

The Race Marked out for Us

It's that time again. Track & field day. Spring. Running and races. Journeys. Here's a passage from Hebrews that resonates at this time of year, but filled with wisdom for all of life. Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us: *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. For the joy set before him he endured cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne God.*

The Race Analogy: We all want our kids to press on toward the goal they make their way through life. When preparing your kids for this most important race, be sure to keep a few things in mind:

Training is essential - Paul reminds all of us to train yourself to be godly. Training needs to take place every day in every way. Look for opportunities to teach, model, and reinforce Gods incredible grace 24/7.

Cheer one another on - It's no accident that Scripture repeatedly implores us to encourage one another, build each other up (1 Thess 5:11), to carry one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). No one is meant to run this race alone.

Stay focused- Run with perseverance the race marked out for us

Finish strong- "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

Pass the baton - The greatest legacy we can pass onto the next generation is the Good News of Jesus Christ. Be sure to practice your handoff, over and over again!

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Carol Verbeek, Principal



- Tuesday -Jaxson Schipper., JK
- Thursday -Mrs. Jager., Bus Driver
- Friday -Emily Bentym., SK
- Saturday -Mrs. Bohner., EA
- Desiree Wall., Gr. 1
- Sunday -Annelies DeBoer., Grade 3

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner - Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and its needs, and for health and wellbeing. This week our prayers are for health. We are blessed with abundant resources and a generous health care system. Health issues occur in all of our families. Reach out and ask people how they are doing, offering a shoulder, a conversation, a meal when there is need. Please pray for the Wee Creations community as they are dealing with the recent death of one of their preschoolers and serious health issues for one of their teachers.

Parent Survey- We want to hear from you, our parents! You have received a link to an on-line WCS Parent Survey. This is a survey that we conduct regularly at WCS. We appreciate your feedback in areas such as curriculum, society matters, school atmosphere, and communication. Please complete the survey by Friday May 24th.

WCS @ the Victoria Day Parade -A HUGE thank you to all the students and parents who came and walked with the WCS float at the parade yesterday! You did a terrific job representing our school - Our mascot and other students did an amazing job of greeting and high five-ing the parade go-ers. It was a great morning! Thanks to our special volunteers for designing and driving the float.

Kindergarten for 2019-2020- Next year, kindergarten students will attend school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The Sonbeams program will be available on Mondays and Thursdays.

Crazy Hat Day- On Thursday May 23, WCS School Life team will host Crazy Hat Day. Students and staff are invited to wear a crazy hat for the day. Be creative, be zany and have some fun! Thanks for your participation! WCS School Life team

Share the Music Day- Join us on Thursday May 30 @ 9am for Share the Music Day. Grades 1-8 will be sharing some of their musical talents with us. Parents, Grandparents, friends, and other supporters please come watch this fun event.

Track & Field Day + Sign out process -Wednesday's forecast is for a breezy and coolish day. We recommend jackets, sunscreen, hats, and plenty of water. On Track & Field day we invite parents and grandparents to come and cheer for the children! Parents please note that the front door will be open and all other gates to the playground/outdoor space will be locked. As there will be many people coming and going throughout our building, sign in and out requirements for students are in effect. Students who go home with parents/caregivers after their Track & Field events are completed are required to sign out their children on the class lists in the school office. Our front office staff keep accurate attendance records and at the end of the day they will let teachers know the names of students who remain at school. Teachers will sign students out as they go home on the bus. Parents of students unaccounted for will receive a phone call to ensure their child(ren) are safe.



WCS Field Day Details: The excitement is building for Track & Field Day. Standards and school records have been posted for several weeks. Phys Ed classes have been training and practicing. High jump coaches have offered training during recess breaks. It's here!

