

February 5, 2018

**Olympics: Running the Race**

Our key Bible chapters for our school theme this year, Faith in Action: Heroes for God, are Hebrews chapters 11 & 12. Chapter 11 lists out the heroes and how they are commended for their faith, while chapter 12 provides encouragements and warnings, reminding us that we are part of God's story, part of the time-line from the creation of the world to the time when Jesus comes again; part of that "great cloud of witnesses" who can tell of the wonders God has done and is doing. Verses one and two read: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV). The writer of Hebrews reminds us that we are in training, we may endure pain and obstacles, but to be encouraged, as those are all part of the training and learning process.

I can't help but think of Hebrews 2 as the Winter Olympics approach. I love the Olympic games (despite the politics) and am amazed each time by the athletes' perseverance, determination, and skill. This week, we are blessed to have Krista DuChene, an Olympic marathon runner, come to Woodstock Christian School to speak to our students about her experiences as a Christian, a Christian athlete, and as an Olympian. Check out Krista's story:

<https://olympic.ca/team-canada/krista-duchene/> or

<http://www.runottawa.ca/running-talk-canadian-marathoner-krista-duchene-2>.

Another ordinary hero - doing extraordinary things. Krista is using the gifts with which God has gifted her, sharing her faith, sharing her story. Krista will be with us on Thursday, February 8th at 10am (JK-3) and 1030am (4-8).

C. Verbeek, Principal



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| Monday   | - Kyle B., Gr.2A    |
| Tuesday  | - Clayton R., JK    |
| Friday   | - Lucas B., Gr.2A   |
|          | - Samantha B., Gr.8 |
|          | - Asher B., SK      |
| Saturday | - Jenna H., JK      |
| Sunday   | - Luke K., Gr.2B    |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and wellbeing. We have many reasons for praise and gratitude, but also reasons for concern. The flu continues to affect many of our families and staff. Some of our extended families are experiencing illness and grief. We pray for strength and healing. Pray for families with kindergarten age students who are considering registration at WCS and those who are considering re-enrolment and educational choices for the next school year. Whenever you can, reach out and engage in conversation; ask, encourage and support one another.

**Chicken:** Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, no later than next Tuesday, February 6th. Orders without payment will not be placed. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, February 22nd, 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:** Join us on Wednesday at 8:30 am for prayer group! If you have any prayer requests please email them to [j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca).

**Purple Shirt Day:** Thursday February 8th is purple shirt day! Wear your WCS gear. Wear purple!

**Registration Day:** If your child will be joining us for their first year of school, this coming September, please book a registration appointment with Joleen Mulder ([admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca)) on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring copies of your child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Health Card.

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** This is the last week of our regular season! Tomorrow we have a home game against O'Neil. I will send out an email once I know when our playoff game is. Thursday I will be treating the girls to Tim Hortons as a celebration of a season well done. Please pick up your child by 4:45.

**Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)** The winter session of MAP testing continues. If you are interested in learning more about MAP, speak to your child's teacher or check out the link to their website. <https://www.nwea.org/assessments/map/>

**WCS Electives for Junior and Intermediate Students:** Our first elective session begins this Wednesday, February 7. Students going to venues other than at WCS will be leaving earlier, either 1:25, 1:45, or 1:55 depending on the elective; otherwise electives run from 2:10 to 3:30. Thank you to those willing to drive to skiing and leading electives to help make it a great experience for our students. Those in the skiing group need to ensure they dress warmly and in layers. That group can be picked up at WCS by 6:15 p.m. Students will need to remember their equipment for their elective: those in hockey need their skates, helmets, gloves and sticks; those in swimming need their towels and bathing suit; those in skiing need their equipment if not renting; those in indoor soccer or badminton need their indoor running shoes. Those that received the woodworking form will need to ensure they pass it on to Mr. Schaafsma. If you have any questions, please let [g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know.

**Grade 9 Fall Registration from LDCSS:** Registration is now open for the 2018-19 school year! We're excited about welcoming new students to our school and growing in community with us! Want to apply? Download the application at <http://ldcss.ca/application-process/> or give us a call. Interested in checking out learning at London Christian High? Connect with Gabriella at 519-455-4360 ext. 231 or email [ghoogstra@ldcss.ca](mailto:ghoogstra@ldcss.ca) to book a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Staff Appreciation:** Next week, February 12-15 will be Staff Appreciation Week here at Woodstock Christian School. During the week we celebrate the staff by providing them with a lunch each day as well as covering some yard duty. A huge thank you to all who signed up for this, it is very much appreciated! This year we will also be having theme days to enhance our appreciation for the staff. If you wish, please consider one of these theme days to celebrate our staff, of course your own way of appreciation is welcome as well! Any questions please email Cara Renkema [cckenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:cckenkema@hotmail.com) or 519-535-8969.

