

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

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Setting Goals

As we enter into term three at Woodstock Christian School, the grade 8 students have all set SMART Goals to help monitor their growth in learning. In the week before March Break, the class discussed and collaborated to develop a 'Goal Bank'. These were a few ideas which acted as a springboard for students to use as a starting point in setting their own personal goals for this term. The word SMART is actually an acronym that we use to help work through the process of goal setting. The acronym stands for the following:

- S** - Specific
- M** - Measurable
- A** - Action-Oriented
- R** - Realistic
- T** - Timely

It is important when setting a goal that students have an opportunity to reflect on the process of meeting their goal throughout the term. In our classroom, we have regular conferences with peers as well as with the classroom teacher to monitor progress on goals that have been set and to hold each other accountable to the goals as well.

This term we have actually created a class-wide goal as well, which I am really excited about. We discussed in class that it is easy to move into coasting mode during term three, especially in Grade 8, when graduation is just around to corner. As a class we all agreed that the class-wide goal for term three is going to be: "We can maintain a strong learning environment." We will have this goal posted in our classroom and it will act as a constant reminder that we are going to strive to finish this school year well.

The purpose of goal-setting in grade 8, is to begin to help students understand that when they set a goal, it can be accomplished and we can celebrate the success of achieving our goals. As I write this I am reminded again of our school theme from Hebrews 12:1, 2; *"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."*

We are all running a race that is marked out for us and this takes perseverance, setting goals helps us persevere when it gets hard. When we have goals that are specific, measurable, action-oriented, realistic and timely they help us live our lives with purpose.

Mr. T. Schaafsma, Grade 8 Teacher



- Tuesday
 - Emily D., Gr.4
 - John R., Gr.2A
 - Kurtis Y., Gr.2A
- Wednesday
 - Mr. A. Hiemstra, Gr.5 Teacher
- Friday
 - Eden V., Gr.5
 - Nicole W., Gr.1A

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests: I, Natalie Van Anandel, am so thankful to God for his gift to my family this March Break. My daughter and son-in-law had a healthy baby boy, Sebastian! He was born on March 16! Praise God!

Welcome back for Term 3: We hope you had a relaxing and refreshing March break. We are entering the home stretch of our school year with lots of learning and activity planned for the next few months.

Learning Place: Welcome back to school. It's Tuesday already! Did your child remember his/her Learning Place Book Bag today? If not, please ensure it is sent to school tomorrow so it can be updated with new sight words and books. I am encouraging the students to finish out the year well by making it priority to spend 10 minutes every night on these activities. Regular reading at home makes a big difference! Please let me know if you have any questions about your child's Learning Place report card and/or if you would like to meet with me (t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca).

Oliver Twist is coming to WCS! Rehearsals are ongoing both during and after school, the set is being designed and built, plans for gathering costumes and props are coming together. Make plans to come and see the production. Get ready to jump back in time to the streets of Old England! Did you know... The Poor Law (Amendment) Act of 1834 in Great Britain, otherwise known as the 'New' Poor Law, established the workhouse system. Charles Dickens was disgusted by Parliament. Before becoming a successful novelist, he had worked as parliamentary reporter. He had watched politicians at very close quarters, rapidly taking down their speeches word for word in shorthand notes, and then transcribing them for daily newspaper reports. He had listened carefully to many debates, and he was sickened by the attitudes MPs expressed towards their fellow human-beings. When Dickens planned and penned Oliver Twist, new legislation was just beginning to be implemented across the country. (source: www.bl.uk)

Oliver Twist - Costumes: Please remember to bring in your costumes by Friday this week. When you bring them in please give them to Mr. H, Miss Kiers or Mrs. Horinga and we will store them here at school for you. If you are still having difficulty finding things please let one of us know right away and we will see how we can help. Thank you for your work thus far!

Electives: Thanks to all the leaders and helpers for ensuring that the elective program was successful. We appreciate your help! Reimbursement for the missed skiing week will occur shortly.

BAZAAR BOTTLES: Back by popular demand, it's time to make your Bazaar Bottles! Fill a 2L Pop or Juice Bottle with your favorite candy, toys, pencils or surprise items worth \$5! The best decorated will win a prize! Must be in by Thursday April the 5th to be a part of the judging!