This WEDNESDAY MAY 22nd (rain date Thursday May 23rd) we plan to have our Track & Field Meet (with the two long distance events 800m and 1500m to be held on Monday, May 27 at 8:40 a.m.). If for any reason we cannot have our meet on Wednesday, please check the website www.woodstockchristian.ca and have your children bring their lunches and books for regular classes. On Track & Field Day, our students will strive to meet our school standards which will allow them to win either a bronze, silver, or gold award. The data will be gathered and the standard ribbon given out later. First through sixth place ribbons will continue to be awarded for each event. The results of our local Track & Field day help us choose the teams that represent WCS in district action. Usually those who finish in the first two positions will be chosen for the school team, but many factors such as the results in another age group, or the number of events a student may enter also come into play. You are welcome to come and watch those events on Friday morning. A schedule is posted in the Parent Link to help parents plan to watch the events of their children. Please note that this year there will be an all school lunch break in the middle of the day. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather and for their events. Students should have sunscreen on prior to coming to school.

Track and Field Distance Running Date: The 1500m and 800m runs will be happening for grades 4-8 on Monday, May 27th at 8:40am. Please join us then, by the soccer field, to cheer on our runners!

Golf Tournament: Sign your team up for the golf tournament coming up on June 22 starting at 1pm. Email the office to sign up your team!

CODE Book and Bake Sale: On Wednesday May 29 Grade 7 will host a "book and bake sale" at WCS. Grade 7 is raising money to support a library in Liberia, Africa. CODE is a non-government organization that seeks to restore broken communities through literacy. For information on this organization you may go to the following website: <https://code.ngo/>. If you have books at home that family members are no longer reading you may donate the books to our sale. Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. Grade 7 students and Mrs. Racicot

Update your Police Check: A reminder to parents that Woodstock Christian School requires staff, volunteers, and parents who drive and/or accompany field trips and sports teams to file current police checks with the school office. If you (or a grandparent) wish to accompany your child on class trips that are happening this spring, a current police check must be submitted. See our office staff for a letter to take to your local police services. If you have submitted one previously, check in to find out if it is still valid.

Summer & WCS Dress Code: Now that the warm weather is with us, a reminder to check the Family Handbook for dress code in regards to shirts, length of shorts, and choice of footwear.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): The spring session of MAP testing finishes this week.

Lost & Found - Be sure to check out the Lost and Found area. There are some cold weather items as well as water bottles, gym wear, and lunch containers. Items will be brought to a thrift store at the end of this week.

Soccer Camp! - Do you like soccer? Do you value sportsmanship? There is a soccer camp happening at WCS: July 8-12, 8:30am-12:30pm, for girls and boys aged 9-13. Fundamental soccer skills taught; with a focus on teamwork and sportsmanship - all from a Christian perspective! Snacks, drinks and a jersey included. Please contact Axel at a.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca if you are interested.

Learning Place: Mrs. Bulthuis: Did you know there are only five weeks left before the summer holidays? That means it is time to begin booking end of year meetings with parents and teachers (and students). Please email or connect with me at school if you would like to have a meeting to discuss your child's progress, IEP, and transition to a new grade (t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca). Because Track & Field is on Wednesday, book bags will be updated this week Thursday.

Thursday: Book bags (gr. 1-3)

Senior Kindergarten: Well Field day is finally upon us. Be sure to have students wear sun screen, hats, sunglasses, running shoes, bring lots of water and snacks, and dress for the weather. At 1:30 we will be doing some afternoon fun activities with water for our SK's. We are practicing counting to 100 in class. If your child cannot count to 100 yet please practice at home. Happy Birthday to Emily this week! Check your email to respond to the farm visit on Monday

Wednesday- -Track and Field Day and 1:30 Fun Activities

Thursday- -Check sound books, Counting to 100 practice

Monday May 27- -Schaafsma farm visit 11:30-3:15

JK/SK: Welcome to a short but a fun filled week. Hope you all had a great long weekend. Keep up the reading for our service project. As a class we have read 17 books. Our goal is to reach 100 by the end of the month.

Wednesday: Track and Field Day- please apply sunscreen before school and send in if you would like reapplication.

Thursday: Guest speaker am: Mr Steve Van Ryswyk (from Ingersoll Public Works)

Grade 1: Welcome back from a beautiful long weekend! I trust you all had a chance to relax and are ready for a busy week this week as we begin the last 5 weeks of school. Check your email tonight for some important information regarding Track and Field Day happening tomorrow, as well as other things going on in our classroom this week.

