



April 2018

We encourage you to forward this update to faculty, staff, board members, or other interested parties.

From the Director—Philip Hills

Super Models, Super Heroes, and the Superiority of Submission

Events

Administrator/Board Conference

Professional Development

Student Activities

Teacher Conventions

College Corner

Prairie College Events

The King's University Events

Vanguard College Personal Visits

Rosebud School of the Arts

Summit Pacific College

Peace River Bible Institute Campus Visits

School News

Global Outreach

School Global Outreach News

School Mission Trips

2017–18 Classrooms for Africa Project

We Want to Serve You

ACSI Canada Bookroom

International Collaborative Projects for Christian Schools

Technology Vision Resource

Keep Us Informed

Contact Us

From the Director—Philip Hills

Super Models, Super Heroes, and the Superiority of Submission

As I was recently sitting through yet another super hero blockbuster, I could not help but consider the reason for the immense popularity of the genre. In order to do this I had to consider why I dreamed about having super human powers as a child and the answer came to me in a flash—it was about the power. It is the same reason that many girls dream about being super models—it is about the power. The wealthy, strong and beautiful are the most powerful among us.

We all crave power. By power, I mean the ability to shape our lives and events around us in a way that fulfills our desires. Getting what we want can either happen because we happen to be lucky people (the world thinks) or because we are among the few who have enough power to make the world turn our way. In a world of conflicting desires, it is only either the luckiest or the most powerful who have things go their way. And, of course, the reason we want things to go our way is that we believe that will lead to happiness.

Interestingly, our fixation on super heroes and supermodels is profoundly disempowering. Super heroes are imaginary and super models almost as rare. At any given time there are less than ten people who could claim that mantle. Billionaires are much more common (and we want to be like them also for the same reasons).

I am not a super hero, or any of these other types of powerful people, but I have discovered a sure way to happiness. I am often happy now and believe I will be unendingly happy in the future. But my happiness is a result of the opposite of power seeking—it is about giving up power and submitting to others. Another way to say this is that the power I have I try to use for the benefit of others.

I have a great example to follow—Jesus Christ. He did not come to rule but to submit. He came to give up His power so that we could be empowered. He lay down His life for the very ones who were using their power to take it. He came as a man who did not have any of the qualities that attract us to others. It should be noted that He had super powers, but He refused to use them to impress others. His purpose was always to serve His Father and serve the people He loved.

We have just celebrated His ultimate act of submission as we remembered His crucifixion on Good Friday. We also rejoiced at His resurrection which definitively proved that the sure root to eternal joy is through totally submitting to serving God the Father. In the real world it is

...MY HAPPINESS IS A RESULT OF THE OPPOSITE OF POWER SEEKING—IT IS ABOUT GIVING UP POWER AND SUBMITTING TO OTHERS.

the least powerful who will one day become the greatest in the presence of God. Our students daydream about getting enough power to create a happy life. Some believe only luck will deliver this. Others are ambitiously working to be as powerful as they can. A growing number have discovered that they will only find the life they long for by using their power for the good of others, especially their enemies. I guarantee these students will turn out to be the happiest in the world, and the happiness they find now will multiply into eternity where it will become their constant state.

Let's do all we can to prepare our students to be the happiest people on Earth destined for the happiest city in the Universe.

[🔗\[Return to top of page\]](#)



Events

Find information and register for events on our [website](#). The ACSI Events Calendar for 2018/2019 is posted on our Home page.

Administrator/Board Conference

The 2018 **AB Administrator/Board Conference** will be November 23–24 in Banff, AB, with keynote Dan Egeler. Check [here](#) for registration and information.

[🔗\[Return to top of page\]](#)

Professional Development

In keeping with our mission to enable Christian educators to effectively prepare students for life, ACSI offers professional development specifically designed to benefit teachers and administrators within our member schools. It is also a good opportunity to meet with colleagues and continue to build a support network for your school.

Our **Summer Institute** for educators will be July 9–13. Watch the [website](#) for details.

Save the date for our 2018/2019 PD Days. Check our [website](#) often for information updates.

- **Island PD Day:** February 8, 2019, Comox, BC
- **PD North:** February 22, 2019, Quesnel, BC
- **SK Winter Conference Day:** March 5, 2019, Caronport, SK

[🔗\[Return to top of page\]](#)

Student Activities

The foundation of a good life is both an understanding of God's Word and a commitment to live in a way that reflects His character. The most important thing we can do is to equip our students, then give them a life-applicable understanding of the Word.

Our annual **Spring Musicale** for Jr. and Sr. High choir and bands will be held May 3–4 at Prairie College in Three Hills, AB. For more information visit our [website](#).

