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Editorial - Christian Education Week in North America

CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM Christian Education Week 2019

Each school year Christian Schools International (CSI) designates a week to be Christian Education Week. Christian schools are established to glorify God, to recognize the lordship of Christ over every square inch of creation, and to nurture and equip students to become the next generation of those who answer the call to advance the kingdom of God across the globe.

Christian Education Week is a time to remember the sacrifice of those who founded our schools and the continuous sacrifice of those who sustain them. It is also a time to reaffirm our commitment to advance God's kingdom in the places we serve. Jesus' ministry was singularly focused on the coming of the kingdom of God. Jesus said that the kingdom has 'come near', 'is at hand' or 'is here'. The worldview of the schools that are part of CSI recognizes that the kingdom of God is here now. It is a present kingdom, not a kingdom that awaits us after we die. The kingdom advances when the people of God act like kingdom citizens and when God's shalom bathes our schools, homes, and churches. Jesus empowered his disciples to open the door so all may enter. The kingdom of God is an unstoppable force. Jesus won. God's kingdom is ever advancing. Our Christian schools are places where the good news is shared, where the next generation of disciples is being prepared for service, and where citizens of his kingdom are being equipped. Jesus teaches us to seek it: to put the kingdom first in our lives and in the lives of our children. That is the mission of the Christian school and the reason to celebrate God's gift of Christian education today. The writer of Matthew focuses on the kingdom theme throughout the Gospel. Jesus tells and illustrates that Kingdom citizens love God above all. They seek to put obedience to God first. Kingdom citizens understand that kingdom living requires unmatched sacrifice and commitments that the world could never understand. They realize that kingdom living is a worthy calling along the difficult paths of life. Give thanks to God today that he has given us Christian schools as places to advance his kingdom and that he has given us the good news of his ever advancing kingdom to bring hope to the world. It is to glorify his name that we are called to kingdom citizenship. We have reason to remember and to celebrate God's blessing of Christian Education.



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| Monday | - Jana Overzet., Gr. 8 |
| Wednesday | - Caleb Buruma., Gr. 3 |
| | -Paige Moelker., Gr. 8 |
| | -Katie Vance., Gr. 8 |
| | -Tyler VandenBurg., Gr. 4 |
| | -Mrs. Mulder- Dir. Of Advancement |
| Thursday | - Levi Huinink., Gr. 3 |
| Friday | - Khaya Murray., JK |
| Saturday | - Lark Barber., SK |
| Sunday | -Elena Sikma., Gr. 7 |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner -We thank God for the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the new life that we experience through Christ. We are grateful for the blessing of Christian Education and the celebrations that are happening in our schools across North America. Please continue to pray for our children and families, for our classrooms, our community, and for world matters. Condolences go out to the Mitchell family with the loss of their grandmother. For families that are going through grief and uncertainty because of health issues or loss, we pray for strength and healing. Mr & Mrs 'H' are expecting baby Leo to come home from Sick Kids Hospital this week. We thank God for the blessing of medical skill and care that we enjoy in Canada. Our God is a god of love! Allow God to work through you as you show love and support to those in your path.

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 630 and 8pm. 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 is an event for every child and every family! You will learn what topics and issues classes are studying and showcasing. To encourage an interactive visit, we will also provide sample questions that would help you and students to engage in a conversation about their learning. We are looking forward to sharing with you. **SAVE THE DATE: May 1st!**

Boys Basketball -Boys played a solid playoff game at St. Bernadette's school in London on Monday April 15th, but sadly, were defeated. It was a good season with players representing WCS well. A special thank-you to Mr. Strikwerda for practicing with and coaching the boys team this year! Thanks, parents, for your encouragement and support and for driving to and from games. Boys will gather for a pizza party and to thank Mr. Strikwerda on Monday April 29th at 1st break.

Sr. Girls Basketball: Please returned cleaned jerseys to Mrs. Schuster this week.

