

April 1, 2019

Are you ready to change your perspective?

What are some of your routines? What is something you always do each morning? Or what about an evening routine? Maybe even your prayer life or Bible reading has become routine. Are you feeling stuck in a rut, or running on autopilot? Are you finding yourself doing the same things again and again without even thinking about it anymore?

A few minutes into the sermon on Sunday our pastor challenged us to change our perspective - literally! A few moments later the entire church was relocating themselves in new places in the sanctuary! There were lots of laughs, giggles and maybe a few interesting looks. Once settle in our new place I must admit it felt strange but, also got me thinking.

Isn't life like that. We are used to sitting in the same spot, singing the same songs, talking and hanging out with the same people; just going about things that are comfortable. God doesn't call us to live a comfortable life - He wants us to reach out and step out. This coming Saturday we as a school community will gather for the annual SpringFest. It is going to be easy to mingle with our familiar people, hang out with those we feel comfortable or have things in common with. But, I challenge you to take this opportunity to change your perspective. Take time to meet someone new. Talk with someone who looks unfamiliar, someone who in fact may be a total stranger! Remember, Jesus himself hung out with the tax collectors, Pharisees, with the children and the widows. You will be amazed at what opportunities God will provide you with to share His love with others if you are just willing to change your perspective.

Marcia Horinga



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| Tuesday | - Junyoung C., Gr.5 |
| Wednesday | - Emmett W., JK1 |
| Friday | - Mr. Schaafsma, Gr.8 Teacher |
| Saturday | - Noah R., Gr.1 |
| Sunday | - Mrs. Scheele, E.A. |

Springfest is coming up on Saturday! Thank you to everyone who has donated, sponsored, volunteered, and helped in all the different areas. Bazaar bottles are coming in and they look fantastic! Please have bazaar bottles in by Thursday @ 10 am, as we will be judging for the top 3 bottles! We sent an email with the volunteer spots and will also send home by backpack mail. If you have any questions or still want to volunteer please contact Dawn or Joleen. Just a reminder breakfast will be served starting at 8am by our teachers for \$5.00 and there will be lots of fun things to do for the whole family! See you Saturday!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Axe and other body/deodorant sprays: We no longer allowing the use of Axe spray (and other aerosol body spray) at WCS, including at events and on buses. Recently, there has been excessive use of these products. There are health concerns around its use in regards to those who have respiratory issues and scent/spray allergies. Please substitute gel or stick deodorant.

Sr. Girls Basketball: We have officially entered playoffs. We have a week this week to practice our skills as we prepare for our first playoff game April 9th. This week, after school practices will take place Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45. As soon as I know more about Tuesday's game, I will pass on the information. Thanks for all your cheering so far this season!

Boys Basketball: Last week was a full week for our basketball players. We have played all of our games and are now waiting for other teams to finish their make-up or rescheduled games. The first round of playoffs (elimination) begins Wednesday, April 10. We will practice Monday, April 1, Wednesday, April 3, Monday, April 8 after school. Thanks, parents, for having your boys at each game! A special thank-you to Mr. Strikwerda for practising with and coaching the boys team this year! UPDATE: Notre Dame, London will be @ Woodstock Christian for the preliminary playoff game on Wednesday, April 10th. Game begins at 4 pm.

Chicken: Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. For every box sold, our school earns \$5. This is a simple way to support the school while making purchases you would normally be making at the grocery store. You will find the order form attached to today's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, no later than next Tuesday, April 9th. Orders received without payment will not be placed. We are only able to accept cash, cheques or debit. No credit cards. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, April 25th between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame, as we will not be storing any orders at the school. We ask that you do not come for your order before 3, as we are often sorting orders right up until that time. This ensures accuracy for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.



Volunteer Appreciation! If you have volunteered this year at the school you are invited to attend our volunteer appreciation tea on Monday, April 15 starting at 9 am. We want to show you how much we appreciate your help throughout this school year.

Easter Weekend: t is the season of Lent and our classroom devotions and Bible stories remind us of Jesus' journey to the cross. We will be having a Good Friday/Easter chapel on Thursday, April 18th, which will be led by grade 4 and Mrs. VanAndel. You are most welcome to attend. There will be no school on Friday, April 19th or Monday, April 22nd.

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, hallways, and gym to see what others have been learning. Each class is preparing something different for you to see. Plan to attend! This is an event for every child and every family! Stay tuned for more details in coming weeks. For now, SAVE THE DATE: May 1st!

Early Dismissal cancelled - May 3rd: On your WCS calendar you will have noticed that May 3rd is scheduled as an Early Dismissal day. This will become a regular school day with the day ending at 3:30 pm, as usual. Please make the change on your calendar.