Drama Xchange will be held May 15–16 at Rosebud School of the Arts in Rosebud, AB. This event for junior and senior high drama students presents an opportunity for your school's drama department to showcase the work of your students for their peers as well as to interact with professionals in the dramatic arts community, and to discover how to become redemptive influences in this essential industry. For more information visit our [website](#).

Teacher Conventions

Our Teacher Conventions are focused on ways to continually improve as Christian schools. Save the date for our 2018/2019 conventions. Brochures will be sent to your schools. Check our [website](#) often for updated information or to register.

- BC: October 5, 2018, Abbotsford
- AB: October 18–19, 2018, Calgary
- MB: February 15, 2019, Winnipeg

ACSI members go to my.acsi.org to join the Teacher Convention group on ConNEXUS for discussion and information.

[Return to top of page](#)

College Corner

If any of our member colleges have an upcoming open house or other event that would be of interest to our students, please let our office know so that we can include the information in upcoming issues of the Communicator.

Prairie College Events

Prairie Preview Days—FREE one-day events that include information sessions, campus tours, a demo Bible class, a chance to meet with admissions staff, faculty, and coaching staff and enjoy a meal in the Dining Hall. Our next Preview Day is April 14.

Personalized Visits—we will personalize your very own **FREE** [campus visit](#) and create a customized experience that will meet your needs. Our Admissions Office is open Monday–Friday from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM all year round to serve you. For more information or to arrange a visit [email](#) us or call 1.800.661.2425.

The King's University Events

Personal Visits—We can arrange for you to meet one-on-one with an Admissions Counsellor. Personal visits can be scheduled Monday–Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Please contact Admissions at 780.465.8334 or [by email](#) to book an appointment.

Vanguard College Personal Visits

Are you curious to know what it is like to be a student at Vanguard? Contact us to book a personalized tour; we would be happy to arrange a visit. Please contact Enrolment Services at 1.866.222.0808 or check our [website](#).

Rosebud School of the Arts

Rosebud School of the Arts is accepting applications for September 2018. The application form is on our [website](#). You can [email](#) us to book your scout week! Be sure to like [Rosebud Theatre](#) and [Rosebud School of the Arts](#) on Facebook to keep in touch.

Rosebud School of the Arts presents Shakespeare's classic, *A Comedy of Errors*, April 2018. Contact Rosebud Theatre box office for tickets and information at 1.800.267.7553.

Rosebud Theatre presents *Driving Miss Daisy*, April 6–May 19; *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, June 1–September 1; and *The Amish Project*, July 6–September 1. Tickets are available [online](#) or call us at 1.800.267.7553.

[Return to top of page](#)

Summit Pacific College

Campus Tours—Want to check out our campus? We'd love to show you around and tell you more about our school! Book a tour on our [website](#) or contact our Recruitment Department at 604.851.7222.

Guest Speakers—Looking for a guest speaker for your next event? SPC has quality speakers to share at your chapel service, assembly, or other special events. Contact Nathan Boldt by [email](#) or call him at 604.851.7222 for more information.

Peace River Bible Institute Campus Visits

Plan a campus visit that compliments your schedule and get a full experience of our campus life! To arrange a campus visit, please [email](#) us or call Anne Laursen at 780.933.4144.

School News

We would like to encourage you to [email](#) newsworthy information about your school to be included in this section of the monthly Communicator.

[Return to top of page](#)

Global Outreach

School Global Outreach News

One of the reasons our schools are so strong is because of their passionate concern for exalting Jesus among the nations. We will be highlighting your stories in the Communicator to encourage each other with how our schools are doing this. Please forward stories to our office from recent mission trips and/or mission projects if you would like to share what your school is doing in support of reaching the world for Christ.

Saskatoon Christian School Discipleship Mission Training Program

Our Discipleship Mission Training Program is an intentional step into missions, poverty awareness/alleviation, and an interactive study of Acts. Our hope for this program is to truly walk through what discipleship can look like, resulting in a better understanding of a missional lifestyle. In Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, we are asked to "go back" to those we have served. Ken Switzer (former youth pastor from Saskatoon) has been working in Bolivia for the last ten years; we have had the opportunity to partner with Ken and many other missions organizations in Bolivia (La Jornada, El Jordan, Women's Prison Ministry, various children's homes, Compassion International, and more). Because of our partnership with all these ministries, we can cater to each team's needs and hope to better assist the ministries we partner with. In our meta-missions study, we aim to encourage the long-term workers as we engage, fellowship, and learn about how God sees the world. We feel we are already on our missional journey, but our official dates to be in Bolivia are March 25-April 5.

