

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

How often do we listen to the lies of the devil? How often does the devil try to distort the truth in our lives? How often do we feel defeated? How often do we remember whose we are? How often do we turn to the truth? How often do we put on the armor of God?

In SONbeams we are learning about the armor of God. Each week we talk about and make a different piece of armor. We sing songs that talk about the armor and how we are to use it against the evil one. That they are to stand strong and don't believe the lies of the devil.

Paul tells us to put on the armor. That our war is not against flesh and blood but of the spiritual world. More than ever there is a battle for our children. There are more distractions, more gateways to temptations, and more disconnect with each other. It is so important in our world today that we learn and teach our children the truth of who they are (who we are). It is important to learn and teach of the tools/weapons God has given us to stand in truth and fight.

It is exciting to impart such truth to young children. Praying that they will not forget to put on the armor and stand strong!

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ...

Victoria Body



Wednesday	- Lauryn Markus., Gr. 7
Thursday	- Corryn VanRooyen., Gr. 4
Friday	- Levi Baan., JK
Saturday	- Kevin DeBeer., JK
Sunday	- Mrs. Hickey., Gr. 6 Teacher

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

MS Read-A-Thon- The readathon begins today and runs to February 15th. Think about taking some family reading time in the next 3 weeks! Encourage your child to connect with friends and family who will sponsor their reading minutes, and provide support for families who are living with MS. Information/sponsor sheets went home last week. Supporters can make online donations or students can collect cash and/or cheque pledges from sponsors for all the minutes they read.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)- The winter session of MAP testing begins this week. If you are interested in learning more about MAP, speak to your child's teacher or check out their website. nwea.org/the-map-suite/

Senior boys basketball- Boys will have a Tuesday after-school practice this week (January 29th). Next week's after school practices will be Monday February 4th and Wednesday February 6. Please note that the Bluewater Christian Schools basketball tournament is on Friday February 15th, which is also a PD day. A team form has been sent home. Please complete & return to Mrs. Verbeek.

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. Some of our families are experiencing illness and grief and serious concerns. 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.

Prayer Group- Please join us for prayer group on Wednesday at 8:30am. If you have any prayer requests please email Joleen at j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca

REMIND- Good news for Bell (and affiliates) customers who will continue to receive REMIND messages. If you are Rogers customer, your REMIND service changes today. We encourage parents to get the app and/or make other arrangements as per their notifications. There is a campaign to make changes to this arrangement ... see below.

From REMIND: *"To continue receiving Remind messages, they'll need to [download the mobile app](#) or [enable email notifications](#), both of which are free to use.*

But in the last few weeks, we've seen the difference that educators can make. To ensure that every teacher, student, and parent in Canada can continue using Remind—no matter their phone carrier—please keep making your voice heard by asking Rogers to #ReverseTheFee at [1-855-381-7834](tel:1-855-381-7834) and on [social media](#)."

Transportation Matters- We have been experiencing full winter conditions! Please note that weather and road conditions vary widely across our catchment area. There may be days when our buses travel in less than ideal conditions. If you feel you would rather keep your child home or drive yourself when conditions change, that is always a choice that you can make. Please notify the school office if your child will be late or absent. We ask for your patience with our buses and drivers as bus routes may take a little longer while driving on snowy and wintery roads.

Registration Day- If you have a child that is planning to attend WCS for the first time in September 2019, please book an appointment for registration. February 6, 2019 is our official registration day. To book a time please call or stop in at the office or email Joleen Mulder (admissions@woodstockchristian.ca)

Pancake Breakfast- Students, wear your pajamas and bring your appetite and your favourite 'stuffy' to our annual pancake breakfast on Wednesday February 20th. 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. Education is one of the most powerful tools for reducing poverty. Edu-Deo Ministries promotes sustainable schools by partnering long-term with existing school associations and mission organizations. Their goal is to take the effective tool of education and combine it with the transforming message of the Gospel. Get comfy, get ready for pancakes, and help us support Edu-Deo!

