

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

March 4, 2019

A Worker's Prayer

In the fall term, I introduced one of our theme songs for this school year, Before You I Kneel (A Worker's Prayer) by Keith & Kristyn Getty, focussing especially on the first verse of the song. Our students are learning this song, and to hear them sing it during Wednesday morning chapels is such a blessing! It gives me goosebumps every time. This song gets to the heart of what it means to walk and talk with God. Check out the third verse below. We are part of God's story and His greater plan and are reminded that we are His workers, using our hands and voices and minds for His purposes. When we become completely absorbed with our own task lists and our personal busy-ness, this song is a beautiful reminder that we have committed to living out the gospel of grace. As we finish second term, and head into the final stretch of the 2018-2019 school year, may what we do and what we choose bring glory to God's great name.

C. Verbeek

*Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;
Establish the work of our hands.
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom
In every small and great task.
May we live the gospel of Your grace,
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,
Then our lives will bring eternal praise
And all glory to Your great name.*

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| Monday | - Daniel H., Gr.1
- Cooper M., JK1 |
| Tuesday | - Julie N., Gr.6
- Riley D., JK1
- Caden D., JK2 |
| Friday | - Emilie S., JK1 |
| March 14 | - Emma Y., Gr.2B |
| March 15 | - Josiah D., Gr.5
- Desmond V., JK2 |
| March 16 | - Nahyun K., Gr.4
- Sarah D., Gr.3B |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Please continue to pray for our students and families. Some of our families are struggling with pain, illness, and ongoing challenges. Pray for strength for and that love may abound in our families. As we head toward and into March break, we pray for blessings for our break time, for safety and rest before we head into the final term of learning at WCS.

K is for Kindergarten: If you know of a family who is entering in to Kindergarten and is unsure if WCS is the right place for their child. Please let them know about K is for Kindergarten, it will give their child a chance to learn more about what a typical day of Kindergarten would be like. Please email admissions@woodstockchristian.ca if you have a family that you think might be interested.

Thank-you for participating: A big thank you to Mrs. Martin, all the students of the primary choir, and the primary teachers who attended Maranatha Church yesterday to sing for the congregation. Students, you did a great job participating in worship and praising God with your voices. Thank you, parents of these students for altering your Sunday plans to make these sharing events happen.

Grad Photos: Grade 8 students will have their formal graduation photos taken today, Monday, March 4th. There will also be a photographer present on graduation day in June.

Boys Basketball: The boys game missed last Monday due to the snow day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 26. This week's games: Monday, March 4 - WCS @ St. Patricks, Tuesday, March 5 - St. Jude @ WCS (no Wed game due to hockey tournament).

Sr. Girls Basketball: Welcome to another eventful week of games and practices. This week we have 2 games. Tuesday we are travelling to St. Patricks, and on Thursday we have a home game against Notre Dame. Please arrange to pick up your daughter at 4:45 both days.

WCS Electives: Our last elective is Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. Those in skiing should plan to be back at 6:00 p.m. Those in taekwon-do, this is a reminder that payment of \$12 is to go to Mrs. Verbeek or Mr. Hiemstra. Those in dance, soccer, and taekwon-do are to bring shorts, t-shirt, and indoor shoes with them to the venues. Those in Creative Art will need to bring in 1 empty apple juice can with the top off, anything that makes noise, and an old boot or shoe that you don't need again, for the craft on Wednesday. Thank you to those that led the electives this year. We appreciate your skills and your willingness to share your time with our students.

School Skating: On Thursday, March 7th, we once again will have a school skate. Students in SK-Gr.3 will skate from 1:15-2:10 pm, while older students will skate from 2:15-3:10 pm. A reminder that all those on the ice must be wearing skates, helmets and gloves. Come join us!

2nd Term ends - March break begins: It is almost that time of year again! Please note that 2nd term progress reports go home on Thursday, and March break at WCS will begin on Friday, March 8th and continue through Monday, March 18th. Students and teachers will be back at school on Tuesday, March 19th. Have a wonderful break!

Lost & Found: Please check our lost and found zone. It is filling up with gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters, and other items. On Thursday, any items left will make their way to one of Woodstock's thrift stores.

Springfest: Come One Come All! Please save the date for Woodstock Christian School's annual Springfest Bazaar event! It will be held on Saturday April 6 from 8am-2pm at the Oxford Auditorium. To see some of the exciting things happening at Springfest this year please check out our events page on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/events/236065800633648/> or on our website <http://woodstockchristian.ca/springfest.php>. We are currently looking for items for our silent auction or donations to the kitchen committee. Look for the donation board in the school lobby coming shortly. Donating towards this event will allow all funds raised to go directly back to the school. If you have any questions or ideas please contact Dawn Streutker (519-691-7066) or Joleen Mulder (519-788-3119). PLEASE SAVE your 2 Litre pop bottles and bring them to the office as we will need them for Springfest.

Learning Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: The grade 2 Learning Place group will have their spelling test on or words this Thursday. The list was sent home last week. Wishing you all a wonderful March Break!

