

January 9, 2017

**Blessings for the New Year**

It's a brand new year. A new month. A new week. A new day!

This year, 2017 A.D., which refers to anno Domini (Latin), or the year of the Lord, will have

365 days

which is 8760 hours

which is 525,600 minutes

which is 31 and a half million seconds...

and you only get to live each of them once.

At the start of a new year, people often make promises to themselves to change things in their lives. Sometimes those promises work out, but often they don't. What we could focus on in 2017 is the question: How is God calling us to live this year?

Our lives will be full of blessings in the New Year as we trust God, share His love with those around us, and walk into each new day with great confidence of God's faithfulness. Our lives will also be filled with challenges which will cause us to rely on His strength and goodness and grace, because He is a God who keeps His promises.

Lamentations 3:23 reads: "Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin new and fresh each morning." Our heavenly Father wants to do new things in the lives of His children. He desires to teach us new truths about Himself, provide new opportunities for ministering to others, take us to higher levels of worship and deeper levels of trust.

So, as you go about your lives, work in your classrooms at Woodstock Christian School, play in the playground, or participate in intramurals, basketball, music class, and so many other opportunities ... As you ride the bus, eat your lunch, read stories and write paragraphs and poems, during all the minutes and hours and days that you spend with us at WCS, and in your lives away from here, may you know that God is in all things in 2017, over all things in 2017, and through all things in 2017. Go through this year with Him.

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| Tuesday | - Hayden K., Gr.6            |
|         | - Mrs. Barnes, Ed. Assistant |
| Sunday  | - Christi O., Gr.7           |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** As we begin 2017, may we experience and share God's love and grace within and beyond our community. We thank God for the blessings He provides so abundantly.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Yetty VanWarby, our Kg-B educational assistant, with the death of her grandmother this past weekend. Though we love the Christmas break, it is also a time when our losses are very apparent. May God give strength and comfort for those who mourn.

**Welcome:** There are a few new faces at WCS today. We welcome Keira in grade 3. We also welcome Angeline VanderBoom who will be taking on the new WCS bookkeeper position. Lucille will be transitioning out of her finance responsibilities but will continue as our administrative assistant.



# WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## 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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**Transportation Matters:** One bus is retired for a time due to engine failure. Our spare bus is on the road which means if we have difficulty with any of our buses, we will be calling on parents to bring/pick up their children. 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 on snowy and wintery roads bus routes may take a little longer or begin slightly earlier.

**Christmas Thanks:** For all of you who blessed our staff with cards, candles, gifts, delicious baked goods, candy, chocolate, and other food treats, a big THANK YOU. It is good to partner with you as we grow our children in the knowledge of God and his creation. Thank you for showing your love through gifts and words of encouragement and appreciation.

**Foster Child:** We will begin collecting again for Lousca this week Friday. Thank you for your continued support! Grade 1B

**Electives: We Need Your Help:** We hope to begin our electives for 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning February 8 from 2:10 to 3:30. We are looking for volunteers to lead/help lead our electives and are interested in hearing from anyone who desires to work with our Junior and Intermediate students for the 5 weeks. If you have an activity idea, and/or wish to lead/help lead an elective please email [g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca).

**From Mrs. Bulthuis, The Learning Place:** Happy New Year! Thank you for all the ways you support and care for me! December was a month full of blessings with many kind cards, words of encouragement, and gifts for both my birthday and Christmas. Thank you! I pray the Lord will also bless all of you richly. Now that we are back at school, I encourage you to get back into the routine of reading regularly with your children. Book bags (grades 1, 2 and 3) are due back to school tomorrow (Tuesday) so they can be updated with new books and sight words. Reading at home makes a huge difference!

**Spirit Wear:** The final spirit wear items have been distributed today! Thank you to Michelle Smith from G&L Printing for filling this large custom order! Please contact Dawn Streutker ([admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca)) if you are still missing any items from your order! Thank you.

**Chix with Sticks:** We start again this Friday @7:30 PM. Please join our group of ladies for a game of indoor ball hockey. Indoor non-marking shoes are a requirement! \$5/game. If you have questions please contact Dawn Streutker ([admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca)). See you there.

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** Thank you to all those who made it out to our practice over the holidays! Your time and dedication were greatly appreciated and I have already begun to see your skills develop. This week we will have 2 after school practices. Please ensure that you are here to pick your daughter up at 4:45 Tuesday and Thursday. Also, please let me know if you are able to drive to our away games beginning next week. Mrs. Schuster

**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: [ccrenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:ccrenkema@hotmail.com), 519-535-8969 or message me on Facebook!

**J.K. / S.K. - A:** Welcome to the first week of school in 2017! This month we are talking all things WINTER, lots of fun stories, experiments and activities. Our January calendar will be coming home with your child today. This week JK will focus on the letters Q and G. SK's sight words this week are his, that. If you have any clear or large opening containers that we could use could you please sent them to school this week. Thanks.  
Wednesday - library  
Thursday - Sub lunch

**J.K. / S.K. - B:** Happy New Year! Welcome to a new cold week. Happy Birthday to Peter who celebrated his birthday over the holidays. May God bless you in the coming year, Peter. Please remember snow pants and mittens. Thank You for all the beautiful gifts and the Christmas greetings! There are still a few people who have not connected to See Saw. This is a great opportunity to get a peek into our learning. Watch for a new email. We will begin our novel study of Red is Best. In creation studies, we will be learning about toys and how they work. For this week's show and share, please bring in a toy. Have a great week.  
Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - Show and share a toy.