School Mission Trips

Many of our schools will be sending student groups on mission trips this year. Please send us your school name and the dates and destination of your trip so we can pray for you as you travel and spread God's love around the world.

- **Saskatoon Christian School** students will be in Bolivia March 25–April 5.
- **Airdrie Koinonia Christian School** students will be going on their biannual mission trip to Mexico March 28–April 7.

2017–18 Classrooms for Africa Project

Each year ACSI Western Canada selects a project to support. For the 2017–18 school year our project will be to continue raising funds for the Dust to Desk Project. The goal is to raise \$20,000 which will provide seating for over 1,000 students. The cost per student works out to approximately \$20. Donations collected at some of this year's ACSI Teacher Conventions will go toward this goal. [Click here](#) to donate online. A promotional PowerPoint and a video are available for schools and teachers to use for their students and school communities. Please [email](#) us or check out our [website](#) for more information.

[Return to top of page](#)

We Want to Serve You

ACSI Canada Bookroom

As we get closer to spring, have you been thinking of updating your curriculum or trying something new? Remember that as a member school, you can get a Teacher's Edition **FREE** with the purchase of a class set of 10 or more.

If you are interested in any of our products, we can send you a FREE sample text to preview. This, too, is a benefit of ACSI membership! If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Bookroom.

For more information or to get a review copy, please visit our [website](#), contact us via [email](#), or call 604.851.6983.

International Collaborative Projects for Christian Schools

ACSI Europe invites Christian school teachers to join their four-week online course to develop International Collaborative Projects with colleagues from around the world. Learn how to develop high-quality, project-based learning units with strong biblical integration elements as you partner with teachers and students from schools in other countries. [REGISTER NOW](#)—course begins on April 9.

Technology Vision Resource

Sandra Paetkau is an Educational Technology Specialist with 18 years experience as a classroom teacher (12 of those in ACSI schools) and 3 years as a Digital Coach and Consultant. She provides Student Centred Learning technology integration consultancy for schools and works with schools to empower learners by leveraging technology in the classroom, the school, and at home.

How might she bring value to your school for this year or next? Sandra works closely with Administrative Teams to help realize their technology vision of the school and / or district. Whether that starts at the beginning with creating a viable technology vision or whether it starts with the road map for implementation of an established vision, she works with teams to find sustainable solutions for success.

This can include, but is not limited to the following: analysis of current technology integration in school; technology vision planning with leadership team and staff; work with and develop technology integration champions in schools; lead technology inservice training for administration, staff, parents, and/or students; introduce a coding solution* for schools with limited resources; assist in addressing and implementing BCs ADST curriculum; leveraging social media in schools for positive change.

Please see [Sandra's website](#) for further information and ideas: www.thetotaltechover.com

*If your school is struggling to provide a BC aligned coding curriculum for students, Code Avengers is a powerful online platform. It's designed by educators for educators and is easy to implement in classes with minimal impact on the part of the teacher. Sandra is happy to provide a demonstration and assist in the roll-out for your school. Note: she is not employed by [Code Avengers](#), just a loyal advocate and fan.



Keep Us Informed

Please notify us ASAP of administrative changes (principals, heads of school, email addresses, addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers) in your school. This is very important in helping us keep in contact with you.

Your Feedback is Important to Us! We welcome your feedback concerning this newsletter or any of the information in this newsletter. Please contact us with questions, comments, or suggestions by [sending an email](#).

Contact Us

ACSIWC Office

44 Willow Brook Drive NW, Airdrie, AB T4B 2J5

Phone: 403.948.2332 Fax: 403.948.2395

acsiwc@acsi.org acsiwc.org acsiglobal.org

ACSIBC Office

PO Box #211 Stn Matsqui, Abbotsford, BC V4X 3R2

Phone: 604.851.6983 Fax: 604.357.5255

bcoffice@acsiwc.org

Executive Director—Phil Hills Philip_Hills@acsi.org
Asst. Executive Director—Cheryl Miller millerajc@gmail.com
MB Consultant—Tim Reimer timr@morweenaschool.org
BC Consultant—Dave Neufeld davneufeld@gmail.com

[🔗Return to top of page](#)

Unsubscribe—We hope that this newsletter is a valuable source of information for you and your school; however, if you would like to be removed from the email list, please send a request to acsiwc@acsi.org.

ACSI Canada Bookroom

PO Box #211 Stn Matsqui, Abbotsford, BC V4X 3R2

Phone: 604.851.6983 Fax: 604.357.5255

acsicanadabooks@gmail.com acsicanadabooks.com

