

W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

April 15, 2019

Yesterday, in my church the Sunday School students stood at the back behind closed doors waiting for their entry into the sanctuary at an appointed time. It is an annual occurrence on Palm Sunday that students wave palm branches down the aisles as a reminder what happened when Jesus was about to enter Jerusalem. It was in his day that Jesus rode into town on a donkey, and a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and cloaks across the road as they welcomed the Son of David. But what we, the adults in church, expected was not to be. Instead the students waved swords down the aisles as a reminder to us of what kind of Saviour the Jews were expecting. The crowd wanted a Saviour to deliver them from the hands of the Romans. What they received instead is a Saviour who could deliver them from their sins.

As we approach Good Friday and Easter take time to reflect on the message that Christ came into the world to be a Saviour who delivers us from our sins. It is a "lifesaver" (to use a word we heard at the Volunteer Tea this morning) that our students can hear that consistent message each year, each week, and each day at Woodstock Christian School. They can proclaim that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Have a blessed Good Friday and Easter!

G. Hiemstra



Tuesday	- Braiden V., JK2
Thursday	- Matthew S., Gr.5
Saturday	- Corina K., JK2
Monday	- Jana O., Gr.8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Please continue to pray for our children and families, for our classrooms, our community, and for world matters. We have many reasons to praise God for his goodness and faithfulness. As we walk and talk with God, we are assured that God cares and listens and wants us to be in relationship with Him.

MS Read-a-thon: Thank you for your efforts with fundraising for the MS Read-a-thon. Woodstock Christian School raised \$1300 for MS. Thank you parents and neighbours for supporting research and providing supports for those who are living with Multiple Sclerosis. Congratulations to Callan Sol who was the MS SuperStar Fundraiser. Prizes for students who participated have been distributed. Thanks for showing love to our neighbours with MS.

Welcome Wednesday is happening every Wednesday morning from 9 am-noon. If you know of someone who is interested in registering at Woodstock Christian School please let Joleen know, or have them come in on a Wednesday morning for their own private tour.

SONBeams: We are very excited to announce that next year we will be offering SONBeams 2 days each week! If you are interested in signing up for 1 or 2 days please contact Joleen at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca.

Battle of the Books: Battle of the books was held last week in London. Congratulations to the Junior Teams (grades 4-6)! Team 2 came in first place and Team 1 came in third place! Well done Junior Teams!!! You showed super sportsmanship throughout the day and worked hard! We had a super day!

Boys Basketball: Boys will be playing a quarter-final playoff game at St. Bernadette's school in London on Monday, April 15th. A special thank-you to Mr. Strikwerda for practising with and coaching the boys team this year! Thanks, parents, for your encouragement and support and for driving to and from games.

Sr. Girls Basketball: Thank you for a great season! We are so thankful to all the parents who have helped drive us to games, as well as those who have come to cheer us on! You helped to make our season great! Please wash and return all jerseys this week to Mrs. Schuster.

Badminton Team: There will be badminton practices at these times this week: Monday (second break), Tuesday (second break), Wednesday (after school until 5pm) and Thursday (second break). This schedule will also be posted on the sports board in the junior hall. Please plan on attending all practices.

Springfest Wrap Up Meeting: All department heads and those interested in providing feedback about Springfest 2019 are welcome to join us on Wednesday, April 17th at 2:15 pm in the Board Room at WCS. Looking forward to good discussion that can help guide decisions for 2020!

Easter Weekend: This is the last week of Lent - Holy Week - in which we remember the events which led up to Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection, as promised and prophesied, on the third day. Please join us Thursday at 8:30 am for our Good Friday/Easter Chapel which will be led by grade 4 and Mrs. VanAndel. WCS will be closed on Friday, April 19 and on Monday, April 22nd. May God bless your weekend as you worship with church family and spend time with family and friends.

Christian Education Week: is coming up in the last week of April. It will be shorter this year, as the Monday (22nd) is Easter Monday and Friday (26th) will be our annual Bluewater Region PD day. We would love for you to come to our various events. Tuesday (23rd) we will celebrate bus drivers and office staff, Wednesday (24th) is our ARTWALK and Open House/Picnic, while Thursday (25th) is Grandfriends Day. Join us in celebrating the gift of Christian Education.

Art Walk Open House and Picnic Lunch will be on Wednesday April 24! Walk down the halls to see the beautiful art work that the students have been working on, and join your child for a picnic lunch at 1:30 pm.

GrandFriends Day is coming up! Please make sure you invite all your children's Grand Friends. An invite has been attached to the parent link, or there is paper copies inside the office. We will start the day off with student presentations at 10 am, classroom visits at 11:30 am and a light lunch courtesy of Mr. Sub starting at 12:15.

Celebration of Learning: We are excited to invite you to our first ever Celebration of Learning! Save the evening of Wednesday, May 1st to attend WCS between 6:30 and 8 pm. Visit your child(ren)'s classroom(s) and enjoy them showing and sharing their learning with you. Then move on to other classrooms and see what they've been learning. Each class is preparing something different for you to see. Plan to attend! This event is for every child and family! Stay tuned for more details a note to be sent shortly. In the update, you will learn what topics and issues classes are studying and showcasing. To make your visit truly interactive, we will also provide some questions that would help you and students to engage in a conversation about their learning. We are looking forward to sharing with you. For now, SAVE THE DATE: May 1st!

