

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 16, 2017

Let's talk about practice. That word can bring on a stomach ache in students and parents alike. However, many different things in our lives need practice, not just musical instruments! I recently read a book by Philip Johnston called "Not Until You've Done Your Practice!" Johnston writes, "In almost every piece you play there will be some parts that you find easy and some that you find hard. Despite this, most students have a strange tendency to practise all of the piece equally, devoting as much time and effort to the easy bits as they do to the hard bits. When you are practising, work on the hard bits." Johnston continues to give several examples of why we should practice the "hard bits" first. A correlation can be drawn between practising a piece of music and practising kindness, or gentleness or joy or.... (you fill in the blank). Next time you are up against one the "hard bits" of the Christian life, get to practising. The reward will be very great.

Elizabeth Martin, Music Teacher



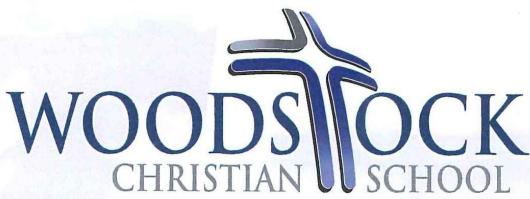
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| Friday | - Joel P., Gr.8 |
| Saturday | - Max B., Gr.7 |
| Sunday | - Mr. Huinink, Bus Driver |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Multiple Scherosis & The MS Read-A-Thon: Did you know that Canada has the highest rate of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in the world? WCS is holding a kick-off assembly for the MS Read-A-Thon on Monday, January 23rd @ 8:30 am. In past years, with your support, we have been able to fund some of the best MS research in the world, and improve the quality of life of those affected by the disease. Funds raised through the Read-A-Thon go towards programs and services for people with MS and their families. Stay tuned for details. Students will receive their pledge kits on Monday and students will be reading in their classrooms and at home. Students should talk to friends, family, and neighbours about supporting this important fundraiser.

Transportation: Thank you for your patience last week with our end-of-day bus delays. We had fun imagining what it would look like to have horses running down the 401. The REMIND system is great! If any of parents would still like to register, please check back to September notices or contact the school.

Thank you for your participation in the WCS Transportation Survey. Our response rate was close to 60% which is very good in terms of surveys! Results will be available Wednesday and will be sent with a mid-week note about signing up for electives.



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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Sr. Girls Basketball: This week we have our first games! Tuesday we have an away game at Notre Dame (thank you to Mrs. Bakker, Mrs. VanRooyen, and Mrs. Horinga for helping to drive). Thursday we have a home game against St. Michael's. Come out and cheer us on! I am still in need for drivers Jan. 24, 30 (all day tournament - can you drive there or home?) as well as Feb. 14. Please let me know asap if you can help drive.

Lost & Found: Our lost and found table is filling up. Please check for lost and missing items. The table, rack and bins will be cleared this Friday and items brought to a local thrift shop.

Multicultural Day at WCS: On Thursday January 26, we will celebrate the many cultures that are present at WCS. We invite staff and students to bring something to school to inform and share with our community about their family culture. Staff and students may express their culture through dress, music, sport, games, food, dance, language or traditions. Through knowledge and experiences we hope to understand one another more deeply to draw closer as a community. Thank you for your participation from the WCS School Life Team!

Global Play Day on February 1st: 'Play' is sometimes contrasted with 'work' and characterised as a type of activity which is essentially unimportant, trivial and lacking in any serious purpose. As such, it is seen as something that children do because they are immature, and as something they will grow out of as they become adults. Play in all its rich variety is one of the highest achievements of humans, alongside language, culture and technology. Indeed, without play, none of these other achievements would be possible. The value of play is increasingly recognised, by researchers and within the policy arena, for adults as well as children, as the evidence mounts of its relationship with intellectual achievement and emotional well-being. This report, however, focuses on the value of children's play. It is a particularly important time for this to be recognised, as modern societies face increasing challenges, including those that are economic, social and environmental. At the same time, the opportunities and support for children's play, which is critical to their development of the abilities they will need as future citizens able to address these challenges, are themselves under threat. This arises from increasing urbanisation, from increasing stress in family life, and from changes in educational systems." (Taken from: The Importance of Play webpage: http://www.importanceofplay.eu/IMG/pdf/dr_david_whitebread_-_the_importance_of_play.pdf

WCS Electives: Our first elective session begins on Wednesday, February 8 and runs for five successive weeks from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 depending on the elective chosen. Students will be given an opportunity to select 3 choices from about a dozen activities this week Wednesday. Please watch for an email that will be sent home and help students select their 3 choices on-line. If you have any questions, please let g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca know.

