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## **From the Director's Desk: In Memoriam**

2:30.

2:30 a.m., ante meridiem – the 2:30 that's too early in the morning.

It's a time when babies make their debut on the world's stage wailing from the shock of fresh air in new lungs.

But at 2:30 a.m. on August 11<sup>th</sup> one old man, my 'old man', was making his final exit, gasping for each remaining breath.

At 2:30 I sat beside my 83 year old father's bed, held his hand and waited for that slow train that comes for all of us sooner or later.

"All the world's a stage", says Shakespeare, "and all the men and women merely players."

If that's true, my father's best performances were given on a stage made of ice.

From 1942 to 1957 he was part of the Toronto Maple Leaf hockey team. Statisticians will tell you that Ted "Teeder" Kennedy played his first Leaf game at age 17, that he was the youngest Maple Leaf captain, that he led five Stanley Cup winning teams, that he still holds the record for most Leaf playoff goals and that he received the Hart Trophy in 1955 as the NHL's most valuable player. But numbers and trophies don't tell the whole story...[\(Read More\)](#)

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## **A Note from Mr. Scrooge? Tuition in Arrears and Misplaced Grace**

Every year out member schools lose many thousands of dollars because some families fail to meet their tuition payment commitments. That means schools have less money to pay teachers and to pay bills. It also means that other parents are left with the total burden of covering the cost of a free ride for a few. These days there are genuine cases of unexpected family financial crises. In these cases schools need to show compassion and help out where they can. But in most cases we mistakenly think we are showing Christian mercy and grace by allowing parents not to meet their financial commitments. That is often misplaced grace....[\(Read More\)](#)

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## **Ontario Spelling Bee Results**

Congratulations to Philopateer Christian College on having the winning school team at the Spelling Bee! What a close contest! PCC and Mississauga Christian Academy tied in overall points but Philopateer won the event by having more first place finishes at the various grade levels.

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## Why Didn't Someone Tell Us?

### Are you looking for information and ideas about:

- Effective Student Recruitment?
- Current Legal Issues for Ontario Independent Schools?
- Using Social Media to Advance Your School?
- Making Your Website More Effective?
- Managing Crises?
- Moving Forward the Vision of Christian Education?
- Business Continuity Planning?
- Developing In-house Future Leaders?

Then you and your board members need to attend the ACSI Ontario Board/Administrators' Conference on **Saturday, February 6, 2010** at Tyndale University. You should have already received e-mails and a regular mailing that includes a registration form. If you haven't, please contact us a.s.a.p. OR go to [www.acsiec.org](http://www.acsiec.org). Mark your calendar now!

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## Bibby on Today's Teens

The next time someone tries to tell you that the values of Christian school students are the same as those of non Christian school students quote Canadian sociologist Reg Bibby's recent book, The Emerging Millennials. Bibby reports on a plethora of 2008 surveys about what Canadian teens think and believe and in a few of those surveys he canvasses "private Christian school students." Here is part of what he found....[\(Read More\)](#)

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## Some Quotes

"Christ is bigger than my empire and his kingdom may come either through it or in spite of it." American Missionary, E. Stanley Jones, The Christ of the Indian Road, McClelland and Stewart, 1926, Toronto.

"From the folding of its robe, it brought two children; wretched, abject, frightful, hideous, miserable... 'They are Man's' said the Spirit... 'This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want. Beware them both...but most of all beware this boy.' " The Ghost of Christmas Present in Dickens', A Christmas Carol.

"It is better to declare the truth and be rejected than to withhold the truth just to be accepted." Anonymous

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## Upcoming Events

Jan. 18 to 21	Mark and Joyce ministering in Haiti (Please pray)
Jan. 21 to 24	Mark training pastors and educators in Dominican Republic
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010	Ontario Board/Administrators' Conference, Tyndale University
Thurs., March 4, 2010	Ontario Public Speaking Festival
Thurs., April 1, 2010	Ontario Chess Tournament
Thurs., April 8, 2010	Ontario Fine Arts Festival
Thurs., April 15, 2010	Ontario Math Olympics

N.B. We will be mailing out the Ontario Public Speaking Festival information to the schools that usually participate: Brampton, Kleinburg, Crestwicke, Durham, Kingdom, Koinonia, Meadow Green, Mississauga, NDCA, Oakville, Peoples, Philopateer, Pickering, Richmond Hill, Scarborough, Stouffville. If your school is not on the list and you wish to participate this year please let us know and we will send out the material.

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