

January 9, 2018

**It's A New Year**

It's a brand new year! Wishing you God's blessings, strength and grace as you journey through this year. Whether you are about to walk through the greatest year of your life, or the most challenging, God's word and promises hold true. Read these words from Romans 12 from 'the Message'. This is what Faith in Action looks like:

*Take your everyday, ordinary life your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you....Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.... keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; ... Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply.*

Faith in Action: Be a hero for God this year.

C. Verbeek



Monday - Cora B., Gr.6

Wednesday - Hayden K, Gr.7

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** As we begin 2018, 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 and for the time of renewal and refreshment we had through the break. We pray for Judy (bus driver) and Harry Benjamins as Harry experienced a heart attack on Christmas Day. He is home recovering from heart surgery. Our prayers go out for the Greenwood family as they support a very ill parent, and to other families who are experiencing challenges. Please pray for safety for our buses as we are in the heart of winter driving conditions.

**Christmas Thanks:** For all of you who blessed our staff with cards, delicious baked goods, candles, gifts, candy, chocolate, and other gifts and 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.

**Welcomes & Good-byes:** There are a few new faces at WCS today. Welcome to the Klingenberg family - Luke (grade 2B), Hannah (grade 1A), and Emma (JK). We pray that you and your family will soon feel part of the WCS community. Welcome back to Isaiah VanWyk and family who are back from their time in Mozambique and South Africa! We look forward to hearing about your experiences there. We have said good-bye to Rachel and Hyun Kim, and to EmmaRose Saarloos who have transferred to other schools, and to Mrs. Barnes who has taken on other employment. We wish you God's rich blessings. We welcome to our staff, Joleen Mulder, our new Advancement & Communications Director for WCS. Please note that Mrs. Koopman's office time is now shared with Mrs. Dawn Streutker who will be in charge of the front office on Mondays for the remainder of this school year.

**Child Cognition Lab:** The University of Waterloo will be conducting their annual Child Cognition Lab at WCS on Wednesday January 10th in the morning.

**WCS Electives:** We hope to begin selection for the elective activities for our junior and intermediate students this week. Electives begin on Wednesday, February 7, and run for five weeks until March 7, 2018 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30. 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](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know.

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** Thank you to those who came out to our practice during the break! It was a great opportunity for us to work on some skills and plays. Our season begins this week! I am in need of some drivers for the various games that we will be attending. Please let me know what date you can drive, and how many students you can you take. Look for an email from me regarding various games and practices.

**Learning Place:** Happy New Year! Thank you for all the Christmas wishes and gifts I received before the break. It is truly an honour and blessing to partner with all the Learning Place families! I pray God will bless your families in 2018. Just a reminder that book bags (for students in grades 1-3) are due every Tuesday. Try to get back into the daily routine of spending a few minutes every night reading to and with your child. Reading at home is one the best ways you can help your child do better in school. Raz-Kids accounts are still active; please let me know if you are no longer interested in this online reading resource or if you have any questions about how to use it. Thanks! ~Mrs. Bulthuis

**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 on snowy and wintery roads bus routes may take a little longer or begin slightly earlier. If you have not signed up for the REMIND system for instant updates, please check in with our office staff.

**Thursday February 1 at 7:45 pm is Kindergarten Information Evening.** Please share this date with any friends or family that you think would be interested to learn more about Woodstock Christian School. We will have a few different speakers, a power point presentation from our JK teacher, and will end the night with a tour of the school. If you have any questions please email [admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca).



**WOODSTOCK**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Kindergarten Information Evening**  
Join us on Thursday, February 1st 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 a tour, or book an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

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**Early Dismissal:** Please note that MONDAY, January 29th is an early dismissal day. Our school day will finish at 1:30pm and students will board the buses at that time. Teachers will gather for their Professional Learning Communities sessions following dismissal.

**Mark Your Calendars!** 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 will be available at the WCS office in the New Year! Please contact Megan Booy with any questions.

**Junior Kindergarten:** Welcome back to our first week in 2018! I hope you all had a great break and are ready to continue learning together. First we want to welcome Emma to our class we hope you and your family quickly feel at home at WCS. Also we welcome Ms. Body to our class as our EA at various times through out our day. Our January calendar will be coming home today please take a look at it and read the January letter on the back for some updates, changes and new adventures.

Wednesday - Library day

Thursday - Sub day

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to 2018! We thank God that He has lead us safely through 2017. We pray for that continued blessing in 2018. We are ready for term 2. It is going to be very snowy and wet, but we do love playing outdoors. Please send dry socks and mittens on these days. We wish Alana a very Happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday during the holidays. Have a blessed year, Alana. Thank you all for your expressions of love and support at Christmas. Please watch for January calendar coming home today. Also new this term are our writing books. Please see the inside cover for instructions. Our literacy study this week will be Red is Best. In Math, we will begin learning about different measurements. Please follow our calendar for show and share topics. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Sub Day

- show and share: free choice

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to a brand new year! I hope and pray that the year 2018 will bring you many wonderful and amazing things! Welcome to Hannah and her family! We hope and pray that you will soon feel a part of our community here. Happy birthday to Hannah (who celebrated at the beginning of December) and Markus (who celebrated over the weekend). We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always.

