

PERSPECTIVE

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A BANNER WEEKEND FOR THE WINGS!



What a great weekend for Westgate volleyball! The 2013 MHSAA Provincial AAA Championships held great promise for both our varsity teams.

The girls' team entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed, winning the Zone 2 championship in dramatic fashion. After losing the first two sets to conference rival St. Norbert, and trailing in the third, Westgate rallied to win the next three sets and the match. Their poise under pressure would serve them well in the Provincials. After some challenging round robin games, the girls finally succumbed to a determined Dauphin team in the semifinal. The Wings' solid performance earned them a victory over Calvin Christian in the bronze medal match. Special congratulations go to setter Sam Bridle on being selected to the tournament All-Star team.

Despite their No. 2 seeding, the Westgate boys had gold on their minds throughout the weekend. Facing some tough challenges during the round robin and semifinals, they persevered and



reached the final against the No.1 seed, Calvin Christian. Led by tournament MVP Cole Friesen and All-Stars Ben Miller and Nick Niebuhr, the Wings were not to be denied. Saving their best game of the weekend for this night, they outlasted their opposition 25-21 and 25-22 to capture the championship banner.

In addition to these wonderful achievements, five of our grade 12 players were recognized as Graduating All-Stars by the Manitoba Volleyball Association. Lexi Janovcik and Samantha Bridle were chosen to the girls' team, while Cole Friesen, Ben Miller and Caleb Snider were selected to the boys' team. ■

GERMAN EXCHANGE

Why we will miss Westgate

Westgate is a pretty special school – and a really amazing one. So when we first got here we were quite anxious, but didn't need to be. All the people at Westgate welcomed us as if we were going there since Grade 7.

It was very different than our schools back home. Our schools have about 1,000 students so not everyone knows everyone. At Westgate it is very familiar which we really liked – we are going to miss this family a lot! The big school chapels were amazing – we kept on saying that we want that communal spirit at our schools back home as well. We actually said a couple of times that we like school better here than in Germany.

The classes we took were a lot of fun. The teaching style is not the same as in Germany. We think that's because of the relationship between student and teacher. The teachers at Westgate know their students better than the German teachers do so they can teach differently and more with the students – which we liked a lot.

We learned a lot of new vocabulary as well as the "local language" (how's it goin'?) and some of the "traditions" of Winnipeg (Go, Jets, Go). Our expectations have been surpassed. We are really going to miss all the people here and the school itself, too.

Marika Voßbeck



Exchange students Marika Voßbeck and Annchristin Lehmann in Canmore, Alberta.

MENNONITE HISTORY

rene Kim, Adrianna Friesen, and Savannah Baird recently did an excellent job of organizing and presenting a Jr. and Sr. Chapel to all the students based on the parable of the talents. This initiative was one of several project options available in Mennonite History class that encourage an exploration of faith, family, and history. The options range from the usual book reports and essays to attending CMU's Peace It Together conference. Past students have chosen projects including knitting with Oma while discussing faith, (Mikaela Hoepfner '11), exploring how the *More with Less* cookbook interacts with family and putting faith into practice. (Kate Niebuhr '11) or designing a family faith history board game (Adam Fuhr '11). ■



Kate



Adam



Mikaela



Westgate would like to thank German Exchange student Simon Delkeskamp (from Hamburg) and his family for their generous gift. Simon practices indoor artistic cycling and the family donated his bike to our school. Perhaps our students will be inspired by Simon's performance to take up this unique sport.



