

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

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Our world is smaller than it has ever been, in the context of seeing different cultures and hearing different languages. I have the privilege of teaching language at WCS, in both French and English. Throughout the year in my classes we are able to study both the language and the culture of different communities in France, Quebec, Ontario and Korea. It is sometimes the most interesting for students to see how communities who live very far away and speak a totally different language, still can have so many similarities to us.

While looking at language learning as a whole, I realize that there a lot more to language than just speech. One can understand what a person is saying through their facial expressions, by seeing their hand gestures, their communication with drawings, pictures and writing. There is even communication through humming familiar songs. By one way or another, bridges can be built to allow communication to happen. It is not always or often perfect, but sometimes the mistakes allow for the best learning and connection to occur.

It is so incredible that people from different places and cultures in the world, who have different walks of life and speak a totally different language can also love and serve the same Lord. The Christmas message that we will be focussing on in our churches this month and at WCS this week; the message that the angels brought to the shepherds outside Bethlehem many years ago, is the same message for believers in all languages and in all parts of the world. "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." "C'est qu'aujourd'hui, dans la ville de David, il vous est né un Sauveur, qui est le Christ, le Seigneur."

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has come and we wait in hope for when He will come again. This is a message worth communicating in whatever language you experience and can share.

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Monday	- Annika J., Gr.3B - Jaron M., Gr.5 - Hannah K., Gr.2A
Tuesday	- Seth Y., Gr.1
Wednesday	- Isabella S., Gr.2A
Thursday	- Mrs. Bulhuis, Learning Support Teacher
Friday	- Allyson S., Gr.8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

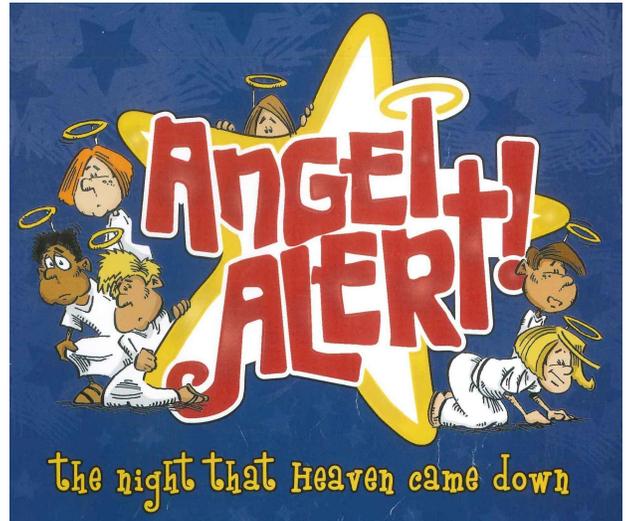
Conferences Thank-you: Thank-you parents for excellent participation in parent-teacher (student) conferences. We had an outstanding turnout! We praise God for you and are blessed by your commitment to your child's/children's learning and to WCS. Thank you for supporting the school through the Book Fair as well.

Boys Volleyball: Our season is over! Last Monday we had an evening game and lost in 4 games to the eventual C champions, St. Paul's. I wish to thank all those who drove to and from games or who prepared our last Monday supper, and a special thanks to Mr. Takacs for coaching and reffing. The boys are now gearing up for basketball season.

Prayer Group: Everyone is welcome to join us this Wednesday at 8:30 am for prayer group. If you have any prayer requests please send them to j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

It's performance week for us at WCS! Gr 5-6 Students are to arrive Tuesday night dressed in their "Sunday best." Members of the Christmas Band are to dress in all black and may add "Christmas accessories." All gr 5-8 students are to be in their seats in the gym by 6:20. Gr 6-8 are to leave their instrument cases in their home-room and bring just their music and instrument to the gym. This performance is considered part of their music class requirement and students will be marked on their participation. Senior students not in the Christmas band will be assisting with costumes and as the welcome/ushering team. Looking forward to seeing you!

"Angel Alert! The night that heaven came down" is the grades one through four WCS Christmas drama which will take place this week, December 4th & 5th. Excitement is building! Performers should be in their classrooms by 6:15 pm on December 4th and 5th. The program will begin at 6:30 pm. Because this production is about 30 minutes long, it is being supplemented on the Tuesday evening by musical performance from the grades 7 & 8 Christmas Band, the Grade 6 Band, and the Grade 5 Chimes/Christmas Recorders. On Wednesday evening there will be musical and speaking selections performed by the JK, the JK/SK, and the SK classes. Kindergarten students will perform at 6:30 pm. Kindergarten parents, there will be a brief intermission around 6:50 pm during which you can reclaim your kindergarten child at the front of the gym so that you can sit together as a family for the Angel Alert! drama.



