

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

November 7, 2016

Last week, the Sr. Choir performed two beautiful songs at our bi-annual membership meeting. A HUGE thank you goes to the Sr. Choir, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Clifford for their hard work in preparing. The song that has stuck with me the most however, is "In Flanders Field". With Remembrance Day quickly approaching, we are preparing our hearts and minds to say "Thank You" to all those who served and continue to serve so that we can live a life of peace. Our thanks and prayers continue to go with them daily, as well as their families, as they sacrifice many things so that we do not need to live in fear. This Friday, we spend time remembering and honouring them with our Remembrance Chapel as well as a moment of silence. I encourage you to join us to remember them, as our Grade 8 class leads us in our chapel at 8:30 Friday morning.

E. Schuster

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields*

~ Lt. Col. John McCrae; May 3, 1915



Monday	- Marisa D., Gr.8 - Matthew T., Gr.6
Tuesday	- Ian V., Gr.3 - Liam S., Gr.6
Wednesday	- Matthew S., Gr.7 - Matthew D., Gr.7
Friday	- Brayden S., Gr.7 - Mrs. Davidson, Bus Driver
Saturday	- Makynlee V., Gr.1B
Sunday	- Katelyn M., Gr.4

Foster Child: It is with excitement and thanksgiving that we can announce that Lousca, our Foster Child from Mission to Haiti, has survived Hurricane Matthew and is doing well. Please continue donating as we work to ensure that she has all that she needs. Note: There will be no collection this week so that donations are not getting mixed up with Remembrance Day.

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Mark Your Calendars now for this annual event on Nov 18!!!

Plans are under way for our 21st Annual Fundraising Auction! The Silent Auction opens at 6 pm with *Silent Auction A* ending at 7:30 pm and *Silent Auction B* ending at 8:30 pm. *The Live Auction* begins at 7 pm in the WCS Auditorium.

We are **less than 2 weeks away!!!!** Please mark your calendars, line up your babysitter, invite your family, friends and neighbours, and plan to attend the event you don't want to miss! There will be an exciting live auction, hundreds of great items, and

delicious treats! Check out the **Facebook Event "Winterfest 2016"** for pictures of some of the items already donated.

We are so thankful for all the amazing items already donated but we would love to have more! If you still have a donation from your business contacts, please bring it into the office by tomorrow morning November 8th so it can be included in the auction booklet. This booklet will be available before the event, so you can plan your bidding! Any items received after Nov 8 but before Nov.18 will certainly be welcome and will be added to our supplemental list available the night of the event.

Hopefully all of the parents have been informed about the class gift baskets that are a huge addition to our auction. Each class has been asked to put together a themed basket (ex Gr 3 is a Baby basket). We would really appreciate if each child could bring in an item to contribute to their class basket in the next week. These baskets alone generate well over \$1,000 each year!!

Last year we set a goal of \$70,000 and we surpassed it by making \$90,000!!! So we have set our goal \$70,000 again this year!! We know this is a big goal again but with your help and lots of prayer we can reach it!! So please consider the businesses that you have a relationship with and approach them to make a donation! It is amazing what you receive when you just ask!!

Thank you for your commitment to the Winterfest Auction!

Remembrance Day: On Friday morning at 8:30, WCS staff, students and visitors will come together in the school gym for a time of commemoration and reflection, remembering the sacrifice so many people made for us to live in freedom. Many of our soldiers died while in service, while so many others were wounded and deal daily with the post-war trauma they now live with. We thank God for the country we live in and the peace we have, while thinking about and praying for so many who constantly live in places where the brokenness/pain of war is a daily reality.

Parents, grandparents, friends and community, you are all invited to join us for this assembly which will be hosted by the Grades 8 class.

At 10:30 the Grades 4 and 8 classes with their teachers will go to the cenotaph in Woodstock and join the community in their Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Each student will receive a poppy on Wednesday morning and is encouraged to bring in a donation which will be directed to the Canadian Legion to support veterans. Please be generous. We thank God for his blessings and earnestly pray for His peace in all corners of the world.

Senior Girls Volleyball: This week we have a home game today (Monday) and a game at St. Michaels on Tuesday after school. Please pick up your daughter at about 5:00 at WCS. Also if you are able to help drive please let Mrs. Horinga know. Our last game of the regular season will be on Tuesday Nov 15 at St. Patricks.