Finance: Please note that if you have questions about any matters of a financial nature, Angeline VanderBoom, our bookkeeper, will be available in the VP/Finance office Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her email address is finance@woodstockchristian.ca.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: Volunteers Requested: February 13-16 will be Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week at WCS. To help show our teachers and staff how much we value them we would like to cover some of their yard duty responsibilities as well as provide them with a luncheon each day of that week. This year we are using SignUp.com to organize this week. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/KC1LXT>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

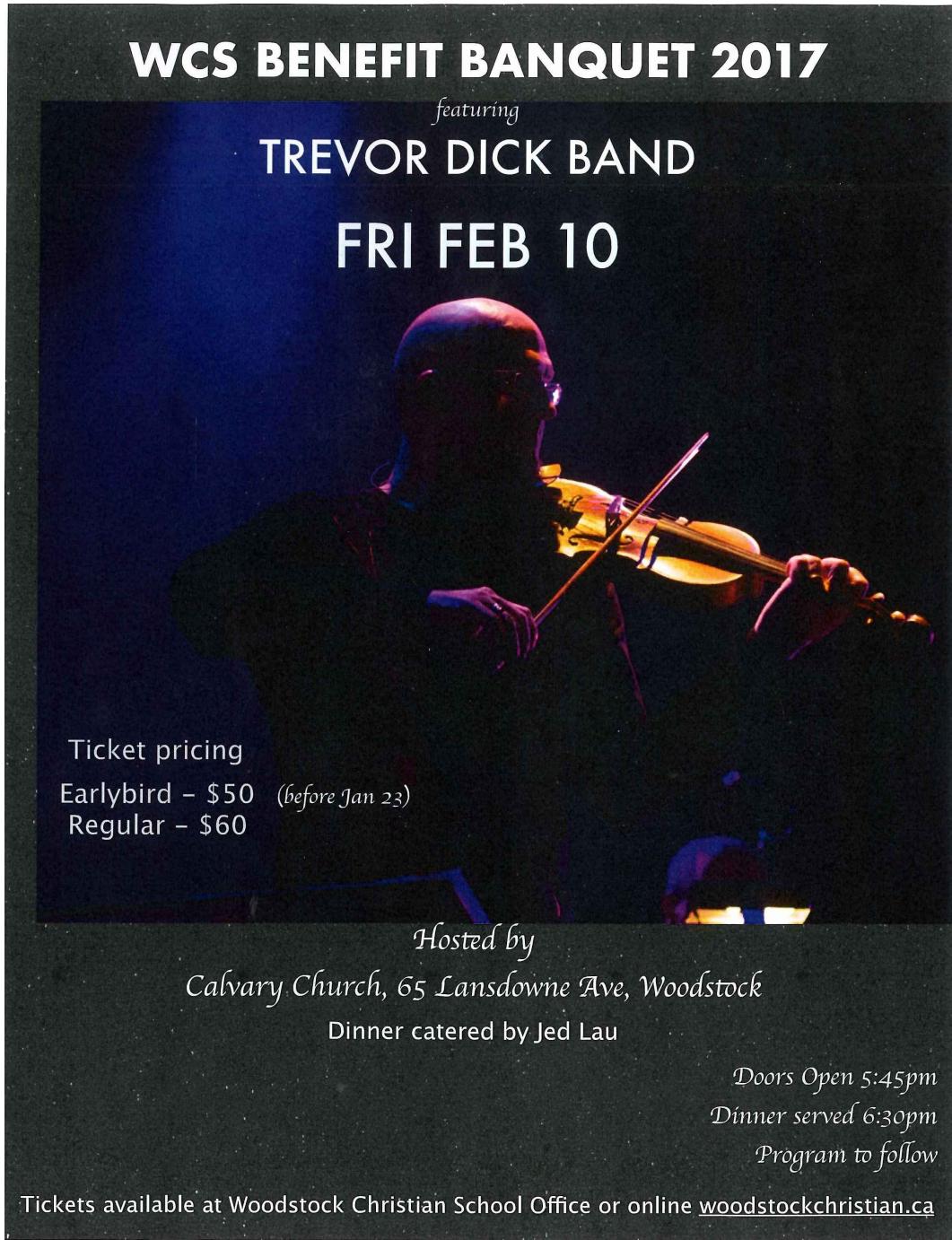
Thank you for your help making this a special week for the teachers and staff. If you have any questions please contact Cara Renkema:
crenkema@hotmail.com,
519-535-8969 or message me on Facebook!