Christmas Tea: Please invite grandparents and friends of WCS to Thursday's (Dec 6) Christmas Tea matinee which will begin at 1:30 pm. Homemade apple crisp, coffee & tea will be provided. The program for the Tea will include scenes from Angel Alert, as well as musical contributions from students of kindergarten, and the junior and intermediate grades.

WCS Finance: This month will be Mrs. Angeline VanderBoom's last month with us in the finance office at WCS. You will see a new face around the school as Mrs. Anita VanGeest will be our bookkeeper in training for a few weeks. Be sure to drop by this month to wish Angeline well and to welcome Anita.

School Skating: Grades 1 through 8 will be going skating at the Southwood Arena on Thursday December 20th (not the 21st). You are most welcome to join us! Grades 1 -3 will skate at 1:15 pm. Grades 4-8 will skate at 2:15 pm. Helmets, skates, and gloves must be worn by everyone on the ice.

Learning Support Program - Mrs. Bulthuis: It was great connecting with many of you last week. Feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns about your child's program or progress. New goals for the Barton students have been set and their updated IEPs will be sent home this week. I am excited to begin the Dynaread program with some of the students in grades 4 and 6 this week! Parents of these students will receive an email from me soon with more information about this exciting new reading program. Primary students, keep reading at home and don't forget to return book bags to school on Wednesday for updating. Thanks!
Wednesday - Book bags (grades 1-3)

Thursday - Gr. 6 math test (JUMP pages 75-92)

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to a new week. It was great to meet with you all last week. I am looking forward to term 2. We have been busy practising our sings. Keep working on them at home. Please bring your child to the JK room at 6:20 on Wednesday night dressed in their Sunday Best. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library
- Christmas Program 6:30

Thursday - show and share: a special gift.

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: Our Christmas performances are

here! Remember to have your child at school, in our classroom at 6:15 pm on Wednesday. It is the beginning of a new month, so be on the lookout for the monthly calendar which is coming home today. Please return the reading calendar for November. Upcoming events: on Dec 20 we have our Christmas chapel, and a Christmas celebration. We will not be skating with the whole school, but instead will be watching a Christmas movie. Happy Birthday to Emma and Alissa who just celebrated their 5th birthday. Christmas Tea is Thursday, please invite grandparents to this event.

Monday - ie
 Wednesday - ee
 - Library
 - Kindergarten participates in the Christmas performance
 Thursday - or
 - Christmas Tea

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to December. It was nice to see the sun out yesterday. Our letters this week are ie, ee, and or. Our sight words are: we, you and three. Our theme is "The Legend Of The Candy Cane".

Wednesday - Library
 - evening performance (be at the school for 6:15- meet in the classroom)
 Thursday - Christmas Tea
 Dec. 10 - Scholastic Due!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: It was such a blessing getting the chance to meet with you all last week. Thank you for making the time in your schedules to partner with the school and work with your child at home. Happy birthday to Seth who celebrates this week! We pray that God will bless and keep you always! Check your child's VIP folder for our new December calendar as well as the December reading log. Check our weekly email for more information about what's happening in our classroom this week.

Monday - See VIP Folder
 Tuesday - Library
 - Angels Alert! Performance (Arrive no later than 6:20 pm)
 Wednesday - Angels Alert! Performance (Arrive no later than 6:20 pm)
 Thursday - Seniors Christmas Tea 1:30 pm
 Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to December! A new month - and an exciting one! Thank you for meeting with me during our conferences last week. Check your emails for an update of what's going on in Grade 2!
 Monday - Happy Birthday to Hannah!!
 Tuesday - Phys. Ed. {outdoors - dress warm!}
 - Angels Alert! @ 6:30 {meet in the classroom before}

Wednesday - Happy Birthday to Isabella!!
 - Library
 - Show&Share: Aleeya & Callan
 - Angels Alert! @ 6:30 {meet in the classroom before}
 Thursday - Spelling Test: Homophones
 - Angels Alert! @ 1:30
 Friday - Phys. Ed.
 - Spelling Test
 - Flashlight Friday

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: Thank you for coming out last week for Parent Teacher conferences - it was great to touch base with you, your support means a lot. This is another busy week with multiple Christmas performances. Students are asked to be dressed in Sunday best for our performances. We re excited to begin our first novel study - Freckle Juice by Judy Blume.