Wednesday - Return book bags (gr. 1-3)
 Thursday - Gr. 2 spelling test
 - Gr. 6 math test

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to a new week. We want to wish a very happy Birthday to Cooper today, to Riley on Tuesday and to Emilie on Friday. May the Lord bless you all in the year ahead. Watch for reports coming home on Thursday and a letter about our sugar bush class trip on Thursday March 21. I wish you all a great Spring break. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library
 Thursday - Show and share a square
 Wednesday - March 20 return to school

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: We had a fantastic time learning at the London's Children's Museum last Thursday. The student's said their favourite areas were the caves, city life and fishing. A big thank you to all the parents who choose to come along. It is very much appreciated. We are celebrating Korianna's birthday today. We are finishing up our addition to ten unit this week. Please let me know if you are coming skating with us on Thursday 12:50-2:20, we would appreciate more parents. I hope everyone has a great March Break with their family.

Wednesday - Library
 - Sound Books
 Thursday - Report Cards come home
 - Sub Lunch
 - School Skate

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to March. It has come in like a lamb let's hope it goes out the same way. Thank you to the parents that were able to come to the Children's Museum on Thursday. We all had a great time.

This week: Letter: review; Sight word: review; Bible: The Golden Calf, The Tabernacle; Math: Length; Theme: Dr Sues.

Tuesday - Happy Birthday Caden
 Wednesday - Library
 Thursday - Sub Day
 - SK's skating in afternoon
 - Report Out

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: Welcome to the week before March Break! We are celebrating Daniel's birthday this week! We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. This week will be a busy week as we are not only finishing up assessments, but are also looking forward to skating on Thursday. Please remember that ALL skaters are REQUIRED to have helmet, skates, and

mitts before they will be allowed on the ice. We would love to have you join us on the ice!!

Monday - See VIP Folder
 Tuesday - Library
 Wednesday - Reading Folders
 Thursday - Spelling test
 - Sub Lunch
 - Skating
 - Report Cards go Home
 Friday - March Break!! (No School)

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to a new week! Thank you to all those who came to sing at Maranatha CRC yesterday - your participation was appreciated! We have another 4-day week ahead of us. Check your emails for a look at what is going on in our class!

Tuesday - Field Study to London Children's Museum!!
 Wednesday - Library {return ALL books!}
 - Show & Share: Noah Be & Markus
 Thursday - School Skating! {leave WCS @12:50...on ice from 1:15-2:05 - helmets, skates & gloves must be worn}
 - Report Cards go home
 Friday - Winter Break begins!!

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: We are excited to have made it to the week before March Break.

Wednesday - Spelling test (review past lessons.)
 Thursday - Sub Day
 - OASIS poem presentation (5 students)
 - Skating
 - Report Cards go home

Have a fantastic March Break!

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: Congratulation to those that performed well at the poetry meet last week! Congratulations to the group representing grade 3 and going to OASIS on Thursday: Kathryn, Kaitlyn, Cole, Landon, and Kyle. Remember to take your skates, gloves, and helmet for skating on Thursday. We will be concentrating on the 4x table this week. Students will need some review for our 2's, 3's, 5's, and 4's at home. I wish everyone a great March Break.

Tuesday - Bible test
 Wednesday - French vocab quiz
 - Math Test
 Thursday - OASIS group
 - Spelling Test
 - Skating
 - Report card
 - Memory work: Psalm 135:3,4

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to the first week of March! On Thursday afternoon we are going skating.

Remember to bring your skates, helmets, and gloves. I hope you will all have a relaxing and fun March Break!

- Monday - Devotions: Lucas
- Library
- Spelling test
- Tuesday - Devotions: Micah
- Wednesday - Devotions: Nicholas
- Music: bring recorders
- Math test: Division
- Electives
- Thursday - Devotions: Noah
- Memory work: Psalm 27:1,2
- Skating at 2:10 to 3:05
- Report cards coming home
- Friday - March Break: March 8-18
- March 19 - Devotions: Paige

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to a new week and the last week before March Break! I hope you enjoy your break and that your children will feel recharged upon returning.

- Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- No memory work due
- Spelling lesson 23: workbook and test
- Math quiz based on JM pages 174-180
- Friday - No school. March Break begins.

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. Congratulations to Abby, Esther, Katelyn, Katelyn, and Judah who will present their speech to the OASIS group. Send back the empty test envelope this week. Bring skates, helmet and gloves on Thursday. Have a great March Break!

- Tuesday - Library
- Music (instrument)
- Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Electives (last one)
- Thursday - Math Test: Unit 9
- Spelling Test: List 20
- Cereal Box Book Report due
- Sub Lunch
- Skating at Southwood Arena (2:10 - 3:05)

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:

- Monday - BMW Nicene Creed (half)
- Tuesday - PBL Sustainability (final work period)
- Wednesday - return all library books
- hockey tournament
- Thursday - skating
- sub day

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to our final week of school before March Break. Graduation Photos will take place today and we will be going skating at the Community Complex on Thursday, all students must wear helmets and gloves in order to participate.

- Monday - Grad Photos
- Phys. Ed.
- Tuesday - Music
- Wednesday - Math Quiz
- Electives
- Thursday - Oasis Speech Presentations
- Spelling work due/Spelling Quiz
- Skating
- Friday - March Break Begins/No School

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| March 6 | Prayer Group @ 8:30am
Hockey Tournament
Electives |
| 7 | Sub Day
Skating @ Community Complex
Report Cards |
| 8-18 | Winter Break |
| 19 | Back at school!
Board of Directors Meeting |
| 20 | Prayer Group @ 8:30am |
| 21 | Pizza Lunch |
| 26 | K is of Kindergarten |