roles for the 2026/2027 school year.
- Thankfulness for the support and abundant blessings that we receive.
- For continued energy, enthusiasm, and the faith to 'keep on keeping on' at ACS.
- For our students as they grow in the knowledge of our Almighty God.





2025/2026 ACS Staff

Mrs. VanGrootheest - Principal, Grades 2-3

Mrs. Smith - Grades 6-8

Mrs. Wildeboer - Grades 4-5

Miss Alexander- Grades SK-1

Mrs. Nieuwenhuis - Art (2-8)

Mrs. Jans - Social Studies (3-8)

Mrs. Bursey - Physical Education, French, Grammar 6-8

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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