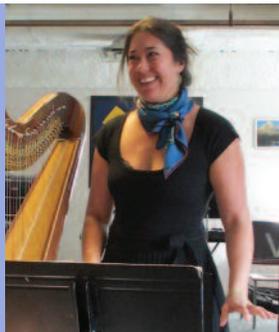
“WE HATE IT, BUT WE LOVE IT”

At Westgate we take turns. Instead of the Varsity Boys bringing home gold, this year the Varsity GIRLS were the ones who were victorious, placing first in Provincials and coming home bearing medals, t-shirts and the championship banner! The Varsity Boys took home silver medals and an appetite for more next year. It was a great ending, but all the teams had an amazing overall season. From gasping through intervals down Wellington Crescent, to sprinting

exhausting laps at Omand’s Park; struggling up and down Garbage Hill, even sprinting up the hill to finish at Kilcona Park; all of this prepared us for our trip to Spruce Woods for the Provincials. Confident and smiling (at least at the beginning of the race), we finished the season with much encouragement from our coaches, who watched from the sidelines while we did all the work. What can we say? We hate it, but we love it. Most importantly, we do it. Every year. ■



Pictured (l-r): Annie Rose Daudet, Hillary Rempel, Nadya Langelotz, Amy Baergen, Adrianna Friesen, Annchristin Lehmann



The wonderful Grace Cloutier, New York harpist, was in Winnipeg to perform with Camerata Nova, and graciously offered to give a performance and workshop on the harp, with all its magic and intricacy. We were very fortunate to have had such an accomplished musician visit Westgate; Grace’s most recent album with The Etherea Vocal Ensemble is nominated for a Grammy award, and she has been a top seller with iTunes for many years.

Students and parents were genuinely impressed with Grace’s performance, prompting many interesting and insightful questions. Thank you Grace!



IMAGES OF FAITH—A NEW COURSE AT WESTGATE



In addition to this course, Westgate is pleased to offer a Grade 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION course for our second semester. Jeremy Siemens will be instructing this new school-initiated course.

Two years ago my daughter presented her research findings at a medical conference in San Francisco. Instead of presenting a paper, all her research was required to be shown as one poster.

In this age of the Internet, with its predominance of the image as knowledge, the IOF course was created to assist students to better understand how to view, interpret and create visuals. James Friesen and I decided to study religious images with our classes, to discover how culture and media have shaped religions historically, and continue to shape our view of religion today.

"And why do you draw animals? How are these images of faith?" are common questions from my colleagues when they see the beautiful charcoal sketches the Grade 9 IOF class produces at the beginning of the term.

I explain, "I visited the Lascaux Caves in 2008 and I was awed by the holiness of this site." The drawings are far from primitive – stylized yes – but these craftsmen had studied animals carefully, with reverence. This cave art represents possibly the oldest idea of religious thought, the awareness of the spiritual nature of the universe. As I tell my colleagues, "To closely study animals

through actually drawing them, presents a new awareness of the beauty and uniqueness of God's creation."

By looking at how religious thought developed, our class considered the principles of design, symbolism, and visual metaphors. We studied such diverse images as the Sistine Chapel's "God Creating the Sun, the Moon and the Planets," by Michelangelo, who emphasized the power of one true God, and Islamic ceramic tile patterns which focus on the beauty of "The Mind of God" with geometric shapes that connect the universe in amazing mathematical ratios.