Monday - Victoria Day (no school)

Tuesday - Library Day

Wednesday - Track & Field Day

Thursday - Reading Folders Due

Crazy Hat Day

Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 2: Welcome to another week!! We have Track & Field this week. Check your emails for a look at what is going on in our class.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Track & Field Day!

Thursday - Library

Friday - Phys. Ed.

Grade 2/3: Welcome to new week. Wednesday is our track and field day - please have your child dressed appropriately for outdoor athletic activities. Be sure they have plenty to drink and eat. If you are going to be taking your child home after their events please sign them out at the office before you leave. We will be introduced to a new spelling pattern this week but our spelling test will be next week Friday.

Wednesday - Track and Field day
Thursday - (rain date for Track and Field)

Grade 3: Thank you to all those who accompanied us to the Waterloo Region Museum last week as we learned about structures and pioneers. We appreciate your help. Tomorrow we have our field day. Ensure you are dressed for the weather including using sunscreen. Remember to be ready for Pioneer School Day on Thursday. See email sent home last week. If you have any questions let Mrs. Hickey know.

May 25: Spelling Test

Grade 4: Welcome to another week of learning, grade 4! I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend! Track and field is this week. I pray that the children will do their personal best and show great sportsmanship!

Tuesday- Devotions: Daniel
Wednesday- Track and Field Day
Thursday- Devotions: Julia
Friday- Devotions: Julie
 Memory work - Proverbs 2:8
 Buddies

Grade 5: Welcome to the 35th week of school this year- and a rather fun and interesting one at that! Would you by any chance have any costumes from ancient times? We need costumes and props for our Esther play/movie. Especially royal clothing, soldier/guard uniforms, swords, sandals, a throne, a scepter, etc. A longer list will be sent home soon. Each student will be required to bring their own costume, unless another student in the class can accommodate. We are excited about this project!

Monday - Victoria Day (no school)
Tuesday - Music: bring recorder. Physical Education: bring gym clothes (especially outdoor footwear).
Wednesday - Math Quiz: based on Jump Math pages 2
Thursday - Music: bring recorder. Physical Education: bring gym clothes (especially outdoor footwear).
Friday - High School day. Students in grades 5-8 will enjoy a day which simulates high school at London Christian High. Teachers from LCH will be coming to lead workshops such as science, art, and shop class.

Grade 6: Welcome to a new week. No spelling test this week. MAP testing concludes this week. A waiver is being sent home today to be signed for Circle Square Ranch. Please bring in \$25 for the trip. A reminder to finish a chapter book by the end of the month.

Tuesday - Library
 - Music (instrument)
Wednesday - Track and Field Day
Thursday - Music (instrument)
 - School Life Event: Crazy Hat Day
 - Electricity Project making (bring supplies)
Friday - Circle Square Ranch Trip (waiver needed)

Grade 7: Next week, Monday and Tuesday, students will be baking for the Book and Bake Sale on Wednesday. Thank you for your support in donating supplies and volunteering time in the kitchen.

Wednesday: Track and Field Day
Thursday: Crazy Hat Day
Friday: LCH Workshop Day @ WCS

Grade 8: Welcome back to a short week of school. Tomorrow is Track and Field Day, students are expected to participate, bring sunscreen and water. If parents are going to take students home early be sure to sign out in the front lobby before you leave.

Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)
Wednesday - Track and Field Day
Thursday - Music (bring instruments)
Friday - LCH Workshops at WCS

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

May

22 WCS Field Day (rain date May 23)
 30 Share the Music Day

June

3 Ascension/Pentecost Chapel
 5 Prayer Group @ 8:30am
 6 District Field Day (raindate June 7)
 7 New Student Visit Day
 14 Prof. Activity Day- no school
 18 Tribute to Grade 8 Assembly
 Graduation Ceremonies 8pm
 19 Prayer Group 8:30am
 Board of Directors Meeting
 19-21 Gr. 8 Camp Trip
 21 Report Cards
 Last Day of School- 1pm dismissal
 22 WCS Golf Tournament
 24 Staff Meeting
 25-26 Staff Work Days