Boys Volleyball: Today we have an away game versus St. Patrick's. Players can be picked up at WCS at 5:15 p.m. We also have an away game versus St. Michael's on Wednesday, and I will need a driver for that game. Players can be picked up at WCS on Wednesday at 5:15 as well. There is no game or practice next Monday.

Student Safety: It is important as a school as well as parents and community that we provide a safe environment for our students and children. Safety has many levels and dimensions. Our Second Step (health) curriculum is designed to create learning about developing healthy relationships. We practice fire drills, tornado drills, and Code drills. Class circles and meeting are good places for students to discuss issues honestly and openly. The research indicates that learning is most likely to occur in a place and context in which children feel safe. Last week there was an incident in the East Oxford Public School busing community that prompted discussion about student safety. As a reminder and perhaps as a starting point for family discussions, here is a link to "25 ways to make kids safer"

(https://www.azag.gov/sites/default/files/sites/all/docs/child-family/25_ways_to_make_kids_safer.pdf).

BOOKFAIR 2016: The Woodstock Christian Book Fair is coming up again. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase books for your children and for gifts! The following merchants will be there at the sale: Christian Supplier, Scholastic, and Usborne Books. Profits made from the Book Fair go in support of the WCS library. This is a win-win for everybody! You can shop during the Parent-Teacher interview time slots. The dates for the Book Fair are: November 30 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM & December 1

from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The students will be able to look and see what is at the Book Fair, but the opportunity to purchase will only be available for parents.

Interested parents & students please join us for a DESSERT EVENING OPEN HOUSE at LDCSS. Families with students grades 5-12 welcome! Thursday, November 17, 2016 – 7-8:30 pm. Tour the school, meet teachers, and learn more about London District Christian Secondary School.

J.K. / S.K. - A: We are excited to be in the month of November already. Students in SK are focussing on beginning and ending sounds of words. We have begun to work on journal writing AND learning to read - it's pretty exciting! Our JK students are going to begin learning to print letters in their workbooks - Lot of exciting thing happening. Please remember to send in something to fill our "Arts and Crafts" auction basket. If you really can't get something fee free to send in a cash donation and I will fill it up.

Wednesday - Library

J.K. / S.K. - B: Welcome to new beautiful November week! This week are are focusing on the stories of Jacob and Esau and on Remembrance Day. Keep practising your letter sound books. For show and share, please bring in something about war. PLEASE contribute to our beverage basket. We have lots of hot chocolate. Some ideas are mugs, assorted coffee or teas, kettles, etc. Thanks. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - show and share

Grade 1A: Welcome to another week! Check your emails for an update on what is going on in our class this week. A reminder to continue sending in recipes and baking supplies for our combined Grade One "Holdiday Baking Basket" for the Winterfest Auction.

Tuesday - Library

- Gym

Wednesday - Show & Share: Isaac P. & Kathryn V.

Friday - Remembrance Day Chapel

- Gym

Nov. 14 - Dr. Seuss End-of-Unit Celebration Day!
(volunteers needed! Check your email for more information.)

Grade 1B: This week we celebrate with Makynlee who celebrates her birthday! We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. Thank you to those who have sent in a recipe as well as items for our baking basket. I am still missing many recipes, please send them in as soon as possible - they are due Tuesday Nov. 15th. Please continue practicing sight words and spelling words. If you are interested in having a set of our sight words at your home, please let me know and I will be happy to send home a copy. Also continue reading with your child. We have been working on blending our sounds together. All students will be provided with a poppy for our chapel on Friday morning, please send in a small donation for this.

Monday - See VIP Folder

- Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Friday - Spelling Test

- Bring Poppy Money

- Remembrance Day Chapel

Grade 2: Welcome to a new week! We will be continuing our unit on Robert Munsch during Daily 5. We will be starting a new unit in math on time, temperature, and money. Whole group singing practice has begun for the musical that we get to be a part of, it is fun to watch the students learn these songs!

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Friday - Spelling Test

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. A reminder to send in "baby" items for the Winterfest Auction basket.

Monday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Library

- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Mem. Work: Ephesians 2:8-10

- Spelling Test: List 5

- Remembrance Day

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week grade 4! Grade 4 is making a sports basket for the Winterfest Auction on November 18. Please send your donations to school this week or next. Thanks for the families who have already donated to the basket. Grade 4 will be travelling downtown to the Cenotaph on Friday, along with grade 8, to be part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies. Have a great week grade 4! "There is no greater than our God!"