Bus Drivers- Is a bus driving job a good fit for you? Our bus drivers report that bus driving is a great way to combine their love for interaction with students and colleagues, find employment that matches their children's school schedules, and experience the joy and challenge of driving! Woodstock Christian School is looking to train you if you are interested in this position. We currently have opportunity for spare drivers, but anticipate that regular positions may come available. Do you have a B license and are you looking for a way to serve the school? We are able to train and assist you in the process of becoming a licensed bus driver. If interested, call the school at [519-539-1492](tel:519-539-1492) or email principal@woodstockchristian.ca

Jr. Basketball - Our tournament has been moved to Thursday this week. Students are expected to arrive at school for 7:20am to catch a bus to LDCSS for the tournament. Details were sent out in an email last week. Please contact Mrs. Schuster if you have any questions.

Sr. Girls Basketball - We are ready to begin our season! Practices begin this week during school and Wednesday after school. Girls are to be picked up at 4:45pm on Wednesday. Please see your email for some important information regarding the tournament that is quickly approaching, and for our season. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Schuster. I look forward to a great season!

WCS Hockey Team- Wednesday morning will be our first practice at the Community Complex. All players need to be dressed and ready to go on the ice at 6:50am. Any questions please talk to Lesa.

100s Day - The Primary Division (Grades 1-3) will soon be celebrating 100 days of School!! We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help out for the morning of **Wednesday February 13th** (please note the date change) from 8:30-10:45. If you are able, please contact a primary teacher. We are also collecting **donations to be brought to Operation Sharing**. We are looking to collect 100 items to give. Please check out the following list, and choose from there what you would like to send in: *Toilet Paper, Paper towel, Kleenex, Deodorants, Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors, Body Wash, Soap, Cleaning supplies, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, garbage bags*. All items are due the morning of February 13th.

WCS Electives- Electives begin on Wednesday, February 6, and run for five weeks until March 6, 2019 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. Elective choices have now been posted. Skiing forms and payment were handed out last Thursday and were expected back today; if you haven't yet completed those forms or payment, please hand them in tomorrow. The woodworking form didn't go home yet and will be sent home later this week. Any questions, let me know. (g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca)

Learning Place: Mrs. Bulthuis: Our second round of MAP testing for the year starts this week. If you have any questions about the accommodations your child is receiving, please check in with me or your child's classroom teacher. Keep reading at home with your child. Book bags are always due on Wednesday. If your child ever forgets to return it or there is no school on a Wednesday, send the book bag to school on Thursday so we can slip in their new books and sight words. Thanks!

Tuesday: Gr. 6 math quiz (fractions)

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr. 1-3)

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new snowy cold week. Please make sure there are some extra socks in your child's back pack. Please label all of your child's outdoor wear. Watch for calendars and letters coming home today. Show and share is free choice this week. Have a great week,

Wednesday- Library (books are here at school)

Thursday- Show and share - free choice.

Senior Kindergarten: It is a very cold day outside today. On these cold days students are brought right inside in the morning. We had a shortened time outside due to the cold weather today. In our SK class today I gave the students the option of going outside

for a 10m first lunch recess or remaining inside. Today we have welcomed our classroom pet a Teddy Bear Hamster. Have a look at SeeSaw for pictures. The students will learn about how to care for animals and have empathy for others.

Monday- /ue/ as in blue

Wednesday- /er/

Library

Thursday- /ar/

Chapel led by gr 3

JK/SK: Welcome to a chilly and what sounds like a snowy week. Hope you had an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Jolly Phonic letters: Review

Sight words: Review list two

Bible time: Moses and the 10 plagues

Math: Patterns

Theme time: Mittens

On the calendar:

Monday- early dismissal

Wednesday- library

Thursday- chapel

Grade 1: Grade 1 - Welcome to the last little bit of January, and a cold week. Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers over the weekend as I

said goodbye to my cousin. Please check your email tonight for ways that you can help your child through math - a tough unit. If you have not already submitted your child's poem choice, please do so by Tuesday. This will be their memory work for the month of February.