**Woodstock Christian School
presents its annual Benefit
Banquet!**

Come and Walk the Red Carpet to this amazing event!! Enjoy a Buffet dinner, Catered by the famous chef Jed Lau! There will be door prizes, Professional photos, and entertainment by the amazing Trevor Dick Band!! "Trevor Dick is a popular electric and acoustic violinist. His playing evokes images of Jean Luc Ponty, Hugh Marsh, Mark O'Connor and Mark Wood (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) all melded together. With such amazing versatility on his instruments, including the five-string electric violin, Trevor is a master at reaching any audience."

Ticket pricing

- Earlybird (before Jan 23) \$50
- Regular (after Jan 23) \$60



WCS BENEFIT BANQUET 2017
featuring
TREVOR DICK BAND

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Ticket pricing

Earlybird – \$50 (before Jan 23)
Regular – \$60

Hosted by
Calvary Church, 65 Lansdowne Ave, Woodstock

Dinner catered by Jed Lau

Doors Open 5:45pm
Dinner served 6:30pm
Program to follow

Tickets available at Woodstock Christian School Office or online woodstockchristian.ca

J.K. / S.K. - A: We are busy learning our shapes - we see shapes everywhere around us! This week JK is learning the letter S and J. SK is working on ai sound and our new sight words are she and for.

Wednesday - Library Day

Thursday - Pizza Day

J.K. / S.K. - B: Welcome to a new week. Happy Birthday to Daniel. We pray that God blesses you with joy in the coming year. We welcome back Miss H and continue praying for her as she mourns the death of her Oma. This week we continue working on our toy unit. Thanks for the great show and shares last week. We will also begin our writing books this week. Please read the note in the front cover for instructions. This week for show and tell, bring in something red. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Pizza Day

Grade 1A: Welcome to another new week! I hope you enjoyed the sunshine over the weekend. We are looking forward to learning more about winter stories and how we can write our own winter adventure story using a story map! Check your emails for an update on what is going on in our class this week. Spelling Words: make, came, lake, game, shake, ate, tape, snow

Tuesday - return Bible notebooks

- Library

- Gym

Thursday - Pizza lunch

Wednesday - Show & Share: Faith, Maylina

Friday - Gym

- Spelling Quiz + new list home

Grade 1B: Welcome to a brand new week! This week our reading folders will be coming home. Please watch for these (Tuesday) and let me know if you have questions or concerns. Show and Share continues to be on Wednesdays.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Library

- Look for Reading Folders

Thursday - Pizza Day

Friday - Spelling Test

Next Mon. - M.S. Read-a-thon Assembly

Grade 2: Welcome to a new week! This week we will be celebrating Nick's birthday since his is in July. We will continuing to learn about poetry and today we even tried our hand at writing similes. This class is as clever as a bunch of foxes. We will be finishing our Addition and Subtraction unit in math and will be beginning our Data and Probability unit. We will continue to learn about our community in Creation Studies.

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Pizza Day

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week.

Monday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Math Test Unit 1: Patterning and Place Value

- Library

- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Pizza Lunch

Friday - Spelling Test: List 13

- Mem. Work: Sons of Jacob

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! This is the last week that Ms. Van Wyk, our Coop student from Rehoboth, will be with us. We pray that God will richly bless her. We are thankful for all the help she has given us this year!

Monday - Evyn

- Music

Tuesday - Gabriel

- Phys. Ed.

- Library: remember your books

Wednesday - Hailey

- Music

Thursday - Jeremy

- Pizza lunch

- Bible test: King Saul's Reign

- Phys. Ed.