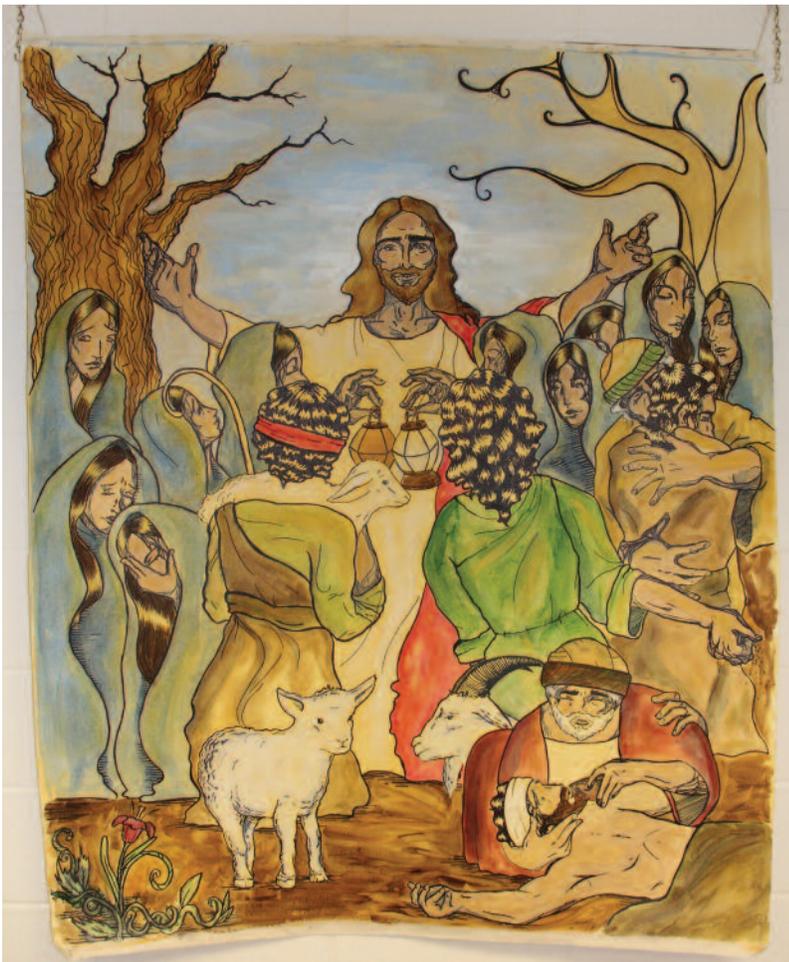
The students always create visual pieces in response to our studies of the historical images. These have included sketches, pastel paintings, logos, collages, tiles, and posters.

James continues the second half of the course with a film study which looks critically at how modern media shape our view of religion. In searching for how people understand "heroes," the class views, discusses, and responds to such diverse works as "The Gospel According to the Simpsons," "Star Wars," and "Jesus of Montreal." Students end the course with pondering the "Future of Religion in the Media." ■ *Terry Dirks*

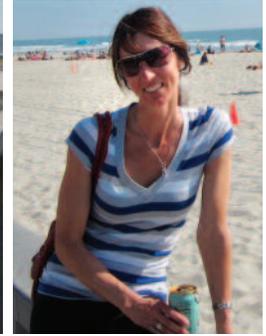


Les Miserables

Mr. Dyck gives instruction to Aliyah Baerg and Riley Birkett during rehearsal for Westgate's production of the drama, *Les Miserables*, held Dec. 5-7.



How many parables can you find in the chapel banner?
Thanks to Richelle Birchell ('14) for her gift of art.



CHARLOTTE KROEKER AND NANCY LOEWEN WENT TO SAN DIEGO...

...to attend the International Forum on Language Teaching Conference or iFLT Conference: a conference focused on interactive teacher training on July 9-12, 2013. Nancy and I were grateful for the opportunity to attend this conference to further our French and German language teaching. We were able to observe master teachers implementing best practices in a variety of languages followed by a debriefing session. It was fascinating to take part in several Mandarin lessons and see the engagement and progress of the students in just a few hours of instruction. We were also able to attend a variety of sessions on using storytelling, reader's theatre, and reading to engage students and create a classroom culture that is most conducive to language learning. *Charlotte Kroeker*

WESTGATE & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Thank you Berdick Windows and Westgate Golf Committee

Peter Enns – Hors d'oeuvres catered by Bob, Ozzie and John
Thank you Morning Glory Catering

Rob Quiring – Premium Jets' Tickets and Jerseys
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WHAT THEY DID LAST SUMMER



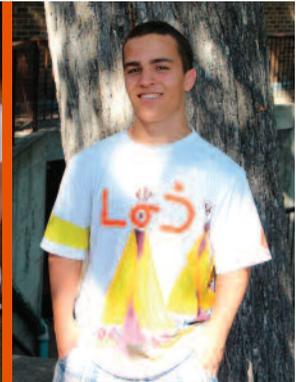
Mackenzie Thiessen-Ryall ('16) was selected to represent Canada at the 2013 Adequan FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Championships, held July 16-21, 2013 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. After months of training in Arizona last year, Mackenzie's hard work paid off and she was both honoured and proud to represent Canada at such a prestigious event.