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! A Happy Birthday to Emmett who celebrates his birthday on Wednesday. For show and share this week please bring in a picture of your favourite animal. I hope to see everyone at the Springfest on Saturday. Watch for calendars and reading trackers coming home today. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library
 - Sub Day
 Thursday - Show and share your favourite animal
 Saturday - Spring Fest

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: So glad everyone is here today. Last week's student reading book is coming home today. Please have your child read it to you daily and colour one picture on our reading calendar each time. Please return March reading calendars. For those of you who still have report card envelopes at home please return them by Wednesday. Our Sight words for this week are 'can' and 'see'. We are continuing our units; math - subtraction, bible - Esther, and community helpers. We are looking for parent helpers who are community helpers that can come into school and tell us about your job.

Monday - A brownie will come home today ;)
 Wednesday - Library
 - Bizarre Bottles are due
 - Report Card Envelopes Due
 Thursday - Sub Lunch
 Saturday - Spring Fest!!!

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to a brand new week. Is spring here? March went out like a lion so hopefully spring is here to stay. Bible: Jelly Beans for Jesus; Letter: ar and review; Sight words: make, jump, said; Math: 3D Shapes; Theme: Spring/April showers
 Wednesday - Library day
 Thursday - Sub Day

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: Welcome to a brand new week and a brand new month! Happy birthday to Noah who celebrates later this week! We hope and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. Look for our April calendar in your child's VIP folder this afternoon. Don't forget to check your emails for some special news about what we are doing in class this week.

Monday - See VIP Folder
 Tuesday - Library
 Wednesday - Reading Folders Due
 Thursday - Sub Day
 Friday - Spelling Test Week 20
 Saturday - Springfest

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to April!! New calendars were sent home last week. Check your emails for a look at what is going on in our class this week!

Tuesday - Phys. Ed
 Wednesday - Library
 - Show & Share: Claire, Cameron & Isabella
 Thursday - Sub Day
 Friday - Phys. Ed
 - Spelling Test
 Saturday - SpringFest!

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: Welcome to a new week and a new month. An April calender went home last week with some important dates. We continue to learn about severe weather and how we can help people be safe. We look forward to sharing our learning on May 1 at our Celebration of Learning.

Monday - Library
 Thursday - Sub Day
 Saturday - Springfest at Oxford Auditorium

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: Welcome back to a new week! Students should be busy preparing bazaar bottles. There are many displayed in the front foyer that show great creativity. Continue to review multiplication facts at home. We have postponed our division unit until later in the year when we have mastered multiplication. We have begun a language arts unit in anticipation of our celebration of learning in May. Grade 3 has been hearing or reading a lot of a variety of stories and have been discovering elements that are common in all of them.

Thursday - Memory work: Psalm 135:3-7
 Friday - Spelling Test
 Saturday - School Bazaar

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to the month of April, grade 4! On Thursday, the Junior Choir will be singing in the Rotary Festival. The children need to wear blue pants and a purple WCS shirt.

Monday - Devotions: Anna
 - Music
 - Library
 Tuesday - Devotions: Ciara
 - Bible test: King Saul
 Wednesday - Music: bring your recorder
 Thursday - Devotions: Cody
 - Sub lunch
 - Rotary Festival at 12:10
 Friday - Devotions: Corryn
 - Spelling test

Saturday - Memory work: Psalm 24:1,2
- Springfest at the Oxford Auditorium

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to the first week of April. The students of Gr. 5 have been very excited about their Medieval Projects which will be wrapping up this month and showcased at our Celebration of Learning night on May 1st. A project instruction sheet will be sent home today which you can read over with your child. Swimming lessons are over now; it was a blast! I look forward to this week ahead, please always feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Tuesday - Music: bring recorder
- Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
Wednesday - Bring in any hot glue guns or sticks of glue you may have
Thursday - Music: bring recorder
- Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
Friday - Math quiz based on Jump Math pages 194-202
- Spelling: Quiz & workbook (Lesson 26)

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. Busy week ahead. Be sure to review for the tests coming up. Return EMPTY signed test envelopes this week.

Monday - Body of Universe project is due
Tuesday - Math Test: Unit 10 (Multiplying and Dividing Decimals)
- Library
- Music (instrument)
Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Bible Test
Thursday - Music (gym strip)
- Science Test on Space
- Sub Lunch
Friday - Spelling Test: List 23
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot: The students will be having a bible test on Friday. They have been given study notes as support. Please encourage your son/daughter to study each night this week, in preparation for this test.

Monday - BMW Matt 22:37-39
Thursday - sub lunch
Friday - bible test
- spelling test
- BMW

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to a new month! A reminder that VanStraten Orders are due tomorrow.

Monday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Math Quiz
Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
- VanStraten Orders are due
Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
Thursday - Music (bring instruments)
- Sub Lunch
Friday - Spelling Quiz/Memory Work
- Caressant Care Visit

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| April | 2 | K is for Kindergarten |
| | 3 | Prayer Group- 8:30am |
| | 4 | Sub Day |
| | 6 | Springfest |
| | 9 | K is for Kindergarten Battle of the Books |
| | 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* |