Chicken- Thank you to those of you who ordered chicken this month. Your orders will be available for pick-up this THURSDAY, April 25th, between 3 and 4pm. 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. Please keep in mind that the school no longer has a large deep freezer so it is very important to make arrangements to have your orders picked up. **Please note that we will not be responsible for orders that are not picked up without prior arrangements.** If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.

It's Christian Education Week! 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. You are welcome to drop in and visit classrooms, then stay for picnic at 2nd break (1:30pm). If the weather is fine, families can eat outdoors. If it is cool or wet, picnic in your child's classroom, hallway, or in the gym. Thursday (25th) is Grand friends Day with arrival beginning at 9:30am. Join us in celebrating the gift of Christian Education.

District PD Day- Friday April 26th there will be no classes for students as teachers will be at Strathroy Community Christian School for the annual Bluewater Region PD day. Sara Pot of Edvance (formerly OACS) will be speaking to us.

WCS Community Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at 8pm. All parents and community members/supporters are invited. We encourage you to be members with voting privileges - to be able to vote for new directors for the Board of Directors, and to vote on the spring budget. You will hear reports from the principal and various committee chairpersons, as well as tour the school for a Celebration of Learning Walkabout, during which you can see the work students have prepared and interact with the teachers about the various displays of learning. Come join us!

Victoria Day Parade- We are excited to be participating in the Victoria Day Parade again this year! Please join us on Monday May 20th and walk with our float down the streets of Woodstock wearing your purple shirt. If you do not have a purple shirt we have extras that we can hand out at the parade. A form will be coming home in back pack mail shortly with more information.

Learning Place: Mrs. Bulhuis: Hope you all had a blessed Easter. To help motivate our struggling readers, students have the opportunity to earn small prizes from my treasure box as rewards for reading at home and meeting learning targets. When you are doing your spring cleaning this year, please consider donating your no longer used

small toys and treasures to the Learning Place. They be used to replenish the treasure box. :) Thanks!

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr. 1-3)

Junior Kindergarten: This week we celebrate Christian education week. What a blessing! Please bring in a plant root for Wednesday. Any size or variety is welcome. Thanks to those who have let me know which Grand friends will be attending. We will have lots of fun with our grand friends. On Wednesday all family members are welcome to join us for a picnic at second lunch (1:30). Please bring your own food and a blanket to sit on. We may be able to go outside and eat. Make sure that you tour the halls and view the beautiful art that our students have created. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library
 -Open House and art walk (all Day)
 -Family Picnic Lunch (Bring food and

blanket)

-Bring in a root
Thursday -Grand friends Day
 -Show and share a Grand friend

Senior Kindergarten: We have an exciting week planned. If your child doesn't have anyone coming for grand friends day please let me know. Don't forget to view our school wide art walk this week, we have very talented students. Our students have made cards to show appreciation for their bus drivers.

Wednesday- Library day
 Art walk
 Picnic second break

Thursday - Grandparents day

JK/SK: Welcome to Christian Education Week. I hope everyone had a blessed Easter weekend.

Bible: Samuel, Saul and David

Language: JK's- Hand Writing Without Tears

SK's- Reading and Writing Journal

Math: 3D creation finish up

Theme: Spring

Wednesday: Library, Family Picnic

Thursday: Grand-friends Day

Saturday: Happy Birthday Lark

Grade 1: With the 3-day week this week, there will be no spelling test. Please check your weekly email for some important information regarding the events happening this week that require some action on your part.

Tuesday -Bus Driver's Appreciation Day
 -Administrative Support Appreciation Day

Day
 - Library
Wednesday - Open House
 -Family Picnic 1:30pm

-Reading Folders Due

Thursday -Grand friends Day

Friday -No School

Grade 2: Here is Grade 2A's piece for the Parent Link! Welcome to Christian Education week!! We have a three-day week ahead of us. Check your emails for a closer look at what is going on in our class this week!

Tuesday -Phys. Ed
 -Bus Driver & Administrative Support Appreciation Day!

Wednesday -Library
 -Artwalk & Open House & Family Picnic @ 2nd lunch

Thursday -Grand friends' Day!
 - Memory Work due

Friday -NO School {PD Day}

Grade 2/3: Please be sure to have a black top and pants at school for Thursday's performance. This week we are reviewing our spelling list from the previous 4 weeks - only List A words will be tested. We are excited to welcome grand friends to school on Thursday.

