

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

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Why Teach Drama?

"Tell me and I will forget. Show me and I will remember. Involve me and I will understand." Chinese Proverb
Why involve students in dramatic arts? Well, apart from the entertainment value for the school community, dramatic arts education is an important venue for creativity. Participating in drama is sharing in telling a story. Dramatic exploration can provide students with an outlet for emotions, thoughts, and dreams that they might not otherwise have means to express. A student can, if only for a few moments, become another, explore a new role, empathize, and begin to understand other perspectives. All this can happen within a safe school atmosphere. At the center of all drama is communication. Like all the arts, drama allows students to communicate with and understand others in new ways. Perhaps more than any other art form, drama also provides training in the very practical aspects of communication so necessary in today's information-centered world. Students who have participated in dramatic activities require self-control and the ability to work with others, as well as build confidence for public speaking. We thank God for the gift of communication and creativity.

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| Monday | - Emma Rose S., Gr.2 |
| Tuesday | - Henny D., Gr.8 |
| Sunday | - Lauren H., Gr.8
- Elliot Y., Gr.6 |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mrs. Marion Dieleman, Mrs. Janet VanderSpek and the extended VanderSpek families who have lost a mother and grandmother with the passing of Mrs. Alice VanderSpek. We continue to pray for those who are sick and in need of healing and comfort.

In this third week of advent, we celebrate the joy of Jesus' coming to earth as a child. Advent is a season of preparation. In the words of the hymn, "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" we are comforted as we are reminded why Jesus came to earth and lived among us. He is with us every day and we can find our "rest in Him".

Transportation Survey: Today, Tuesday December 13, there will be a link and a letter sent from our WCS office to parents regarding a transportation survey. We are interested in your feedback about transportation matters and future planning for WCS. Please participate in this information gathering opportunity. The deadline for completion is Wednesday, December 20th.



WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Kindergarten Information Evening

Join us on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:45 p.m. Come find out first hand how the staff at WCS can nurture and support your child's learning and development. Drop in any Wednesday morning to take the tour, or book an appointment for a mutually convenient time!

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Chicken: Thank you to those of you who ordered chicken this month. Your orders will be available for pick-up this THURSDAY, December 15th, between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up at that time. Please note that we do not have space at the school to store your orders so if you cannot pick them up at this time, please make alternate arrangements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.

World Renew Christmas Fund Raiser: On Thursday at 10:45 am, grade 7 is hosting a fundraiser. Cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate will be sold for \$1.00 each. All money raised will go toward purchasing a cow or chickens or goats for a family in need through World Renew. Thank you for your support, from Grade 7 students.

Straw & Order Thank You: Thank you parents and WCS guests for coming to our drama production, STRAW & ORDER, last Thursday. We thank God for the many gifts and talents with which he has blessed our students - your children! Thank you actors, acting coaches and choir director, costume makers and helpers - for all the hard work of learning lines, practising, learning songs, practising, getting costumes, practising. You were a blessing to our community by sharing the good news of Jesus' birth in a very special and dramatic way.

Christmas Tea: Thank you to Sara Verkyl and crew for the delicious apple crisp and treats they prepared for our guests at the Tea! The tables were lovely and full of smiles as our friends watched the Grade 7s present and the presentation of Straw & Order! Well done!

Skating: Our entire school will be going skating on Thursday, December 22nd and you are invited to join us! For insurance purposes, there are additional guidelines for 'on ice' participation that we must honour. Everyone - meaning all students and all adults - must wear helmets (bicycle, hockey, other), gloves/mittens and skates while on the ice. Boots, strollers, helmetless heads, and gloveless hands will not be permitted on the ice. Our buses will transport the students. The first group of students - Kindergarten to grade 3 - will skate from 12:45 - 1:45 pm. The second group of students - grades 4 through 8 - will skate from 1:45 to 2:45 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chix with Sticks: Too bad we had to cancel this past Friday evening! Next date is January 13 & 27. Please mark them on your calendar so that we have more Chix to come out and play! See you in the new year!

J.K. / S.K. - A: Welcome to a short week in Kindergarten. As we approach Christmas we will be looking at various Christmas symbols and how they help point us to the Christ child that was born. SK - there are no new words this week we are going to keep practising the words we have learned so far. JK - this week we will learn O and review all our previous letters (L,T,F,H,I,E,U,C)
Wednesday - Library
Thursday - Pizza Day

J.K. / S.K. - B: Welcome to a new snowy week! This week we focus on the stories of Christmas. You all did a fantastic job singing last week. Please send some extra socks and mittens for your child. Thanks for all the decorations for decorating our Gingerbread men last week. We had a lot of fun. This week our STEM activity will be trying to construct a Gingerbread house with cardboard. Watch for the See Saw code coming home this week. Please let me know if your child does not have skates for next week and we will try to locate some. Have a great week!
Wednesday - Library
Thursday - Show and Share

Grade 1A: Welcome to another week. I hope this week brings joy and comfort to you as we continue to await our Saviour's birth! We will be going on our Field Trip today (Tuesday). Thank you to all those who have offered to come along with us - we look forward to an exciting time. Check your emails for a look at what else is going on this week. Spelling Words: { not, on, dog, got, the }
Tuesday - Library
- Field Trip!! Woodstock Museum
Thursday - Pizza Lunch
Friday - Gym
- Christmas Around the World begins