Victoria Day Parade: Save the Date! Our school will be participating in the Woodstock Victoria Day Parade on Monday May 20! Everyone is welcome to join us and represent Woodstock Christian School.

Wee Creations Christian Preschool is now accepting registrations for September 2019. Registration packages can be picked up from our door pocket anytime the school is open. Children must be 30 months of age to start. Completed packages can also be returned to the preschool, sealed and marked that it is a completed package.

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to a new week! This week our focus will be on the Death and Resurrection of Jesus! On Wednesday we will be making and serving soup to our staff. Donations of chicken broth and onions, celery and carrots would be appreciated. Our show and share this week will be something about Easter. Next week we will celebrate education week and Grandparents Day. Have a great week.

- Wednesday - Library
- Soup making Day
- Thursday - Pizza Day
- Show and share something about Easter
- Easter Chapel

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: Welcome. It was very nice to thank our volunteers today. We are reviewing our first 10 sight words this week. Please continue to practice sound books at home. I'd like to see all students master each sound. This week we are learning in the Easter story. In math we are finishing our subtraction unit. We continue to work on our celebration of learning pieces in class. Please return your mothers day Tea forms.

- Monday - volunteer tea
- Wednesday - Library
- sound book check
- Thursday - Pizza
- Easter Chapel

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to a new week. Looks like it's going to be a wet one. This means it will be wet and muddy outside. Please send splash pants if you have them. Bible: Jelly Beans For Jesus; Letter: Review; Sight words: two and review; Math: 3D shapes; Theme: Rain/spring.

- Tuesday - Happy Birthday Braiden

- Wednesday - Library
- Thursday - Easter Chapel
- Pizza Day

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: A HUGE thank you to all our volunteers who help out in the school! We have been talking about Passion Week in our Bible lessons this week as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise the Lord that we serve a God who is not dead but is ALIVE!!

- Monday - Volunteer Appreciation Assembly
- See VIP Folder
- Tuesday - Library
- Wednesday - Reading Folders Due
- Thursday - Easter Chapel 8:30 am
- Spelling Test
- Pizza Day
- Friday - Good Friday (No School)
- Monday - Easter Monday (No School)

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to a new week!! We have a four-day week ahead of us. Check your emails for a look at what is going on in our class this week!

- Monday - Volunteer Tea @ 9:00 am
- Tuesday - Phys. Ed
- Wednesday - Library
- Show & Share: Jocelyn & Nicole
- Thursday - Spelling Test
- Friday - NO School {Good Friday}

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: Welcome to a new week in Grade 2/3. Grade three is beginning a math unit on division. Grade 2 is busy learning to add 2 digit numbers.

We have come along way on our project about severe weather and are excited to share it with you at the Celebration of Learning on May 1 6:30-8. Enjoy your long weekend as you reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Monday - Library
Thursday - Easter Chapel
- Pizza Day
- Spelling test

Next Tues. - Bus driver Appreciation Day & Administrative Assistant Day: maybe a card/note or small token of appreciation for the work they do.

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: We are busy working on our legend-like stories for our celebration of learning in May. We are pushing real hard to have those done this week so we can begin edits and re-drafts. Students have a lot of great ideas for their stories. Students need to bring in materials from their recycle bin that can be used to build a structure (cans, boxes, paper towel rolls, etc) Please have it at school for Thursday. May you have a restful Good Friday and Easter weekend as we remember our Saviour's death and resurrection.

Today - Volunteer Tea
Tuesday - Bible test on Moses and the Exodus
- Test on Engineering (study sheet sent home Monday)
Thursday - Spelling Test
- Art: Completion of primary/secondary colour crosses
- Memory work: Psalm 135: 13, 14
- Build Structures

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to a short week of school grade 4! Parents, if you are able, please come to our chapel on Thursday morning.

Monday - Devotions: Leanne
- Music: recorders
- Library
Tuesday - Devotions: Lucas
Wednesday - Devotions: Keaghan
- Music: recorders
Thursday - Good Friday/Easter chapel at 8:30
- Spelling test
- Memory work: Psalm 24: 6-8
- Pizza lunch
Friday - Good Friday: no school
Monday - Easter Monday: no school

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra:

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. We are busy researching for the Celebration of Learning project. A reminder that April's AR test is due at the end of the month.

Tuesday - Library
- Music (instrument)
Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
Thursday - Spelling Test: List 25
- Mem. Work: John 14:5-8
- Pizza Lunch
- Music (instrument)
- Good Friday/Easter Chapel (8:30)

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:

Monday - BMW James 5:16
Wednesday - math quiz
Thursday - spelling test
- New France quiz

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to a new week! Grade 8 parents plan on picking up VanStraten Orders on Thursday after school (beginning at 3:30). I hope you all enjoy time with family and friends this weekend as we reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection.

Monday - Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Tuesday - Music
Wednesday - Phys. Ed.
Thursday - Music
- Spelling Quiz
- Memory Work
- History Essay Due
Friday - No School (Good Friday)
Monday - No School (Easter Monday)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

April	15	Volunteer Appreciation Day
	16	K is for Kindergarten Board of Directors Meeting
	17	Prayer Group 8:30 am
	18	Good Friday/Easter Chapel Pizza Day
	19	Good Friday*
	22	Easter Monday*
	23	Bus Driver Appreciation
	24	Art Walk & Open House Family Picnic
	25	GrandFriend's Day
	26	District P.D. Day*
May	1	Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. WCS Celebration of Learning
	2	Sub Day WCS Community Meeting