Badminton practices start tomorrow after school. The tournament will be held on Saturday May 5th. Your child will be expected to find their own way to LDCSS. If there is a conflict, please let either Mrs. Schuster, Mr. Schaafsma, or Mme. Sikma know by Wednesday (tomorrow) morning. We are excited about the turnout and look forward to a great season.

Wolfie's Adventure: Did you take any pictures of Wolfie during March Break? We are trying to give our school mascot "Wolfie" some great experiences and get pictures of him on as many adventures as possible. Please send in your pictures to admissions@woodstockchristian.ca so we can add them to our adventure board!

SPRINGFEST UPDATE! Our Springfest is just around the corner! - SATURDAY APRIL 7th is fast approaching! It's the highlight of the year for so many people! We can't wait to share it with you! Look for the flyer coming home this week! Here's a few ways on how to get involved....

Donations: Take a peak in the school lobby for our donation board. On it are several items we need throughout the day. Each item you donate is one less item we need to purchase. Bring all items to school as soon as you can. If it requires refrigeration, please let the office know so we can put it in the proper place.

Silent Auction: We are collecting NEW and UNUSED items for our silent auction. Please bring them to the office as well. Please make all items Spring and Summer related.

Volunteers: To sign up please see the attached link to help us for the big day of Springfest. Please pass it on to all your friends and family as well. Grandparents and extended family, teenagers needing volunteer hours - we take them all! We

need over 200 volunteers on this big day! Click here now: <http://signup.com/go/jMzpWJD>

New this year! *Little Tracks Petting Zoo!* We are excited to have some new furry friends come visit- alpaca, goats, sheep, chickens and ducks! Included in the Kidzone All you Day Play!

Mini Stick Hockey Tournament: Gather your team or drop in for a short game challenging your friends! Tournament style goes from 12-2, with challenges to win prizes through out the day! 3 on 3 Mini Stix games! Open play to start the day and then don't forget to register your team in the morning for the tournament in the afternoon! More details coming home soon! **NEEDED:** donations of equipment to run the game would be fantastic. We are looking for used helmets (with face guard), mini sticks, knee pads, gloves. Please contact Dawn Streutker if you have any items to donate! Thank you!

Easter Weekend: These are the last weeks of Lent with next week being Passion week in which we remember the events which led up to Jesus death on the cross and his resurrection, as promised and prophesied, on the third day. Please join us next Thursday at 830am for our Good Friday/Easter Chapel. WCS will be closed on Friday March 30 and on Monday April 2nd.

Grass Cutting: This is the time of year when the Property and Building Committee is requesting tenders for grass cutting. If you are interested, please email g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca for more information.

Special Assembly - April 5 @ 8:30 a.m. The VanWyk family will be sharing about their time in Africa. Come and hear how they experienced God in their lives and in those they met.

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome back to a short week. I hope you all had a restful break and are ready to continue learning in Term 3! Please remember to sign and return your child's report card envelope asap.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Pizza day

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to term three. We will have an exciting, great, last term. For show & share, please bring in a sign of Spring. Please return report card envelopes. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Show & Share

Grade 1A: Welcome Back!! I hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing break and are ready to finish this school year off strong! Happy Birthday to Nicole who celebrates later this week! We hope and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. Thank you to all those who already returned their report card envelopes. If you have not yet done so, please sign and return this week. Continue to practice your passage for the Easter Chapel. These DO NOT need to be memorized.

Monday - Last Day of Spring Break

Tuesday - Library

- Reading Folders Due

- See VIP Folder

Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 1B/2B: Welcome back to school! We have another 4-day week ahead of us. Continue to work on our Memory Work for this month. We will be sharing it next week Wednesday Check your emails for a look at what is going

on in our class!