Tuesday -Bus driver/ Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day

Wednesday - Family picnic lunch 2nd break

Thursday - Grand friends Day

- Spelling test - review week

Friday - PD Day - no school

Please also remember to join us Wednesday May 1 from 6:30- 8 for our school wide Celebration of Learning.

Students will be sharing their severe weather projects at that time.

Grade 3: This week is Christian Education Week. We will be continuing our legend-like stories and display this week. We hope to share them with our Grand friends on Thursday. There will be no spelling test or math quiz this week as we focus on finishing our displays.

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! I pray you all had a wonderful weekend. This week we are celebrating Christian Education. I hope many of you will be able to come to our Family picnic lunch on Wednesday at 1:30. Remember to invite your grandparents or grand friends to school on Thursday.

Tuesday Leanne
 Library
 Bus Driver appreciation Day

Wednesday Micah
 Art Walk
 Music - bring recorders
 Family Picnic at 1:30

Thursday Nicholas
 Memory work - Psalm 24:9,10
 Grand friend's Day

Friday no school

next Monday Noah
 Music - bring recorders
 Library - remember your books

Grade 5: It is Christian Education week. I thank God for Christian education across the world and this amazing school community we are a part of! Today we celebrate WCS's bus drivers and administrators - perhaps go out of your way to thank them for their hard work? On Thursday we welcome our grand friends to school. Could you let me know if your child will not have a grand friend joining him/her at school on Thursday?

This week Grade 5 will finish up our medieval project. Students have put a lot of work into it! I look forward to seeing them present their projects to their grand friends on Thursday and to you and others on May 1st at our celebration of learning event.

- Monday** -Easter Monday - praise God! Christ has risen!
- Tuesday** -Phys Ed: bring gym clothes. Music: bring recorder.
- Wednesday** -Math quiz based on: JM pages 215-219
- Thursday -** -Phys Ed: bring gym clothes. Music: bring recorder.
- Friday** -P.D. Day, No School. Teachers in Strathroy for a day of learning.

Grade 6: Welcome to Christian Education Week. Students should wear something to look like a senior on Thursday. There won't be a spelling test this week. AR book is due April 30.

- Tuesday** -Music + Library
- Wednesday** -Art Walk, Open House/Family Picnic Lunch (1:30 pm)
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Thursday** - Grand friends Day
- Music (instrument)

Grade 7: This week grade 7 students are preparing for Grand friend's Day and our WCS Celebration of Learning. We are practicing and refining our presentation skills. On Thursday students will be building bridges in science class. Students are encouraged to bring glue guns and building materials to school. Please encourage your son/daughter to finish reading their April novel this week. Students will be given class time next week for writing book reports.

Grade 8: Welcome to a fun-filled week of celebrating Christian Education at Woodstock Christian School. Thank-you to Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Schaafsma for sorting the VanStraten baked goods on Thursday afternoon. This week students will be making preparations for the WCS Celebration of Learning on the evening of Wednesday May 1, it is expected that all students attend this event.

- Tuesday** - Music (bring instruments)
- Wednesday** - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Art walk/Picnic Lunch at second break (see Parent Link for more info)
- Thursday** - Grand friends Day
- Friday** -No School (PD Day)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

April	23	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
	24	Art Walk & Open House Family Picnic (2 nd Break- 1:30pm)
	25	Grand Friends Day
	26	District P.D. Day (no classes)
	30	Vaccinations
May	1	Staff Meeting 7:15am Prayer Group 8:30am WCS Exhibition of Learning
	2	JKCSS Community Membership Meeting
	4	Badminton Tournament
	6-17	MAP testing- Term 3
	15	Prayer Group 8:30am
	16	Pizza Day Staff Meeting- Grad Focus 3:45pm
	17	P.A. Day (no classes)
	20	Victoria Day WCS Parade Float- Join us!
	22	WCS Field Day (rain date May 23)
	30	Share the Music Day