



KING'S ACADEMY CHRONICLE

EXCITING HAPPENINGS

THE "MY LIFE FOR YOURS" LUNCH

By Rose Lortz

Chapel time devotions at King's Academy generally follow the themes and holidays of the church calendar year. In December we prepared for Christ's coming with our Advent liturgy. In January, as the new term commenced, we commemorated Christ's epiphany. Now, in the last weeks of January, we are exploring how His coming affects the way we treat one another.

Mr. Dau directed the students to the five "one-another's" in Romans that teach us to honor, to love, to refrain from improper judging, to accept, and to admonish one another. In these commands, we see the common theme of giving up ourselves for our brethren in the same way that Christ gave Himself for us.

Inspired by this Chapel material, the King's Academy faculty decided to institute a weekly "My Life for Yours" lunch on Wednesdays. The title of the lunch comes from a book by Pastor Douglas Wilson of Christ Church in Moscow, Idaho. In the book, Pastor Wilson talks about how Christians can lay down their lives for others in every aspect of what they say and do.

At the first "My Life for Yours Lunch," Mr. Dau asked the students to consider their actions during the lunch period. What are we currently doing during lunch to love and honor one another? What are some things we could do better? The students eagerly participated in the discussion, making observations and offering suggestions.

Popular opinion determined that the most sacrificial act a KA student can commit is to let someone else go ahead of him in the microwave line. Jordan Prentice, a senior, suggested that the gentlemen ought to make more of an effort to let the ladies go ahead of them in line. This action point was agreed upon by the student body and has been implemented fairly widely during the past two weeks.

The students also gave input on how we honor others on their birthdays here at King's Academy. Up until now, the common practice has been to only celebrate birthdays that fall on school days. Several students objected to this, expressing a desire to honor everyone's birthday whether

it falls on a school day or not. We resolved upon a new custom. Birthdays which occur during weekends or school holidays will now be celebrated on the school day nearest to the birthday. Anna Tooze, a junior, volunteered to coordinate the birthday celebrations and make sure that each student has a cake on his special day.

The final topic of discussion was how to put others first during our discussions at the lunch table. The faculty of King's Academy has always stressed the importance of communal meals as a means of promoting fellowship. The students and teachers eat together on one long table downstairs in the dining hall of the church. With fifteen people ranged along one narrow table, however, it is difficult to converse with anyone besides the people sitting next to you.

One student suggested that rearranging the tables would give more people a chance to participate in conversation. We now arrange the lunch tables into a square so that we can see and hear each other better, giving honor to others by listening to their words at the lunch table.

Over all, the new "My Life for Yours" lunches have produced much fruit, providing a forum for the students to work out the practical implications of their Christian faith. We look forward to seeing what ideas will result from these lunches in the future.



The new table arrangement for lunch time.

FROM THE CLASSROOM



Split between Israel & Judah!
(Front page article of the “Tigris Times”)
By William Tooze
Eighth Grade

It’s a tragic day. Everyone is packing and trying to join their families in other places. Why is everyone in a panic? The reason is that the country Israel has just split into two separate countries with two separate kings. It is now the country of Israel and the country of Judah. Jeroboam rules Israel and Rehoboam rules Judah.

The roots of this split go back to the end of Solomon’s reign. Because of Solomon’s idolatry, the Lord sent a prophet to Jeroboam and told him he would rule ten of the twelve tribes of Israel. At this, he fled to Egypt because he thought that the king would kill him if he heard the news. A short time after this, Solomon died and his son Rehoboam was crowned king. Jeroboam now thought it was safe and came back to Israel.

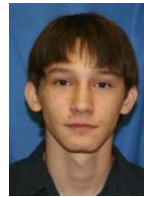
After being crowned, Rehoboam called his father’s elders and asked them what he should do with Israel. They said that he should reduce the tax on the people. Rehoboam refused their counsel and asked his childhood friends what he should do. They said to tax the people more and more. Rehoboam listened to his friends and did not heed the voice of the elders.