<u>Monday</u> -	Early Dismissal (1:30pm) See VIP Folder
<u>Tuesday</u> -	Library Poem Choice Due
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Memory Work Due (Eph. 4:29 MSG)
<u>Thursday</u> -	Theme Chapel 8:30am Reading Folders Due
<u>Friday</u> -	Spelling Test

Grade 2: Welcome another week! We are nearing the end of January. Be on the lookout for a February calendar in your child's message folder later this week. Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

<u>Monday</u> -	MS Read-a-thon begins in class! Continue to gather pledges. Early Dismissal Day – students head home at 1:30
<u>Tuesday</u> –	Phys. Ed
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Show & Share: Isabella & Elise P. Library
<u>Thursday</u> –	Theme Chapel led by Gr. 3 @ 8:30
<u>Friday</u> –	Phys. Ed Spelling Test

Grade 2/3: Wow students have been working so hard the last few weeks. We've written snowman stories, learned multiplication, completed a project on pioneer homes and learned about the Armour of God. There will be a letter coming home today regarding an upcoming class trip. February calendars and newsletter will also come home this week. Keep practicing your poems at home.

Monday -	early dismissal - 1:30
Friday -	Spelling test

Grade 3: We are leading the theme assembly on Thursday. Narrators should practice their reading parts a couple times at home before Thursday. We will be commenting on our biographies and redrafting them this week. Map testing also begins this week.

<u>Wednesday</u> :	French Vocabulary Quiz
<u>Thursday</u> :	MW: 2/3 of our selected poem

Theme assembly
Spelling test

Friday:

Grade 4: Welcome to the last week of January grade 4! We are beginning MAP testing again this week. Reading for the MS Readathon begins today. Keep track of how many minutes you read at home and at school.

<u>Monday</u>	MS Readathon begins
<u>Tuesday</u>	Devotions: Anna Math test - Multiplication MAP testing
<u>Wednesday</u>	Devotions: Ciara Music - bring recorder and folder
<u>Thursday</u>	Theme Chapel at 8:30 Happy birthday Corryn!!! MAP testing
<u>Friday</u>	Devotions: Cody Spelling test MAP testing Memory work - 2/3 of poem Buddies
<u>next Monday</u>	Devotions: Corryn Library

Grade 5: Welcome to the last week of January already. I hope you enjoyed your weekend. This week, students will continue their learning of government (social studies), measurement (mathematics), nutrition (health), and so much more! We have a few projects on the go right now with the big one being: speeches. Students have begun researching and planning and I hope to have students finished their rough draft by Thursday, Feb 7th.

<u>Monday:</u>	Early dismissal at 1:30. Swimming lessons moved to Friday.
<u>Tuesday:</u>	PhysEd: being gym clothes. Music: recorder.
<u>Thursday:</u>	PhysEd: being gym clothes. Music: bring recorder.
<u>Friday:</u>	Swimming Lessons today from 2-3pm at Southside Aquatic Centre. Speech researching finished, it is time to begin formulating paragraphs. Spelling Workbook L. 19 and test. Memory Work Quiz: Deuteronomy 31:6. Math Quiz: Jump Math pages 146-156.

Grade 6: Welcome to a new week. MAP testing begins this week. MS read-a-thon starts today. Please collect donations for this worthy cause. Speech writing is off to a good start for most students. Some students should be doing some research at home on their google docs this week.

Tuesday- Library
Music (instrument)
Wednesday- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
Thursday- School Theme Chapel (8:30 am)
AR book due
Music (instrument)
Friday- Spelling Test - Unit 16
Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Grade 7: Please make sure students are well fed and rested this week as we will be having MAP testing Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Monday- Math Quiz and French Quiz
Wednesday- Science Quiz
Thursday- Math Test
Music Composer Project due
January Reading Assignment due
Friday- Bible Memory Work
Spelling Test

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school. We will be going to Caressant Care on Friday, please be sure to dress for the elements.

Monday- Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
Early Dismissal (buses leave at 1:30pm)
Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
Wednesday- Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
Thursday - Music (bring instruments)
Book Reports Due
Friday - Caressant Care visit

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 28	Map Testing Begins Early Dismissal- 1:30pm
29	Jr. Basketball Tournament
31	Theme Chapel 8:30am JK/SK Information Evening
February 6	Staff Meeting 7:15am Prayer Group 8:30am Electives Begin Kindergarten Registration Day
7	Sub Day
13	Electives Continue
15	Sr. Basketball Tournament P.D. Day*
18	Family Day*
19	Board of Directors Meeting Pancake Breakfast
21	Pizza Day
28	Poetry Meet (Gr. 1-4)
March 1	P.A. Day
2	Speech Competition @ Legion
9am	
3	Primary Choir visit at Maranatha