

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

December 17, 2018

Christmas time for a musician is the busiest time of the year. Concerts, rehearsals, more singing and more playing from November 1st to December 25th. You get the picture. Sometimes it is easy to get so busy “giving” musically to your community that you lose perspective of what a gift community really is. This December I have had a big STOP put on my musical busyness. Instead of being the giver gifts to our community, I and my family have been given many gifts. Our community has given us help, time, talks, hugs, flowers, food, prayer...lots of prayer. What a wonderful display of God’s gift to us! As we all take a break from school to celebrate Jesus’ birth, I pray you will be givers and receivers of God’s gift of community as well. John and I say “Thank You!” from the bottom of our hearts. Merry Christmas!

Elizabeth Martin

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| Tuesday | - Jack K., JK2
- Elliot Y., Gr.8 |
| Thursday | - Eric S., Gr.8 |
| Friday | - Ellyse M., Gr.2A |
| Saturday | - Wesley D., JK1 |
| Sunday | - William C., Gr.4
- Levi V., JK1 |
| Dec. 24 | - Jamie B., Gr.5 |
| Dec. 26 | - Mrs. Verbeek, Principal |
| Dec. 27 | - Alana S., Gr.1 |
| Dec. 28 | - Jonathan S., JK2 |
| Dec. 29 | - Emily B., Gr.2A |
| Dec. 30 | - Luther B., JK1 |
| Dec. 31 | - Juha S., Gr.3A |
| Jan. 2 | - Mrs. Koopman, Secretary
- Justin R., JK1
- Cheyenne D., SK2 |
| Jan. 3 | - Julia K., Gr.6 |
| Jan. 4 | - Jeremy B., Gr.5 |
| Jan. 5 | - Lydia F., Gr.3A |
| Jan. 6 | - Markus F., Gr.2A
- Peter S., Gr.2A |



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and wellness. We have many reasons for praise and gratitude, but also reasons for extending care and comfort. Mrs. Martin is back with us and Mr. Martin is healing well. Mrs Westerveld had a fall and is resting and healing at home. We celebrate with Emree in JK & her family with the birth of a new baby sister! Check in with another family to find out how they are doing and include them in your prayers!

Spirit of Christmas Celebration: On Thursday, December 20th, the WCS School Life Team is hosting the Spirit of Christmas Celebration. Students are invited to dress up for Christmas. Ideas range from dressing in an angel costume to wearing red and green or a wacky Christmas sweater. Dress up and have some fun celebrating the birth of Jesus! Thank you, WCS School Life Team.

Skating: Our grades one through eight students will be going skating on Thursday, December 20th 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 1:15-2:05 pm. The second group of students - grades 4 through 8 - will skate from 2:15-3:05 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Break: Our Christmas break is approaching quickly. Thank you parents for entrusting your children to us at WCS, and for all of your love and support for WCS throughout 2018. We would love for you to join us for skating, or at our Christmas Chapel (led by our KG classes) this week. Christmas break begins Friday at 345pm or when your children arrive home! Have a wonderful two weeks of time away from school. Wishing you God's blessings as you celebrate the gift of Jesus to the world. Students return to school on Monday January 7th. Our New Year chapel will be led by grade 2.

WCS Finance: December is Mrs. VanderBoom's last month with us in the finance office at WCS. Be sure to drop by to wish her well.

Lost & Found: Is your child missing some clothing items? Are you wondering where that hoodie might be? Please check the lost and found area for missing clothing items, water bottles, and lunch box items. Any items left by the end of the week will be brought to a local thrift store.

From the Library: Thank-you to the many students who participated in the recent Fall Library Contest. Your participation is awesome! Congratulations to the following students who won a book!: Alana S., Jinnyeon K., Isaiah V., Isaac P., Aleeya R., Callan S., Natalie D., Luke K., Megan S., Lydia S., and Katelyn B. Thanks to you all for helping make our library run smoothly! Enjoy lots of reading during the Christmas holidays! Mrs. Dieleman

Learning Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break as you celebrate the birth of our Saviour! Please help your child remember to return his/her book this week so it can be updated with new books to read over the break.

Wednesday - Book Bags (grades 1-3)
Friday - Gr. 6 Geometry test

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to the last week of 2018! I pray that you all have a blessed Christmas celebrating the birth of our Saviour! This will be a fun week for the children. Please join us for our assembly on Thursday morning. Keep practising our songs at home. Watch for an email coming home.

Wednesday - library
- gingerbread houses with buddies
Thursday - Christmas chapel
- bring a treat to share for class
Christmas celebration.

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: Merry Christmas to you and your families. In our final week before Christmas we will be leading a Chapel on Thursday with the other Kindergarten classes. We will be finishing up our unit on the 5 senses. This week we will experience taste and touch. We will also be finishing our unit on Emotional Management. Please bring updating sound books in on Wednesday. I will be updating them this week so you can

do lots of practising over the holidays. Yellow Report Card Envelopes should all be returned to school by Wednesday.

- Monday - v
- Wednesday - oo
- Bring Sound Books
- Thursday - wear something Christmassy
- Class Christmas Party (you are welcome to bring in a treat)
- Leading the Christmas Chapel

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to the last week before Christmas break. We will be baking up a storm today- yummy. We will continue this week with all things Christmas. Our regular program of sight words and letters will resume in the new year. Continue to practice the poem Don't Lose Sight. We will be reciting it again on Thursday during the Christmas chapel. Have a very merry Christmas and many blessings for 2019.