**School Skating:** On Thursday February 15th, we once again will have a school skate. Students in JK-gr3 will skate from 1:15-210pm, while older students will skate from 2:15-3:10pm. A reminder that all those on the ice must be wearing skates, helmets and gloves. Come join us!

Please join us in celebrating

## Staff Appreciation Week

February 12- February 15

Consider choosing one of these theme days to bless your teacher during this week:

**Monday- Words from the heart day:**  
Send in thank you notes, pictures, encouraging notes

**Tuesday- Love from the oven day:**  
Anything food related: something sweet, baked or bought

**Wednesday- Specialty Day:** This is a day to appreciate those teachers and staff who do not have a homeroom. Celebrate them however you choose!

**Thursday- Book Dedication Day:** - Have your child dedicate their favourite book (grade level appropriate) to their teacher. Can be gently used or new. The book can have a simple message to their teacher signed by your child.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Students, wear your pajamas and bring your appetite and your favourite 'stuff' to our annual pancake breakfast on Wednesday February 21st. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Donations will be gladly received for the work of Edu-Deo. Edu-Deo Ministries (formerly Worldwide Christian Schools) is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview.

**Mark Your Calendars!** The tickets are here! On Saturday, February 24, Beginnings Woodstock is hosting their annual family fun event, sponsored by WCS! Circo Comedia, a comedic circus duo out of Montreal, will be performing daring stunts and acrobatic tricks with their eccentric, family-friendly comedy! Concession available, and all proceeds go directly to the Beginnings Family Services Centre right here in Woodstock, serving all of Oxford County. Tickets are now available at the WCS office. Please contact Megan Booy with any questions.

**Science Fair Open House:** God created a wonderful world for us to love, enjoy, and use. Come explore the wonders of creation with us! Woodstock Christian School is hosting our Science Fair/Exhibition of Science Learning on Tuesday February 27th. Our 7th and 8th grade students will be displaying and discussing their individual science fair projects, the 6th grade students are exhibiting their electricity projects, and each class - kindergarten through fifth grade - are presenting their experiments, studies, and innovations on their table displays as well. Judging will take place for the 7th and 8th grade projects. Students will be viewing the Science Fair/Exhibition during the school day and senior student will be discussing their projects with visitors until 330pm. Parents and guests are invited to view the Science Fair as part of an Open house running from 10am - 7 p.m. Come and join us.

**SpringFest News:** Yes, our next fundraiser for WCS is in the works! Mark your calendars for **April 7, 2018** and tell all your friends to meet you at the Oxford Auditorium for a day full of fun and fundraising!  
Needed: Volunteers for our GAMES and KITCHEN committees. Please contact Heather De Boer or Pauline Markus ASAP to be a part of these great teams. They put together all yummy food and fun games for us all!

Sponsorship: To allow all funds raised that day to go directly to WCS, we are looking for more sponsors beyond our farming families who have been asked in the past. Please contact Heather DeBoer if you or a willing business would like to contribute to this great event.

Bazaar Bottles: Start collecting your 2L pop bottles NOW so you'll have enough for the highlight of most kids' day!

**Junior Kindergarten:** Well, we had fun this past week predicting whether the groundhog would see his shadow or not! Our groundhog says it's going to be an early spring, but we all know God is in control of the weather! We are on our last box of Kleenexes so if you are able could you send in a box with your child to replenish our stock. February calendars went home last week see the notes on the back about upcoming events.

Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - Sub day

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week. We have been very interested in snowflakes lately. If you have any book to share on this topic please send them to school. A very Happy Birthday to Asher as he celebrates on Friday. Watch for Feb calendar coming home with important dates. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - show and share: free choice  
- Sub Day

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to the first full week of February! It is hard to believe how fast time has gone. Did you know we are already half way through the school year? This week we will be doing our MAP assessments. February calendars and reading logs are in our VIP Folders today. Are you practising your poem at home?

Monday - See VIP Folder  
Tuesday - Library  
Thursday - Sub Lunch  
- Special Visit by Krista DuChene Olympic Athlete  
Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 1B/2B:** Welcome to a new week! Keep practising your poems. Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

Tuesday - Gym  
- Library  
Wednesday - Show & Share: Lucy & Hailey  
- Service Learning: visit to Caressant Care  
- MAP Testing  
Thursday - MAP Testing  
- Sub Lunch!  
Friday - Gym  
- Spelling Quiz

**Grade 2A:** Welcome to a week full of birthday celebrations, sub day, and learning! This week we will be completing our Bible unit on Jesus' Miracles and begin to learn about the meanings behind Jesus' Parables. We will continue to learn about 3-D solids in math, about simple machines in Creation studies and poetry during Language/Daily 5 time. We will also be finishing our winter round of MAP testing. A special

visitor will be here on Thursday to talk to us about the Olympics!

