

April 3, 2018

**Faith...Learning...Community**

Experiencing healthy relationships are a vital component of our spiritual, emotional and cognitive growth. From the beginning of God's story in Genesis, He placed us in relationship with Him and one another. Throughout the Old and New Testaments we are sought by God to live a life obedient to Him and in servanthood to one another. As believers, our greatest commandment is found in Matthew 22:37-40, "*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.*"

Responsive Classroom is an educational approach that offers a framework for students to flourish in their school environment. Engaging academics, positive community, effective management and developmental awareness are the foci of a responsive classroom. To build positive community, students are led by the teacher to know one another as individuals in regards to talents, interests and beliefs. During adolescence, relationships are of great importance. Relationships influence an individual's choices, attitude and participation in community. Colossians 3:12-13 states, "*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*" To 'bear with each other' implies relationship.

At WCS, community is a vital component of our spiritual, emotional and cognitive growth. Students experience positive growth and development in an environment that offers opportunity for safe, respectful and honouring relationships. In grade 7, we have made a deliberate attempt through our words, actions and choices to build a community that allows this type of relationship to form. We begin our day greeting each other. Each day I am amazed at the smile that is formed on a student's face because their name was used and eye contact was made. We listen, we share, we help, we participate, we admonish, we forgive, we try and try again and together we grow.

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Thursday - Mr. Schaafsma, Gr.8 Teacher

Friday - Noah R., SK

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and wellbeing. This week, please pray for the Schipper family and Board member, Grace Schipper, as they grieve the sudden loss of Harry - husband, father, grandfather. Please continue to pray for Neel in grade 1 who is recovering from surgery. Please also pray for comfort for the Martin family (Adam, Rachel & Caleb) with the loss of Adam's grandmother. May these families experience God's comfort and love through our WCS family.

GREAT FUN FOR ALL AGES!

# Spring Fest

IN SUPPORT OF **WOODSTOCK**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## Saturday, April 7, 2018

8AM - 2PM - OXFORD AUDITORIUM,  
875 NELLIS ST, WOODSTOCK

\$5 PANCAKE BREAKFAST, GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLES,  
SPRING FLOWERS, COFFEE CORNER, CRAFT & BAKE TABLE,  
SILENT AUCTION, AND MUCH MORE AT THE MARKETPLACE!

## Schedule

- 8-9:30 BREAKFAST, PREPARED BY WCS STAFF
- 8-2 MARKETPLACE OPEN
- 9-1 GAMES OPEN. PLAY ALL DAY FOR \$15/CHILD OR \$40/FAMILY
- 10:30 BAZAAR BOTTLES
- 11 KITCHEN OPENS FOR LUNCH  
(DUTCH & CANADIAN CUISINE)
- 12:30 SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

ENJOY COFFEE AND TREATS ALL DAY AT  
THE COFFEE CORNER SERVED BY OUR  
WCS BUS DRIVERS.

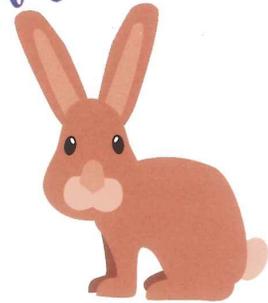


NEW  
THIS  
YEAR!

# Featuring special guests from



VISIT WITH OUR FURRY FRIENDS FROM LITTLE TRACKS PETTING ZOO.



 Thank you!

TO THE FARMING FAMILIES OF WCS WHO SPONSORED THE HALL RENTAL.

## marketplace

VICTORIA BODY: NORWEX AND RODAN & FIELDS,  
REBECCA LOBBEZOO: EPICURE & PHOTOSCHUT PHOTOGRAPHY,  
CARA RENKEMA: TUPPERWARE, ABI CLIFFORD: HOMEMADE NECKLACES,  
AMY BODDY: AMY'S DECOR & MORE, HELENA BARNES: YOUNG LIVING  
REBECCA THALMAN: GOLDEN SKEPS HONEY  
HEATHER STEWART: CHICKADEE CHEWLERY,  
DANILLE PALUSKA: WILD COMFORT  
CARL & ANDREA VANROOYEN: GREENER PASTURES ECO FARM  
AND MANY MORE!



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**Parent Survey:** The Board of Directors, through the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS), has initiated the process of a routine performance review for the administration of Woodstock Christian School. It is much like the School Quality Survey that was done last year. In early April, parents will receive a letter and a link to the survey questions. The Board would appreciate your input for a high participation rate as the survey takes place. If you have any questions about this process, please connect with Tim Bakker.

**Pancake/Pajama/Teddy Bear Breakfast Update:** With your help, we were able to raise \$860 for the work of Edu-Deo Ministries (formerly Worldwide Christian Schools) which is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries. Education is one of the most powerful tools for reducing poverty. Edu-Deo's goal is to take the effective tool of education and combine it with the transforming message of the Gospel. Thank you for your support.