Monday - Benjamin

- Bird project due

Tuesday - Cody

- Bible test: Judges

- Phys. Ed

Wednesday - Conner

- Math test: Addition and Subtraction

- Music

Thursday - Danika

- Phys. Ed.

Friday - Duncan

- Spelling test

- Remembrance Day: going to the Cenotaph

- Memory work: Our God is Greater by Chris

Tomlin

- Buddies

Sunday - Happy Birthday Katelyn!!!
 Monday - Eden

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week. Students have received some tests and larger assignments that have been marked. These tests and larger assignments have gone home (or should have already) for you to look over. Please put your signature on the top of each of them, and sign the envelope that they were in. (Instructions will be on the envelope). I'll be sending home the envelope each month from now on - that way you can keep tabs on how your child is progressing. On different note: The Gr. 5 class gift basket theme for this year is "Date Night". If you haven't already: Please bring in a gift that fits with that theme - it doesn't have to be super expensive, but we do need to try and fill the basket up (not just with gift cards). The Winterfest Auction is on Friday, Nov. 20th.

Monday - Phys Ed: Bring gym strip.
 Tuesday - Music: Bring recorder
 Wednesday - Phys Ed: Bring gym strip.
 - Daily Five: Jot notes for essay sorted. Essay outline due.
 Thursday - No homework
 Friday - Memory Work: Psalm 46:2.
 - Spelling: Lesson 08 Workbook due + Spelling Test.

Grade 6: Welcome back, grade 6! Our class basket for the Winter Fest is a candy/chocolate basket. Please bring in items these next two weeks for our "sweet" basket. I have booked a class trip on November 24th, and sent out an email about that. Please check your email and let me know if you didn't get it.
 Wednesday - Bible Unit # 2 Test (Study Review Sheets)
 Thursday - Math reTest (ensure you understand place value, expanded form, estimating, rounding, and order of operations: see last week's test)
 Friday - Spelling Test: Unit 8 (book due and test)
 - Bring in supplies for kite build

Grade 7: We have 3 great reasons to celebrate! Happy Birthday to Matt D. (Nov. 9), Matt S. (Nov. 9), and Brayden (Nov. 11)! Please continue to bring to school donations for the grade 7 Gift Card basket for the Winterfest Auction. On Wednesday, students will have a geography test on "changing patterns of climate". On Friday, students will have a lesson #9 spelling test and a math test on lessons 2.6-2.11. Students are working on their WCS character profile and do not have bible memory work this week.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week! It's so nice to see the donations being brought in for the Grade 8 Camping Themed Cooler, keep them coming! We will be going Tree Planting tomorrow afternoon from 1:45-3:15, please bring in a change of clothes and be sure to dress according to weather conditions. We are hosting the Remembrance Day Chapel on Friday, make sure you bring in any props or items needed, so we can fine-tune our presentation!

Tuesday - Gym (Bring Gym Clothes)
 - Music (Bring Instrument)
 - Tree Planting (Bring change of clothes)
 Wednesday - Math Quiz (Area on a Grid; Terms in Geometry; Measuring, Drawing, Classifying Angles; Angle Relationships)
 Thursday - Gym (Bring Gym Clothes)
 - Music (Bring Instrument)
 Friday - Remembrance Day Chapel (Grade 8 Hosting)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

November	11	Remembrance Chapel 8:30 Chix with Stix
	15	Board Meeting
	16	Prayer Group
	17	Pizza Day
	18	P.A. Day WinterFest Auction
	23	Staff Meeting
	25	Report Cards Chix with Stix
	30	Book Fair P.T.I.'s 4-6, 7-9
December	1	Sub Day Book Fair P.T.I.'s 4-6, 7-9
	2	P.A. Day
	7	Staff Meeting Prayer Group
	8	Christmas Tea

SONG OF THE MONTH: Our God

1. Water You turned into wine; opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, None like You
2. Into the darkness You shine; out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, None like You

Chorus Our God is greater, Our God is stronger
 God You are higher than any other
 Our God is healer
 Awesome in power our God our God

Bridge And if our God is for us then who could ever stop us
 And if our God is with us then what could stand against

Title: Our God

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