After the decision, I ask the head elder what he thought of the king’s decision. He said: “The king is not as wise as his father and his decision was foolish. He should have listened to me and the other elders instead of his foolish friends.”

After Rehoboam increased taxes, the people revolted and killed one of the king’s tax collectors. Afraid, Rehoboam fled to Judah and Benjamin. There he gathered an army of a hundred and twenty thousand men to take back the north. But God intervened and told Rehoboam to disband his army and go home.

In the north, the people made Jeroboam king, and now Rehoboam only rules the south. I asked an Israelite civilian what he thought of the crowning of Jeroboam and the splitting of Israel. He said, “I think Jeroboam will be a much better king than that coward Rehoboam. I don’t mind that we split away from them because I have all my family right here in Israel.”

This is the split of Israel and Judah.



Home
By Benjamin Evans
Sophomore

On the side of Portland Avenue stands a forlorn house. The house owners have left the yard to Nature’s chaotic hand for a span of three weeks as they visit some friends, and during their long absence, the green grass has grown a couple of feet. The plants have crawled their way up the side of the yellow house, and the trees have cast their branches out across the yard. They stand watch on Nature’s behalf.

The cats from all around have made this yard their home, and all the raccoons too. Under the trees they lie, prowling during the dark night, and lying asleep in the beautifully painted morning. The morning smells of freshly grown roses mixed with dew, and the luscious blueberries covering the entire back fence add a pleasant flavor. Above in the apple tree shine the bright green apples glistening in the morning sun. The apples occasionally fall from the tree; around them fly the swarming wasps, and below them crawl the hardworking ants. Like a musician expressing his happiness, the crickets play their music undisturbed.

But then the people appear at the doorstep and get right back to work. The lawnmower roars to life with a few false starts. The mowed lawn gives off the fragrance of freshly cut grass. The yard now looks like a king’s garden. The beauty of chaos is glorified by careful tending. This is the home of the servants of the king. Their yard is tended, not because the king has forced them to do it, but because the servants love him and want to glorify him through the actions of their everyday lives. And so they take what is beautiful and make it the best that it can be.

Poem to Christ



By Samuel Tooze
Senior

God with love sent Christ His Son
Down to earth to pay the price
As the greatest sacrifice.
Born a man of virgin fair—
Task before so hard to bear!
Few could grasp that he was God,
Many thought he was a fraud.
Blind he made their eyes to see.
Lame he made to jump with glee.
With His grace showed to all,
Pleased His Father in His hall.
Being man as you or me,
Died upon Mount Calvary.
Painless death for most will come—
To gruesome death he would succumb.
Down to Hell for three night long,
Battling Satan to end the wrong—
So the vict’ry would be won.



Psalm 122: Music and Text Arrangement

(In the style of an Anglican Chant)

By Charity Tuuri

Junior



1. I was glad when they said / un-to / me,
Let us go into the / **house** / of the / LORD.
2. Our feet shall stand with / in thy / gates
O / Jer-u / **sa** / lem.
3. Jerusalem is / **build** / ed
As a city that is / com-pact / to-geth / er:
4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes / of the / LORD,
Unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto / the name / of the / LORD.
5. For there are set thrones / of judg / ment,
The thrones of / the house / of Da / vid.
6. Pray for the peace of Je / ru-sa / lem:
They shall / pros-per / that love / thee.
7. Peace be with / in thy / walls,
And prosperity with / in thy / pa-la / ces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I / will now / say,
Peace / **be** / with-in / thee.
9. Because of the house of the / LORD our / God
I / **will** / seek thy / good.



American Obelisk

(An imitation of the Assyrian king Shalmaneser III's "Black Obelisk")

By Katy Hoogendam

Junior



Dinner with Rodgers and Hammerstein:

A Musical Dinner Theater Fundraiser
Complete with an Auction and Raffle



Friday, May 1, 7pm
Saturday, May 2, 7pm

Tickets go on sale March 1

FUNDRAISER ALERT! How Can You Help?

Event Sponsor: Our event sponsors donate \$500 (tax-deductible) to King's Academy for the Dinner Theater. You will have your name on the tickets and on the front of the program and will also receive substantial recognition at the event. Please give us business cards, business brochures, or whatever marketing material you would like to have displayed. Since we are having two showings, we have the opportunity to have two event sponsors.