**K is for Kindergarten:** starts this week Tuesday and Friday and will happen for the first three weeks of April. We are excited that we have a total of 29 children joining us! Thank you to the parents who have helped with organizing snacks during the program.



**Chicken Sale:** Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. To date this school year, you have helped us raise \$2145.00 in 3 orders alone for our school! Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, no later than TOMORROW, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>. Orders without payment will not be placed. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, April 19th, between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame. 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](mailto:jmsol@rogers.com).

**Prayer Group:** Please join us for prayer group Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. If you have any prayer requests please email them to [admissions@woodstokchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstokchristian.ca).

**Special Assembly:** April 5 @ 8:30 a.m. The VanWyk family will be sharing about their time in Africa. Come and hear how they experienced God in their lives and in those they met.

**Springfest News:** The big event is THIS week Saturday! Please join us and bring all your friends!

Things you need to know:

**Volunteers:** We still need a few for serving food and running a game for an hour. Please sign up online to volunteer at <http://signup.com/go/jMzpWJD> today! You may receive a phone call this week yet.

**Bazaar Bottles:** Get them in by Thursday morning! We'll announce the winner of B.B.B. and award the prize for best decorated bottle.

**Donations/Baked Goods:** If you took an item off the donation board, please get them in ASAP. We are doing a final Costco run on Wednesday and would like to have everything accounted for by Thursday. Let Heather or Pauline know if you are bringing it in later. If you are baking for us, please have it all packaged appropriately and at school by Friday or at the auditorium Saturday morning.

**SHARE SHARE SHARE** - please tell all your friends and family to join us on this fun day! Check out our Facebook event page and share that too! Vendors have been posting about what they are bringing - so check it out!

**Jr. Basketball:** Our tournament has been moved! It will be Friday April 13th. Please check your emails later this week for more details. If you have questions please don't hesitate to ask me (Mrs. Schuster).

**Jump Rope for Heart:** WCS believes in kids helping other kids. That's why we're participating in Jump Rope for Heart and fundraising to support Heart & Stroke this spring. Your donation will go towards life-saving research and education that gives our kids the best start to a healthy, happy life. Kick-off assembly for Jump Rope will be April 18th. Stay tuned!

**Oliver Twist Costumes:** Thank you to the many families who have found and brought in their costumes. Costumes are needed for practices over the next few weeks so please make sure you have all the "extras" at school (underclothing, footwear, accessories). Costumes and accessories will be kept and stored at school until the final performance.

**Oliver Twist is coming to WCS - April 25 & 26 at 7 p.m.!** Rehearsals are ongoing both during and after school, the set is being designed and built, plans for gathering costumes and props are coming together. Make plans to come and see the production. Get ready to jump back in time to the streets of Old England! Did you know... The Poor Law (Amendment) Act of 1834 in Great Britain, otherwise known as the 'New' Poor Law, established the workhouse system. Charles Dickens was disgusted by Parliament. Before becoming a successful novelist, he had worked as parliamentary reporter. He had watched politicians at very close quarters, rapidly taking down their speeches word for word in shorthand notes, and then transcribing them for daily newspaper reports. He had listened carefully to many debates, and he was sickened by the attitudes MPs expressed towards their fellow human-beings. When Dickens planned and penned *Oliver Twist*, new legislation was just beginning to be implemented across the country. (source: [www.bl.uk](http://www.bl.uk))

**Technology in the Classroom:** Do you ever wonder how WCS is using technology in the classroom? What exactly is the Google classroom? What kinds of apps are we using and how do they make learning more accessible? Are students introduced to coding? At our WCS Community/Membership Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be exploring this topic and demonstrating some of our programs and practices. Come join us!

**Junior Kindergarten:** We are finishing up with patterns and will be moving on to learn about measurement. If you have a spare measuring tape at home we could use some for our unit please send it to school (put your name on it and we'll get it back to you). April calendars went home last week - check it out for more details. Also we will continue to work at printing our names with lowercase letters - parents check the e-mail sent last week on how to help your child form lower case letters correctly.

Wednesday - Library day  
Thursday - Sub day

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week. Watch for the April coming home this week. Please return class trip slip ASAP. Have a great week.

**Grade 1A:** He is risen indeed! Welcome to the first week of April. What an amazing job you all did leading our chapel on Thursday! You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Continue to keep Neel in your prayers as he recovers from his surgery. Our April calendars will be in our VIP folders today.

Monday - Easter Monday  
Tuesday - See VIP Folders  
- Library

Wednesday - Show & Share

Thursday - Sub Day

Friday - Spelling Test

Saturday - SPRINGFEST!

**Grade 1B/2B:** Welcome to April! I hope you had a Blessed Easter! Christ has RISEN. He has risen, indeed. Check your email for an update on what is going on in our classroom this week.