- French: vocabulary quiz

Friday - Judah

- Spelling test

- Memory work: Psalm 27: 13-14

- Math test: division

- Buddies

Monday - Julia

- Music

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week. This week students will continue to learn about the Canadian government in Social Studies, and how to analyze and organize data (Data Management) in Mathematics. In our Language Arts classes we'll begin to focus our attention on how to write and deliver a speech as we'll have speech competitions coming up in a couple of months. Swimming lessons begin tomorrow - students need to bring their towel and swimsuit to school. In French class we are learning about the places in the school, as well as continuing in their unit, La Pizza. Next Monday students will have a quiz on the pizza toppings. They have a sheet with the words in Eng and French.

Monday - Phys Ed: bring gym strip

Tuesday - Swimming Lesson at Southside Aquatic from 1-2 pm

- Music: bring recorder

Wednesday - Phys Ed: bring gym strip

Thursday - Music: bring recorder

- Math quiz: range, mean, median, mode

Friday - Spelling: Lesson 16: workbook and test

- Social Studies: government quiz: The different levels of government in Canada

Grade 6: We will continue our research for our chosen state; students will be given Bristol board to display their state project research. Students will continue to research their speeches; approximately 2/3 of the main body is due on Friday.

Wednesday - French Quiz on possessive adjectives. My - mon, ma, mes Your - ton, ta, tes His/Her/Its - son, sa, ses Their - leur, leurs Our - notre, nos Your - votre, vos

Thursday - Math Quiz: Work this week: construction of angles, bisectors, shapes

Friday - Spelling test: Unit 16 (book due and test)
- Speech: 2/3 of main body (1st draft)
- State Project due: (all displaying of work is to be done at school)

Grade 7: Test on spelling unit #17 on Friday. Bible memory work is Deut 31:6. Chapter #4 (Perimeter and Area) math test on Friday. Students do not have assigned reading this week from Bifocal. We are catching up on missed work due to our introductions to speech writing and science fair projects.

Speeches are due mid February. Speech writing and memorizing will occur at home and at school. Students have a gray work folder containing speech writing information.

Science fair projects are due at the end of February. The written component of science fair projects will be completed at school. Experiments and building/design will be completed at home (due to space and materials restrictions at school). Students have a black work folder containing science fair instruction and support. Students are asked to define/identify their speech topic and science fair topic by Wednesday.

Wednesday - French Quiz on verb ALLEZ Je vais, tu vas, il/elle/on va, nous allons, vous allez, ils/elles vont

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week! We have a lot going on in Grade 8 right now, with Science Fair Projects, Speeches and other classroom assignments. Make sure you are paying attention to the Google Classroom, as well as the homework board in class to stay up to date. Thank-you to Mrs. DeVries for walking with us to Caressant Care last Friday!

Monday - Science Fair Project Topic Due.

Tuesday - Geography Quiz: Key Terms Chapter 5
- Music (bring instrument)
- Gym (bring gym clothes)

Wednesday - Math Quiz (Fractions, Mixed Numbers, Equivalent Fractions, Adding & Subtracting Fractions)

- Science Fair Check-in # 1 Due
- French Quiz: on verb ALLEZ + a

Thursday - Music (bring instrument)
- Gym (bring gym clothes)

Friday - Speech Introduction Due

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| January | 17 Board Meeting 18 Prayer Group 19 Pizza Day 27 Early Dismissal - 1:30 Staff PCL - 2 p.m. Chix with Stix |
| February | 30 Basketball Tournament 1 Staff Meeting: 7:15 Prayer Group 2 Theme Chapel: 8:30 Sub Day JK/SK Information Day 8 Electives begin JK/SK Registration Day 10 Benefits Banquet 15 Prayer Group Electives 16 Skating Pizza Day 17 P.D. Day* 20 Family Day* |

SONG OF THE MONTH: God Is On The Move

1. Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know I know I know I know

Chorus God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move on the move hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today

2. Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know I know I know I know

Interlude: Yeah (yeah)

Bridge I see a generation standing on the truth
In each and ev'ry nation God is on the move

3. Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul
And someone says send me here I go
I know I know I know I know

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