- Tuesday - Happy Birthday Jack
- Thursday - Christmas Chapel
- Last day for kinders

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families! I pray that you all have a holiday filled with relaxation and time to refresh and renew your spirit with the wonderful gift of Jesus. This week will be a very busy week so please check your emails for a detailed list of all the events that will take place this week. We also are celebrating with Alana who has her birthday over the Christmas holidays. We pray that God will bless and keep you always Alana!

- Monday - See VIP Folder
- Tuesday - Library
- Wednesday - Memory Work Due
- Thursday - Christmas Chapel 8:30 am
- Skating
- Friday - Class Christmas Party
- Next Monday - Christmas Eve
- Next Tuesday - Happy Birthday Jesus!

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to the final week before Christmas! We have a five-day week ahead of us. On Friday, we will be enjoying a class party! Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

- Monday - Christmas Around the World Day 2
- Tuesday - Phys. Ed
- Christmas Around the World Day 3
- Wednesday - Show&Share: Noah B & Markus
- Christmas Around the World Day 4 (last day!)
- Thursday - School Skating! (*bring skates, helmet & mittens)

- Dress in Christmas Colours & accessories!

- Friday - Phys. Ed
- Class Party!!! (Treats & Fun!)
- Spelling Test

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: This week we are enjoying Christmas around the World with the grade 1-3 classes. Students are enjoying learning about how other countries celebrate Christmas. An e-mail was sent this morning with more details about our week. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and may God continue to be with you in the New Year.

- Monday - Library
- Thursday - Christmas chapel
- Skating
- Friday - Spelling test (review lesson)
- Last day for 2018!

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: Grade 3 will be continuing our Christmas around the World activities the next three days. We will also work on our theme assembly and continue to develop those ideas in January. On Friday at the end of the day we plan to have a Christmas party. Snacks would be welcomed! I will send a document later today so that we can sign up and ensure we have a balance of snacks for Friday. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year's!

- Thursday - Skating: students need skates, gloves, and helmet
- Friday - Math test
- Spelling test
- Christmas party

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to the last week of school in 2018! A huge thanks to all the parents who came out for the Bill Peet plays on Friday! For skating on Thursday, the children must have gloves, helmet, and skates in order to go on the ice. I pray that you will all have a wonderful Christmas holidays. See you in 2019!

- Monday - devotions: Julie
- Library
- Tuesday - devotions: Keaghan
- Wednesday - devotions: Leanne
- Thursday - Christmas chapel lead by kindergarten classes
- Skating at 2:10
- Friday - devotions: Lucas
- Christmas celebration
- Spelling test
- Memory work: 1 Samuel 3:9
- January 7 - Library: remember your books

- Grade 7 Christmas Party

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to the last week before Christmas Holidays! I hope students enjoy this last week and that we'll be able to finish up lessons/units on time. If you are travelling during the break, I wish you safety and an enjoyable time! I hope it is restful and relaxing for you and your children. Looking ahead: On Monday, January 7th, the Gr. 5 class has their first swimming lesson at Southside Aquatic Centre from 2-3 pm. Students need to bring their towels and swimsuits. Here's our week at a glance in terms of homework.

- Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - Math Quiz: Adding Money
- Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Bring recorder
- Friday - Language Arts: Communicating Skills
Book Test based on highlighted lessons

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to the last school week of 2018. It will be busy as we finish up units before the new year. Hang in there! AR test is due at the end of the week. The test envelope will be sent home at the end of the week. Keep the contents at home and return the signed envelope. Have a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

- Tuesday - Library
- Music (instrument)
- Wednesday - Social Studies Test (Canada's Trading Partners)
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Thursday - Christmas Chapel
- Dress in Christmas colours and accessories
- Skating (2:10-3:05 pm) Helmets and gloves are a must.
- Friday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Spelling Review Test: Unit 12
- Math Test: Unit 6 Geometry (angles, polygons, symmetry)
- AR Test is due
- Class Party: Secret Santa gift exchange

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:

- Monday - Luke 2:1-20
- Nov. book assignment presentations begin
- Tuesday - geography presentations begin
- Wednesday - finish bible test
- decorating gingerbread houses with buddies
- Thursday - Christmas assembly
- geometry math test
- skating
- Friday - Dec. book assignments due

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to the last week of school for 2018! I hope that you and your families have a Blessed Christmas, may you have joy-filled experiences as you celebrate the birth of Christ over this season. We have a week packed full of fun activities and some regular class work. On Thursday all students from grades 1-8 will be heading over to the Community Complex for skating, all participants must wear skates, helmets and gloves. If participants do not have these pieces of safety equipment, they will not be permitted on the ice surface. Friday our class will have a Christmas celebration, included in this is a gift exchange, we drew names last week and the students have decided to purchase a gift between \$10-\$15 for their 'gift buddy'.

- Monday - Phys. Ed.
- Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
- Geography Quiz
- Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Thursday - Christmas Chapel
- Math Quiz
- WCS goes skating
- Friday - Spelling Quiz
- Class Christmas Celebration

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

December	18	Board Meeting
	19	Prayer Group
	20	Christmas Chapel Skating
	22-Jan.6	Christmas Break
	26	Boxing Day Hockey Tournament
January	7	Back at School! Chapel @ 8:30
	10	Sub Day
	15	Board Meeting
	16	Prayer Group 8:30
	17	MS Readathon Assembly
	24	Pizza Day