

Greetings Alumni!

I hope you've all enjoyed your summers! We've been blessed with great weather, some amazing displays of God's power (aka thunderstorms), and have had a great harvest thus far!

As summer comes to an end, the new school season begins, and we, the alumni, have the opportunity (and responsibility) to stand behind Nipawin Bible College and support the work of Christ through this school. It's inspiring to see how God began His work through the school in the basement of a small building, and has continued this work through the past 78 years. Many things have changed over this time, in fact, I'd say almost everything has changed... except for the unswerving commitment to the training and equipping of men and women for Christian ministry!

As many of you know, one of the most recent changes to the campus has been the finishing of Rempel Auditorium. Previously there has been a large amount of unfinished space upstairs in this facility. This space has recently been completed to allow for the addition of a brand new student centre (complete with neon flashing lights!), office space for the Residence Directors, and viewing windows overlooking the gymnasium. Other changes to Rempel Auditorium include an expanded foyer and kitchen facilities. I'd encourage you to take a look at the website (<http://www.nipawin.org>) to look at some of the progress pictures, or look it up on the Nipawin Bible College Alumni Facebook page to have Jason Elford take you on a virtual tour of the new space!

In the end though, we all know that the facilities themselves are not an indication of God's work, rather, it's the growth that is evident in the lives of the students and the effect that these students have on their spheres of influence, both at school, and as they go out into the world to spread the news of God's great love. Please remember to pray for the students, faculty, and staff this year at NBC as there are bound to be challenges and stretching circumstances as they grow in their Christian walk, but we can be part of their support group!

Last but not least, ALUMNI WEEKEND! This year, Alumni Weekend will be Nov. 23 – 25, and an Alumni Weekend poster is enclosed with this mailing. Please mark your calendars and register early. We are honored to have **Mr. Jake Rempel** as the guest speaker for the weekend! In addition, there will be many opportunities for connecting, as well as plenty of activities including the 2nd annual Presidential Pie Challenge, soccer and hockey games, and a Campus 'Hollywood' tour. This year's Obah night theme is '**Famous Duos and Trios**', so be sure to dress appropriately! We look forward to seeing you there!

I will leave you with our theme verses for this year's Alumni Weekend, Matthew 5:13–16:

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

May God bless you and yours to the fullest as we seek to influence the world for the sake of Christ!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Jansen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ryan" and the last name "Jansen" clearly distinguishable.

Ryan Jansen