Table Sponsor: Our table sponsors donate \$100 (tax deductible) to King's Academy for the Dinner Theater. You will have your name in the program and will also get to place advertisement on one of the tables. Please give us business cards, business brochures, or whatever marketing material you would like to have displayed on your table. We will be creating a 5x7 advertisement to go in a table tent on your table (unless you would like to create the 5x7 ad yourself).

Auction/Raffle Donors: Our Auction and Raffle donors provide King's Academy with a product or service (tax-deductible) that we can auction or raffle off at the event. You can donate gift certificates, gift baskets, or other products. You will have your name in the program and have it announced during the Auction/Raffle. Please approximate a value for your donated item. If your item is too large to mail, please call us and we will pick it up.

DINNER THEATER PRACTICES BEGIN!

Under the tutelage of Miss Lortz, the students have spent the last few weeks diligently learning the notes and memorizing the lyrics of their Rodgers and Hammerstein music. Now it's time for choreography to begin.

Mrs. Dau spent her first choreography session teaching the rudiments of the waltz. "1-2-3, 1-2-3." For many of the students, the lesson was a refresher, but those who were new to the step picked it up quickly. The waltz will be used in our performance of "Ten Minutes Ago," from *Cinderella*.



In the second session Mrs. Dau covered the blocking and hand motions for the title song of *Oklahoma*. "O---k-lahoma! Where the wind comes sweeping down the plain..." The students moved their arms enthusiastically with the "waving wheat" and found "plen'y of room to swing a rope."

Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 1 or May 2 for an evening of spectacular song and dance!



PHILOSOPHY
Verbalizing Our Vision

Over the past several months the King's Academy Board of Directors has been developing a vision statement for the school. Different members of the board as well as other interested parties have contributed sentences, paragraphs, edits, and input. Below is the current draft of the King's Academy vision statement.

KA VISION STATEMENT DRAFT

Revised January 2009

King's Academy in Oregon City strives to develop Godly men and women, by emphasizing our purpose of worshiping God, loving and obeying Him, and loving our fellow man; and by preparing our students to advance Christ's Kingdom through work and family callings.

In the Biblical sense, worship refers primarily to our formal worship services on the Lord's Day. It is there we learn how to approach God, entering with praise and thanksgiving, being purified through the confession of our sin and of our dependence upon God. It is there where we hear the word and renew our covenant with Him, bringing forth our tithes, offerings and petitions as tokens of our love, service and obedience to Him and of our service to our fellow man. It is there where He invites us to His table and confirms we are His children. It is from there we go to carry the gospel into the world. King's Academy strives to help prepare and train its students to enter more fully into every aspect of this worship of our Lord and Savior.

As children of God, we are to love our fellow man in all things. Love is patient, not hostile and love is kind, not self-interested. This love is both friendly and others-focused; it changes the world one relationship at a time. King's Academy seeks to promote Christian love in relationships between and among students, parents, teachers, administrators, and members of our local community.

One way that King's Academy encourages right relationships with God and our fellow man is by preparing students for later vocations. We utilize many aspects of a classical education, giving students logical tools for the organization of facts and equipping them with rhetorical skills for expressing conclusions. Students also learn that all knowledge is interrelated as the subject matter of history, foreign language, and English is woven into music, science, Bible, and math. King's Academy strives to provide its students with an outstanding academic foundation for the rest of life.

UPCOMING EVENTS: WINTER TERM

Feb. 13 (Fri)	Valentine's Day Ancient Eats Banquet
Feb. 16 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (No Classes)
Mar. 16-20 (Mon-Fri)	Finals Week
Mar. 23-27 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break (No Classes)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Success in securing table sponsors and auction items for the “Dinner with Rodgers & Hammerstein” fundraiser in May.
- ❖ Good health for the faculty and student body during the winter season.
- ❖ Wisdom for the King's Academy Board of Directors as they continue planning for the 2009-2010 school year.

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