Tuesday - Gym

- Library

Wednesday - Show & Share: Ethan & Maylina

Thursday - Pizza Lunch

Friday - Spelling Quiz

- Gym

Grade 2A: Welcome back from March Break! I hope you are refreshed from sleeping in, hanging out, and rejuvenated by all of the sunshine that we have been having! Today we had a quick review of adding double digit numbers, we will now be moving on to subtracting double digit numbers. We are continuing to learn about Jesus' last week on earth as Easter is approaching. We will also continue to learn about the English language as we enjoy reading Amelia Bedelia books.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Pizza Day

Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week and the third term.

Time sure is flying! We will continue the math unit on measurement as well as daily practice on times tables. We have begun a novel study on Charlotte's web. In Creation Studies we are studying Engineering. Please return report card envelopes this week.

Wednesday - Library

- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Pizza Lunch

- Bible Test: Unit 8 Moses and the Exodus

Friday - Mem. Work: Nehemiah 9:11-12

- Spelling Test: List 21

Grade 4: Welcome back to learning and term 3! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable March Break.

- Tuesday - Jaron
- Happy birthday, Emily D.!!!!
- Library
- Phys. Ed.
- Wednesday - Jeremy
- Music: bring your recorder
- Thursday - Josiah
- Pizza lunch
- Phys. Ed.
- Friday - Justin
- Memory work: 1 Corinthians 13: 8-10
- Spelling test
- Buddies
- Monday - Lydia
- Music: bring your recorder

Grade 5: Welcome back! I hope you and your children had a great March break and are feeling refreshed and ready for term 3. We have 3 more swimming lessons scheduled: one for today, one for Thursday, and the last one on Monday. In science class we'll continue learning about forces acting on structures, in social studies, we'll continue learning about medieval times. We start our new Jump Math books today (JM 5.2), looking at patterns and algebra. A reminder for students to bring their agendas every day, and for parents to look at the their child's agenda each evening to keep an eye on any homework assigned. I look forward to more sunshine and warmer weather as spring quickly approaches! It's starting!

- Tuesday - Music: bring recorder
- Physical Education: bring gym clothes
- Swimming lessons: bring swim suit
- Wednesday - No homework due
- Thursday - Music: bring recorder
- Physical Education: bring gym clothes
- Swimming lessons: bring swim suit
- Friday - L.A. Skills Book, pages 10-14 due
- Spelling Workbook and Test, Lesson 27
- Memory work: Proverbs 3:5-6

Grade 6: Welcome back to a new term! Please return the signed report card envelopes this week so they can be utilized for the final term.

- Thursday - Science presentations are due: energy source
- Friday - Spelling: Unit 24
- Math Quiz

Grade 7: Welcome back to school and the beginning of term 3! Please return report card envelopes to school.

- Thursday - geography quiz: Climate Factors
- pizza lunch

- Friday - BMW Judges 7:15
- finish reading March novel

Grade 8: Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful March Break, and I am looking forward to Term 3, please pray for us as we transition back in to school and that we will work hard using the gifts God has given to us!

- Tuesday - Phys. Ed (Bring gym clothes)
- Music (Bring instruments)
- Wednesday - Library
- Thursday - Phys. Ed. (Bring gym clothes)
- Music (Bring instruments)
- Spelling quiz/Spelling work due
- Bible: Go Into All The World Presentations due
- Pizza Lunch

VanStraten Orders to be picked up on Thursday March 29th at the end of the day.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| March | 20 | Board Meeting |
| | 22 | Pizza Day |
| | 27 | Battle of the Books |
| | 29 | Easter Chapel (8:30am) |
| | 30 | Good Friday (no school) |
| April | 2 | Easter Monday (no school) |
| | 4 | Staff Meeting
Prayer Group |
| | 5 | Assembly (VanWyks)
Sub Day |
| | 7 | SpringFest |

SONG OF THE MONTH: By Faith
By faith I pray, by faith I praise,
by faith I obey and walk in God's ways
By faith I love, by faith I come
By faith I will trust in the name of Jesus.
By faith I believe in things I cannot see
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me
By faith I say there's a miracle around the bend
So I set my face against the wind, and live by faith

Repeat

I live by faith in the son of God who loves me
and gave his life for me

By faith I believe in things I cannot see
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me
By faith I say there's a miracle around the bend
So I set my face against the wind,
and learn once again to live by faith