Tuesday - Gym

- Library

Wednesday - Show&Share: Peter & Lauren

Thursday - Isaiah & Danielle sharing in Chapel @ 8:30

- Sub Lunch

Friday - Gym

- Spelling Quiz

Saturday - Springfest Bazaar!!

**Grade 2A:** It is April already! My this year is just flying by! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter weekend spent with family and are rested and ready for this week. We will be completing our Bible unit on Easter and Jesus' last week on Earth. We also hope to finish up our math unit on double digit addition and subtraction, this week we will still be focusing on subtraction. We will continue to learn about our roles and responsibilities in Creation Studies. You are welcome to join us for a chapel featuring the VanWyk's and their mission trip to Africa this coming Thursday as well. Please also bring in a Bizarre Bottle for Springfest this coming Saturday.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Sub Day

- Chapel @ 8:30 am

Friday - Spelling Test

Saturday - Springfest

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week and a new month!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Springfest Bazaar this Saturday. Remember to bring in the Bizarre bottles this week.

Wednesday - Math Test: Unit 6 Measurement

- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Sub Lunch

- French test: Un Crayon

Friday - Mem. Work: Matthew 28:5-7

- Spelling Test: List 23

**Grade 4:** Welcome to April! Thank you Jesus for your gift of eternal life!

Tuesday - Tiffany

- Phys. Ed.

- Library

Wednesday - Music: bring recorders

- Health test: Bones and Muscles

Thursday - Alexis

- Sub lunch

- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Anthony

- Spelling test

- Memory work: 1 Corinthians 13: 8-12a
  - Buddies
- Monday
- Cole
  - Music: bring recorders

**Grade 5:** Welcome back, welcome to April, and Happy Easter! I hope you had a great long weekend. Although this week is a short one, it is packed with learning: students will continue learning about forces and structures in science class, medieval times in social studies, and patterns and algebra in mathematics. There is no memory work this week as there are a couple quizzes later in the week. Our next project to help Lagosette Christian School (LCS) in Haiti will be to collect soccer cleats to send to the students there. If you have any old soccer cleats, please don't throw them out! Please consider bringing them to the Gr. 5 room so that they can eventually be given to the students at LCS. The hope is that through the profits from the soccer camp I'm running this summer at WCS and perhaps with other donations we can raise enough money to buy some soccer balls and nets for students there to enjoy a soccer camp too. Thank you!" Here's our week at a glance:

- Monday - (No school) Happy Easter!
- Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes  
- No music today as concert band is at the music festival with Mrs. Martin.
- Wednesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes  
- Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - Social Studies Quiz: Medieval Times (study highlighted notes)
- Friday - Science Quiz: Forces and Structures (study highlighted notes)  
- Spelling Workbook and Quiz: Lesson 28

**Grade 6:** There are still a number of report card envelopes that need returning. Those that participated in the assembly on Thursday --great job! Thanks to those who already made their Bizarre Bazaar Bottles. Keep bringing them in. We are finishing up our poetry and electricity units this week. Both the poetry project and science test will be next Tuesday.

- Friday - Spelling due: unit 26  
- Math Quiz  
- Poetry test
- Next Tues. - Poetry project due  
- Science Test

**Grade 7:**

- Tuesday - Rotary Music Festival - Choir
- Wednesday - Community Lunch - Canadian Foods
- Thursday - math quiz 7.1-7.5  
- sub lunch
- Friday - BWM Ruth 1:16  
- geo quiz - population density

**Grade 8:** Welcome to April! It is hard to believe that we have just three months left of school. Thank-you to Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Neutel and Mrs. Sol for sorting the VanStraten baked goods last Thursday, Grade 8 really appreciates your

help. We will be heading to Caressant Care this Friday afternoon, please be sure to dress according to weather conditions as we will be walking.

- Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)  
- Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Thursday - Music (bring instruments)  
- Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
- Sub Lunch
- Friday - Caressant Care (1:30-3:30)

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 3, 10, 17	K is for Kindergarten
4	Staff Meeting Prayer Group (8:30 am)
5	Special Assembly Sub Day
6, 13, 20	K is for Kindergarten
7	SpringFest Bazaar
13	Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament
18	Prayer Group Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
19	Pizza Day
20	Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. PCL at 2 p.m.
23	Volunteer Assembly
24	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
25	Art Walk & Open House Family Picnic (2 <sup>nd</sup> break) Oliver Twist 7 p.m.
26	GrandFriends Day Oliver Twist 7 p.m.
27	P.D. Day*

**SONG OF THE MONTH:** By Faith

By faith I pray, by faith I praise,  
by faith I obey and walk in God's ways  
By faith I love, by faith I come  
By faith I will trust in the name of Jesus.  
By faith I believe in things I cannot see  
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me  
By faith I say there's a miracle around the bend  
So I set my face against the wind, and live by faith

Repeat

I live by faith in the son of God who loves me  
and gave his life for me

By faith I believe in things I cannot see  
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me  
By faith I say there's a miracle around the bend  
So I set my face against the wind,  
and learn once again to live by faith