Ultimate – Pictured above are Westgate students who played on the Manitoba provincial Ultimate teams this summer. Westgate was well represented! Not included in the group picture is Nick Peters, captain of Manitoba's other team, Manitou.

MOFO Girls team, 4th place: Anya Snider, Krista Aitken, J.J. Ens-Mclvor, Erika Gustafson-Fish
 MOFO Boys team, Silver Medalists: Jackson Gustafson-Fish, Caleb Snider, Quinn Snider, Liam Sawatzky

Manitou Boys team, 11th place finish: Nick Peters (photo above right)



Nicole Pate ('17) – Last summer, my friend at Kelvin High School approached me to see if I wanted to go on a five-day trip to Churchill with her school. Going into this trip, I really had no idea what it would be like, or who I would be with. The majority of the students going were either Grade 11 or 12 Kelvin students, or Grade 12 students who had come in from Baltimore. It was a long trip up, but it was worth it. We spent two days on the tundra buggies, the massive trucks that drove us deep into the tundra. It was a research based trip, taking pictures of the bears' whisker patterns and their bodies. It is really an amazing thing to see a real polar bear in its natural habitat. Overall, we saw 10 different bears. It was such a privilege to go on this trip and to meet so many really cool people. Now I can cross that off my bucket list!



Ben and Danika with Premier Greg Selinger



Janessa



Danika in action



Ben in action

Canada Games – Congratulations to former and current Westgate students Ben Miller ('14), Danika Hummelt ('16) and Janessa Klatt ('12). They represented our province this past summer at the Canada Games in Quebec. As part of the silver medal winning men's basketball team, Ben Miller earned national attention as one of the best basketball players in the country in his age group.

Scholarships

Our graduates earned the following post-secondary awards/scholarships:

University of Manitoba

Rachel Blaine – *Early Admission Scholarship Award*

Kamilla Pinter, Krysten Kennedy, Kirstyn Eckhardt – *Entrance Scholarship*

Baden Gaeke Franz, Jonas Pagé – *Queen Elizabeth Entrance Scholarship*

Debora Stasolla, Mathieu Sawatzky, Michaela Loewen, Byong Jo Lee – *Hogg Centennial Entrance Scholarship*

Eagan Peters – *Advanced Early Admission Scholarship Award*

Canadian Mennonite University

Jessica Klassen, Mariette Koop, Krista Aitken, Joel Kliewer, Anya Snider, Emma Ens-Maclver, Emma Bergen, Lindsey Pankratz, Owen Baerg, Joshua Neustaedter Barg, Jason Friesen, Ayla Manning, Tobian Penner, Olivia Wiebe, Katie Enns, Alex Wilson – *Academic Entrance Scholarship*

Daniel Friesen – *Returning Student Leader Scholarship*

Emma Bergen – *Leadership Scholarship*

Nicole Froese – *Program Merit Award: Music*

Merridy Peters – *Academic Excellence Scholarship*

Joshua Neustaedter Barg – *Redekop First Year Full Tuition Scholarship*

Jason Friesen – *Leadership Merit Award, Merit Award: Athletics*

Paul Currie – *Program Merit Award: Music, Scouting Award: Music*

Katie Enns – *Merit Award: Athletics*



Making kimchi, a typical side dish with fermented lettuce and red pepper paste sauce, offered at every meal.



I am playing a traditional instrument called a gayageum while wearing a hanbok.

JESSICA KLASSEN'S ('12) KOREAN EXPERIENCE

High school graduation opens the doors to the big world we live in. And I knew I wanted to go experience this world. During the year 2012-13, I decided to do just that and learn a little bit more about this world from the inside perspective of an Intentional Anabaptist Community in South Korea. This past year was one of the most challenging but most rewarding years of my life. Being thrown into different living arrangements, different lifestyles, and a completely different culture would scare most people, but it excited me. The chance to experience a different way of life and

make connections across the world is amazing and life-giving to me. I was not only accepted into a community of strangers as a sister in Christ, but learned how to cook some traditional Korean dishes, was able to teach English to the children in my community, and ultimately learn a new way of life. This cross-cultural experience is something I know I will not forget, and something I hope to incorporate into my life here in Winnipeg. As for now, I am attending CMU, which has been going well, and I am still constantly learning new and exciting things, just different from what I learned last year. ■

CYCLATHON AND HOMECOMING



Future 100/100 Club member

Former teacher Al Klassen (centre) came out to ride some laps with his son JERRY ('88). Pictured with Al are former student Christine Froese ('81) and current principal Bob Hummelt.