Monday - SNOW DAY!

Tuesday - See VIP Folder

- Library Day

- Reading folders due

Wednesday - Return VIP Folder

Thursday - Sub Day

Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 1B/2B:** Happy and Blessed New Year! Welcome to

January. We have some exciting activities happening in class this week. Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

Monday - New Year's Chapel

Tuesday - Gym

- Library

Wednesday - Show & Share: Lauren & Peter

Thursday - Sub Lunch

Friday - Gym

- Spelling Quiz

**Grade 2A:** Welcome back to school and to a new year, 2018! I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the next few months of grade 2. This week as we adjust back to school we will re-build our reading stamina for Daily 5. We will begin our poetry unit as in a couple of weeks you will be picking out your poem for our poetry cafe. We will begin a new Bible unit on prayer and will begin a new math unit later this week on Data Management and Probability. Please bring back your December reading calendar this week.

Monday - New Year's Chapel @8:30

- Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Sub Day

Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Welcome back to a new year and a new week of school. It is our prayer that God will continue to guide us as we learn and grow in 2018. We will be starting a Math unit on multiplication and division. In Creation Studies we will discover "Forces Causing Movement". We will continue reading "Sarah, Plain, and Tall" using literature circles. Students are encouraged to sign up for the "Mystery Game" intramurals.

Wednesday - Library

- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Sub Lunch

Friday - Mem. Work: Sons of Jacob

- Spelling Test: List 12

**Grade 4:** Welcome back to school and to 2018! I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing holiday.

Monday - Emily D

- Music

Tuesday - Emma

- Phys. Ed.

- Wednesday - Library: remember your books
- Jaron
- Music
- Thursday - Jeremy
- Sub lunch
- Math test: Division
- Phys. Ed.
- Friday - Josiah
- Memory work: Psalm 27:1,2
- Spelling test
- Buddy activity
- next Mon. - Justin

days as we get back into school routines and work hard! This Friday we are heading to Caressant Care for our visit, an email is going home requesting some parent support for the walk to and from Caressant Care in Friday afternoon.

- Tuesday - New Year Chapel (hosted by Grade 1/2)
- Phys. Ed. (bring Gym clothes)
- Music (bring instruments)
- Wednesday - Soup Kitchen Helpers
- Thursday - Phys. Ed. (bring Gym clothes)
- Music (bring instruments)
- Spelling Work is due/also Spelling Quiz
- Friday - Math Quiz
- Caressant Care Visit

**Grade 5:** Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed some time off with your family. We are now well into the 2<sup>nd</sup> term and we have a lot happening in the next couple of months, such as swimming lessons starting this week, another round of MAP testing towards the end of January, speech writing and rehearsing, and electives each Wednesday afternoon throughout February and March. If you have any costume/clothing for Biblical characters please bring them in as we'll be performing our little Bible tableau/skit in class this Thursday or Friday. Here's this week in terms of homework:

- Monday - Snow Day
- Tuesday - Music: bring recorder
- Wednesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Thursday - Music: bring recorder
- Friday - Swimming: Bring swimsuit and towel
- Science Quiz: Respiratory System (see highlighted notes)
- Spelling: Lesson 17 of workbook + spelling test
- Memory Work: Psalm 23:1-4 (NIV)
- Language Arts Skills Pack #10: Similes

**Grade 6:** Happy New Year! Welcome back to the new year of 2018! Thank you for your cards, thoughts, prayers and gifts over the holidays. We wish God's blessings on Rachel as she has moved to another city and is beginning a new school this week! This week we are trying to finish our novel study.

- Thursday - Math Quiz: work this week (definitions, angles, and protractor use)
- Friday - Spelling: Unit 16 test and book due
- Ensure that all literature assignments are completed and done well.

**Grade 7:** Students will be bringing home December work folders and the January newsletter this week. Students should be thinking about and deciding on topics for speech writing and science fair.

**Grade 8:** Welcome back! First, I want to extend my thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas celebration, if you contributed by bringing in treats, or contributed to the very nice class gift, or if you gave me a gift personally, thank-you all so much! I am looking forward to the coming

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

- January 10 Staff Meeting
- 11 Sub Day
- 16 Board Meeting
- 17 Prayer Group 8:30
- 25 Pizza Day
- 29 Start of MAP Testing
- Early Dismissal (1:30)
- February 1 Theme Chapel
- JK/SK Info Evening
- 7 Staff Meeting
- Electives
- Prayer Group
- 8 Sub Day
- Registration Day

### **SONG OF THE MONTH:** Walk By Faith

I can't hold the world in my hands  
 but I believe in the One who can  
 I don't know what the future will bring  
 But I believe You have a plan for me  
 And even when I can't see You know that I still believe  
 Because I know everything You say is true  
 I know I can always trust in Your never ending love  
 That You're always gonna see me through – Yeah

#### Chorus

I'm gonna walk by faith, no matter what comes my way  
 and stand on Your promises  
 You are faithful and true everyday so I will walk by faith

Repeat verse

Chorus 2 x

Every step I take every single day  
 I'm gonna walk by faith, I'm gonna walk by faith  
 Every move I make I will not be afraid  
 I'm gonna walk by faith, I'm gonna walk by faith

Chorus 2x

Title: Walk by Faith

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