**Grade 1A:** Happy and Blessed New Year to you! I pray that you enjoyed this time away from the routine and are ready to start a new month and new year!  
Spelling Words: Check grey folders for new list of words on Friday, to be quizzed next week Friday.  
Tuesday - Library  
- Gym  
Wednesday - Show & Share: Lucas B., Kurtis Y.  
Friday - Gym  
- Bible Notebooks home: please return on Monday/Tuesday

**Grade 1B:** Welcome to a brand new year! I hope and pray that you had a restful and wonderful holiday and are ready to begin the next phase of our schooling. A HUGE Thank You goes to everyone for all the amazing gifts! You made each day very special with the 12 days of Christmas. Look for our January

calendars, spelling lists and reading logs in your child's VIP Folder today. Thank you to those who returned their reading logs already! Next week I will be sending home our new reading folders. Please watch for these.

Monday - New Year Chapel 8:30 am  
- See VIP Folder  
Tuesday - Library  
Thursday - Sub Day  
Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 2:** Welcome back to a new year of school! I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the year 2017. This week we will work on our reading stamina for Daily 5 since we have had a long break. We will begin our unit on Poetry and try our hand at writing our own this month, in Creation Studies we will be studying our community and how we are all necessary parts of it. Keep your ears open for information about our poetry meet (probably in February). We will continue on with our math unit on addition and subtraction. This week we will celebrate Mrs. Barnes' birthday!

Monday - Gym  
Tuesday - Library  
- Return Reading Calendars  
Wednesday - Gym  
Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Happy New Year and welcome to a new week! We welcome Keira back to our class. May you feel at home at your new school. We are excited about starting the Space unit in Creation Studies.

Monday - New Year's Chapel  
- Phys. Ed  
Wednesday - Library  
- Phys. Ed.  
Thursday - Sub Lunch  
Friday - Mem. Work: 1 Peter 1:3-5  
- Spelling Test: List 12

**Grade 4:** Welcome back to school grade 4! I pray that you all had a relaxing and blessed holiday. Belated happy birthday to Julia. We hope you had a great birthday during the holidays.

Monday - Duncan  
- Music  
- Celebrate Julia's birthday!!

Tuesday - Eden  
- Phys. Ed.  
- Library: remember your books

Wednesday - Erin  
- Music

Thursday - Esther  
- Phys. Ed.  
- Sub lunch

Friday - Evyn  
- Memory work: Psalm 27: 1-3  
- Spelling test  
- Buddy activity

Next Mon. - Gabriel

**Grade 5:** Welcome back to school, and welcome to 2017! I hope you've enjoyed a fantastic break; I definitely have. Swimming lessons start this week: Every Tuesday for 9 weeks, from 1-2 pm at Southside Aquatic Centre in Woodstock. Students need to bring their swimsuits and towel every Tuesday morning, and take them home at the end of the day. If you are free on Tuesday and are able to help me out by supervising in the girls' change room each week, let me know.

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Monday - Phys Ed: bring gym strip.

Tuesday - Swimming lessons from 1-2 pm: Swimsuit and towel required.  
- Music: Bring recorder.

Wednesday - Phys Ed: bring gym strip.

Thursday - Music: bring recorder.  
- Math-Data Management Quiz: range, mean, median, & mode.

Friday - Memory Work: Jeremiah 30: 18-19.  
- Spelling: Lesson 15 workbook and test.  
- Social Studies-Government Quiz: Authority & Levels of Government.

**Grade 6:** I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. It is the year of the Lord, 2017! Thank you for your cards, thoughts, prayers, and gifts. This week we will continue our research for our chosen state, and will be researching for our chosen speech topic. If anyone sees a good deal on kleenex boxes, please keep our class in mind as we need to restock; have your child bring them in anytime.

Thursday - Math Quiz: Work this week: geometry terms and concepts

Friday - Spelling test: Unit 15 (book due and test)  
- Speech: 1st draft of introduction

**Grade 7:** Welcome back to school! I am excited for the learning and growing, in God's care, that will occur over the next months. Grade 7 students will host our New Year's chapel this morning. Bible memory work is Deuteronomy 6:5-7. Sub lunch on Thursday. Spelling test on unit #16 on Friday. Students will not be required to complete a book report for January. We will be studying the novel Bifocal. Students are required to read 1 chapter of Bifocal each night Monday to Thursday. This week students are required to read chapters 2-5 (chapter 1 will be read

today in class).

**Grade 8:** Welcome back, and Happy New Year! May you all experience God's richest blessings in the year ahead. Please pray for us as we enter into this new calendar year, pray that we would all experience how God is over all, through all, and in all. This week we have the opportunity to share God's love at the Soup Kitchen here in Woodstock.

Monday - Soup Kitchen Group 1

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

Wednesday - Soup Kitchen Group 2

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

Friday - Soup Kitchen Group 3

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January	9	New Year's Chapel (8:30)
	11	Staff Meeting - 7:15
	12	Sub Day
	13	Chix with Stix
	17	Board Meeting
	18	Prayer Group
	19	Pizza Day
	27	Early Dismissal - 1:30 Staff PCL - 2 p.m. Chix with Stix
	30	Basketball Tournament

#### **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