Monday - Library
 Tuesday - Angels Alert performance. Students be in our classroom for 6:30
 Wednesday - Angels Alert performance. Students be in our classroom for 6:30
 Thursday - Christmas Tea. Students perform in the afternoon for Seniors
 Friday - Spelling test

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: This week we have a couple of evening performances and a matinee. Students, ensure you have plenty of rest. It was good to meet so many parents at the PTI. Please hand back the report card envelopes if you haven't yet brought those back.
 Wednesday - Math Test (I postponed this from last week.)
 Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to a brand new month grade 4! It was great to talk with all the parents last week. There will be no memory work or spelling words this week due to the 2 evening performances of Angels Alert.

Monday - Library
 - Performing Angels Alert for the school at 9:00
 Tuesday - Alieda devotions
 - Junior Choir sings at Woodingford Lodge at 2:00
 - Angels Alert at 6:30 PM
 Wednesday - Alissa devotions
 - Angels Alert at 6:30 PM
 Thursday - Anna devotions
 - Christmas Tea at 1:30 with Angels Alert
 Friday - Ciara devotions
 - Buddies
 next Mon. - Cody devotions
 - Library

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome back! There is a lot going on this week for the Gr. 5 class and other grades: Christmas concert rehearsals today and tomorrow during school. The Gr. 4s and 5s are going to Woodingford Lodge tomorrow at 1:45pm. Our Christmas Concert is happening tomorrow evening: Gr 5-6 Students to arrive Tuesday night dressed in their "Sunday best". All gr 5-8 students are to be in their seats in the gym by 6:20. This performance is considered part of their music class requirement and students will be marked on their participation.

- Tuesday - Music: bring recorder
 - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
 - Christmas Concert: be at school for 6:20 pm
 - Gr. 5s wear "Sunday Best"
- Thursday - Music: bring recorder
 - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Friday - Memory Work Quiz: 1 Corinthians 2:3-5
 - Spelling Workbook & Quiz, Lesson 13
 - Math Quiz: JM Pages 101-110

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. It was great to see you at the student led conference. Grade 6 did a great job! The grade 6 band is performing Tuesday evening. Students need to arrive at 6:15 pm dressed in their "Sunday Best." We will have a gift exchange on Dec. 21st. Students need to check their google account for details.

- Tuesday - Music (Instrument)
 - Library
 - Angels Alert Christmas Program (6:30 pm)
- Wednesday - Phys.Ed. (outdoors)
- Thursday - Math Test: Unit 5 Measurement
 - Music (Instrument)
 - Perform at Christmas Tea
- Friday - Spelling Lesson 10
 - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot: Students are reading a science fiction novel for their December book assignment. Assignments are due on December 21st. Students are having a Christmas party on December 21st. They would like to have a \$15 gift exchange. Please email Mrs. Racicot this week if you have any concerns about the gift exchange.

- Tuesday - WCS Christmas Program (evening)
- Thursday - sub lunch
- Friday - math test, spelling test

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to a new month! December is a very exciting month with lots of fun activities planned. This Friday we will be going to Caressant Care leaving WCS at 1:30 and returning by 3:30. Also, the Grad Wear order forms went home last week, they are due back on Thursday at the latest to ensure

delivery before Christmas break.

- Monday - No Phys. Ed. (Angel Alert rehearsal)
- Tuesday - Music (Bring instruments)
 - Angel Alert/Christmas Band performance, be at school in seats in gym by 6:20 pm (wear all black with "Christmas accessories")
- Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (Bring gym clothes)
- Thursday - Music (Bring instruments)
 - Angel Alert/Christmas Band Performance in afternoon
- Friday - Spelling Workbook/Quiz
 - Memory Work Quiz
 - Caressant Care Visit (1:30-3:30)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

December	4	Angel Alert Musical 6:30
	5	Prayer Group Angel Alert Musical 6:30
	6	Christmas Tea & Musical
	13	Chicken is here!
	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