Grade 1B: I hope everyone enjoyed their surprise long weekend and all the snow that has fallen! Tuesday we will be going on our field trip to the Woodstock Museum to learn more about Victorian Christmases. Thank you to all the parents who are able to join us on our adventure! We will do our spelling tests first thing when we get back so that the lists will be able to come home today. This week we are also beginning our Christmas Around the World integrated study! See the note in your child's VIP Folder for more information. Please send in an empty toilet paper tube that will be used for one of the crafts.
Monday - Surprise! Snow Day
Tuesday - Library
- FIELD TRIP! (12:10-2:15ish)

- See VIP Folders
Wednesday - Gym
Friday - Spelling Test
- Christmas Around the World Begins!
Next Thurs. - Whole School Skating (all individuals on ice are REQUIRED to have a helmet and gloves on)
- Christmas Party (more information will be sent home next week)

Grade 2: Welcome back to school! I hope that you all enjoyed your snow days and enjoyed the snow all the more! This week we shall begin a new unit in Bible about Jesus's birth! We will also begin to practice for the Christmas Chapel that we will be leading next Thursday. We celebrate with Emma Rose as she turned 7 this past Monday and we are sad to be saying goodbye to Nika at the end of this week as she begins a new adventure in a new town next week.
Monday - SNOW DAY!
Tuesday - Spelling Test
- Library
Wednesday - Gym
Thursday - Pizza Day
Friday - Creation Studies Homework Due
Next Mon. - Spelling Test

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. Please send an empty toilet paper roll to school.
Monday - Phys. Ed.
Wednesday - Swim to Survive
- Library
Thursday - Pizza Lunch
- Creation Studies Test: Mapping God's World
- Grade 7 hosts hot chocolate & popcorn fundraiser for World Renew Christmas sharing & fundraising
Friday - Spelling Test: List 10
- Mem. Work: Isaiah 9:6

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! This week, we are saying goodbye to Liam, as he and his family will be moving to Welland. We pray that Liam will quickly fit in to his new school community. We will miss you, Liam! Next week Tuesday, the Junior choir will be traveling to Oxford Gardens to lead the citizens there in Christmas worship.
Monday - Abigail
- Music
- Spelling test
Tuesday - Alex

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

December	15	Pizza Day
	20	Board Meeting
	21	Prayer Group
	22	Christmas Chapel - 8:30 Skating: 12:45 - 2:45
Dec. 23 - Jan.8		Christmas Break
January	9	New Year's Chapel (8:30)
	11	Staff Meeting - 7:15
	12	Sub Day
	13	Chix with Stix
	17	Board Meeting
	18	Prayer Group
	19	Pizza Day
	27	Early Dismissal - 1:30 Staff PCL - 2 p.m. Chix with Stix
	30	Basketball Tournament

SONG OF THE MONTH: Filled With Your Glory

Chorus The whole earth is filled with Your glory Lord
Angels and men adore; creation longs for what's in store
May You be honored and glorified; exalted and lifted high
Here at Your feet I lay my life

- 1 In my heart, in my heart there's a fire burning
A passion deep within my soul
Not slowing down not growing cold
An unquenchable flame that keeps burning brighter
A love that's blazing like the sun
For who You are and what You've done
And as the fire is raging on, so Your praise becomes my song
- 2 From the ends of the earth to the heights of heaven
Your glory Lord is far and wide
Through history You reign on high
From the depths of the sea to the mountain's summit
Your power Lord it knows no bounds
A higher love cannot be found, so let the universe proclaim
Your great power and Your great name

Chorus The whole earth is filled with Your glory Lord
Mountains bow and oceans roar
Creation longs for what's in store
May You be honored and glorified
Exalted and lifted high, here at Your feet I lay my life

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- Phys. Ed.
- Library: remember your books

Wednesday - Amie

- Music

Thursday - Benjamin

- Pizza lunch

- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Cody

- Spelling test

- Memory work: 1 Samuel 16:7b

Monday - Conner

Grade 5: Welcome to the 2nd last week before Christmas Break. Just a reminder that we have swimming lessons coming up after the break. Swimming lessons will once per week, in the afternoon. I am in need of a female parent volunteer to supervise the girls in the change room at South Side Aquatic Centre. I will send out details regarding our swimming lesson schedule soon.

Monday - SNOW DAY

Tuesday - Music: Bring recorder

Wednesday - PhysEd: Bring gym strip

Thursday - Music: Bring recorder

Friday - Spelling: Workbook and Test: Lesson 14

Grade 6: Thank you to those that have signed up for a conference. Please check the email sent last week to schedule a conference if you have not yet done so. There will not be a math quiz this week because of the short amount of time since last Thursday's quiz.

Today - Spelling Test: Unit 12 (today because of snow day on Friday)

Wednesday - AR test on Voyage of the Dawn Treader

Thursday - Ensure that all chapter questions are complete

Friday - Spelling Test: Unit 13 (book due and test)
- Bible Test: Review sheets went home today.

Grade 7: Due to Friday's snow day we have make up tests in spelling and math. Our bible memory work is Hebrews 4:13-14. We are working on spelling lesson #14. We are busy preparing for our Thursday World Renew fundraiser.

Grade 8: Welcome to a shorter week. I hope you all enjoyed the snow days, we will have a busy week, with upcoming assignments due, please work to keep up with your work as best you can.

Tuesday - Music (Bring instruments)

- Gym (Bring Gym clothes)

Wednesday - Weekly Math Quiz

Thursday - Music (Bring instruments)

- Gym (Bring Gym clothes)

Friday - Position Papers due at the end of the day

Next Tues. - Visit to Caressent Care