- Monday - Gym
- Tuesday - Library
- Wednesday - Gym
- Thursday - Sub Day  
- Purple Shirt Day
- Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. MAP testing continues this week. Keep practising your poem and times tables. Remember to find an experiment or demonstration to show the class for "Forces Causing Movement". Tell the teacher by Feb. 12. The Primary Choir will be singing on March 4th at Huron Park Baptist church (10:30 am) Please mark that event on your calendar.

- Monday - Phys. Ed.
- Tuesday - MAP testing
- Wednesday - Library  
- Phys. Ed.  
- Math Test: Unit 7 Motion Geometry
- Thursday - MAP testing  
- Sub Lunch  
- School Spirit Day: Wear purple!
- Friday - Bible Test: Unit 7 Joseph  
- Spelling Test: List 16  
- Mem. Work: 2<sup>nd</sup> third of poem

**Grade 4:** Welcome back to school grade 4! I am excited to hear your poems this week Friday!! This is our first week of electives!

- Monday - Ian  
- Music
- Tuesday - Jaron  
- Library: remember your books
- Wednesday - Jeremy  
- Music  
- Electives 1:30 to 3:30
- Thursday - Josiah  
- Sub lunch  
- Phys. Ed.  
- Olympian Krista DuChene visits the school
- Friday - Justin  
- Memory work: whole poem  
- Spelling test
- Monday - Lydia

**Grade 5:** This new week has a lot of excitement for our class! Electives begin on Wednesday, MAP testing continues today, Monday, and Friday, Oliver Twist play practices continue for many students, another swimming lesson on Friday afternoon, the list goes on! A reminder to help your child bring the necessary equipment or clothing for electives and swimming. As a part of the "Swim to Survive" program at Southside Aquatic, 1/3 of the students in Gr. 5 are asked to bring an extra full set of clothes to swimming as they will be swimming in their regular clothes to experience that

challenge. A waiver was sent home and needs to be signed by you in order for your child to participate.

- Monday - Students are encouraged to share their speech with me over google docs. I can proofread and suggests edits from home this evening.
- Tuesday - Speech final copy due  
- Phys Ed: bring gym clothes  
- Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes  
- Music: bring recorder
- Friday - Math Quiz: Measurement Unit so far (study Jump Math book and math journal)  
- Memory Work: 1 Corinthians 10:13  
- Spelling Workbook Lesson 21  
- Science Quiz: Forces and Structures unit so far (study the highlighted notes)

**Grade 6:** We continue our winter session of Map Testing this week. Get plenty of rest this week. Most students are almost done their speech. Our goal this week is to finish our speech by Thursday so students can do peer comments/edits then, and begin memorizing them on Friday. Students will need to practice their speeches on the weekend. We will begin choosing an electricity project later this week that will be completed at school.

- Wednesday - Bible Test
- Thursday - Math Quiz: work this week  
- Speech due: peer edits/comments
- Friday - Spelling: Unit 20 test and book due
- Next Tues. & Thurs. - speech presentations

**Grade 7:**

- Wednesday - Electives begin!
- Thursday - Science Fair check-in#4
- Friday - Math test 5.1-5.7  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> edit of speeches complete

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a new week! This week will be busy with MAP Testing, a Math Unit Test, a Bible Unit Test, Science Fair Check-in, Speeches as well as working on Wonder reading response questions. Be sure to keep pace with everything, be checking Google Classroom regularly for deadlines and expectations. This Friday we plan on visiting Caressant Care, so be sure to dress according to the weather conditions, as we will be walking over.

- Tuesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
- Music (bring instruments)
- Wednesday - Math Quiz  
- Science Fair Check-in # 4
- Thursday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
- Music (bring instruments)  
- Spelling Quiz and Spelling Workbook due  
- Bible Test  
- Sub Day
- Friday - Caressant Care Visit  
- Wonder Reading Response Questions due.

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February 7 Staff Meeting  
Electives  
Prayer Group  
8 Sub Day  
Registration Day  
14 Electives  
15 Skating at Complex  
16 P.D. Day (no school)  
19 Family Day (no school)  
20 JKCSS Board Meeting  
21 Pancake Breakfast  
Electives  
22 Pizza Day  
23 Poetry Meet  
27 Science Fair & Open House  
28 Electives

**SONG OF THE MONTH:** By Faith  
By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus: We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth. Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name. Chorus 2 x

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Title: By Faith Words & Music by: Keith and Kristyn Getty C.C.L.I. #400245
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