WALTER KAMPEN ('70) (left) and CHRIS ENNS ('72) (right) share Westgate memories with current parent Herb Rempel.



Alumni News



JARED ENNS ('09) and **TONYA WAGNER ('09)** (now Enns), were married at Douglas Mennonite Church on July 6, 2013. Jared is currently completing his last year of his Honours degree in Physics from the University of Winnipeg, and Tonya is in her last year of her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of Manitoba.



HANNAH HILDEBRAND ('07) celebrated her wedding this summer with a number of her Westgate classmates, seen here at the reception in Assiniboine Park. Hannah and CMU alumnus Paul Muns were married on June 28, 2013 at Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship.

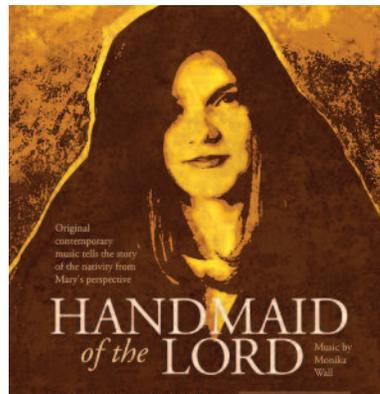
MONIKA LOEWEN WALL ('81) has written a work called "Handmaid of the Lord." It tells the story of the nativity from Mary's perspective through short narrations and 20 original contemporary songs. It was performed at Eastview Church on Dec. 6th.

Here is a synopsis of "Handmaid of the Lord – the Christmas story."

The greatest story ever told, the story of Christmas, told from a fresh, new perspective. Mary, the mother of Jesus, tells her experience which changed the course of humanity.

Combining the classic story with the classical elegance of the angel Gabriel, the sassy swing of the wise men, the energy of latin rhythms of the celebrating shepherds and the simplicity of a folk tune in Mary's lullaby, you will hear it, as if for the first time. From the struggle of a tango as Mary and Joseph seek shelter for the birth of Jesus to the heart wrenching "Vocalise of the mourning mothers" after the vengeful Herod murders the infants of Bethlehem, the characters come alive as living, breathing people.

The crowning glory is a full choir representing the chorus of angels and the people of the earth.



AMY (VANDERHOOF '02) and **JARRETT REMPEL** are pleased to welcome Noah Luke Rempel to their family. Noah joined brother Caleb a little ahead of his expected due date, arriving on Friday, Nov. 15th, weighing in at 5 lb. 12 oz. May God bless your growing family!



DANIKA BOCK ('05) and husband Drex Serduletz are pleased to announce the opening of their new stationery and gift shop in the Exchange district. Tiny Feast (217 McDermot Ave.) is not your average stationery store. "Many of the companies we stock are small, and are doing everything in-house, from design to production, packing, and shipping. For example, we work with husband-and-wife teams, letterpress printing cards in the States; two sisters who are binding books by hand in Berlin; and a studio that designs and produces screen printed textiles in South Africa," says Danika. They look forward to seeing many Westgate friends visit over the holiday season – and perhaps find a unique, thoughtful Christmas gift while there. (Photo by Kyle Thomas)

NATHAN DOUGLAS ('10) has enjoyed a prolific athletic and academic career at Concordia University in Nebraska. He was recently named to the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Men's Soccer first team. Nathan is part of an exclusive list that recognized 11 men's soccer academic All-Americans. The physics major (math minor) set Concordia's program record for career goals this season. He completed his career with 43 goals over four years, including a career high 14 in 2013.



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