

“...tell the next generation...”

PSALM 78:4



Wishing you a
blessed
CHRISTMAS
and a
happy
NEW YEAR!

CCRTC NEWS
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from the principal **CHRISTINE VAN HALEN-FABER**

With much joy and thankfulness, we may look back on a very good Fall Semester in which the teaching and learning at Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College (CCRTC) could continue unhindered. In-person learning is by far the best and is a gift that should never be taken for granted.

As the calendar year draws to a close, we look back and are reminded of the many blessings we receive from God's Fatherly hand day to day.

At the time of writing, our 20 teacher candidates are interacting with “their” students in the course of the fall practicum placements. CCRTC faculty members have enjoyed visiting schools and watching our students at work while also staying connected to real classroom practice. Engaging in this work allows

us to marvel at the fact that Reformed Christian schools are a genuine blessing: What a privilege it is to witness faithful biblical education taking place in so many classrooms where faithful teachers take a leading role.

We were also reminded of such teachers when the College hosted a “Reunion” of the Class of '22. Not only is it an opportunity for the faculty to interact with our graduates-now-teachers, but it is also a valuable way for the College to receive feedback on programs and courses. It is encouraging to hear young teachers speak professionally and passionately about their work.

Yet another reminder of God's faithfulness in the lives of educators in Ontario was the *Compass Reformed Educators Convention* (formerly known as the CRTA Convention) at which Mr. Mark den Hollander addressed approximately 230 educators on “Treasure your Treasure:

Celebrating the Hallmark(s) of Reformed Education”. All in all, it was a celebratory day of professional learning.

Faithful education also includes local school membership meetings at which reports are presented, information is shared, important decisions are made, and member voices are heard. CCRTC is thankful that many schools offer the local Governor, or a special presentation team consisting of James Meinen and Jackie DeBoer, a place on their membership meeting agendas. Reformed education, including Reformed teacher education, is relevant to all of us.

In conclusion, let us treasure our schools, classrooms, and teachers – rally around them and let them know that we appreciate and support them. May our Covenant God continue to shower us with his blessings as we seek to do our task of educating his children to the praise of his glory.



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THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College (CCRTC) is deeply indebted to the many volunteers who work faithfully behind the scenes. Most of the Board and committee work is done away from the spotlight.

The Public Relations Committee forms an exception when it promotes the College by way of two members who serve as the public face of the College:

Mr. James Meinen, Principal at Harvest Canadian Reformed Christian School in Owen Sound, and Mrs. Jackie DeBoer, a teacher at Maranatha Christian School in Fergus, have been doing regular Fall tours at the invitation of local school societies.

Armed with beautifully designed banners, promotional materials, and, most importantly, a strong and well-delivered message, the speakers bring across some basic, yet very important truths taken from CCRTC's logo text... *tell the next generation...* (Ps. 78:4).

Their presentation highlights that faithful

Reformed Christian education is a matter that involves all members of the household of faith – great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, married and single persons, and children. Our schools need prayerful and financial support from all of us. Our schools also need teachers who are well-prepared for their task. To this end, CCRTC offers teacher training and professional development, while it promotes and supports the work done in schools.

Thank you, James and Jackie, for being willing presenters of a very important message.

Donations gratefully accepted by pre-authorized deposit, cheque, Canada Helps, and e-Transfer (covenant@covenantteacherscollege.com).



from the treasurer **DAN WITTEN**

One glance at the calendar tells us that the end of another year is rapidly approaching.

Looking back on the year of our Lord 2022 fills us with gratitude. The College could continue to operate on a daily

basis, students were able to graduate from their respective programs, and new students grace the classrooms at 410 Crerar Drive in Hamilton. Faculty and administrative staff work closely together in a collaborative and harmonious environment. Indeed, we have many reasons to be thankful. One reason includes you, the supporters of the

College. We thank you for your financial gifts that enable the College to do its work.

For those who intended to send a financial contribution, but have not yet done so: It is not too late! Donations received before December 31 will qualify for a 2022 tax receipt.

