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WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 22, 2018

Why PBL (Project-Based Learning)?

"Project Based Learning can be transformative for students. By presenting students with a mix of choice and responsibility, cognitive concepts and practical activities, within an environment of real-world authenticity, projects engage students in learning that is deep and long-lasting." This quote comes from the website of The Buck Institute for Education (http://www.bie.org/about/why_pbl). This is one of the leading organizations that provides support and resources to educators who use the practice of PBL in their classrooms.

Over the past couple of months our Eighth Grade students have been engaged in two major PBLs, the Gaga Ball Project and more recently a Fractured Fairy Tale Project, which they have been working on in partnership with the Fourth Grade class. As an educator, I have been using PBL to some extent for as long as I have been a full-time teacher. Watching students engage in deep and long-lasting learning is very encouraging. However, knowing that we at Woodstock Christian School are able to provide these opportunities to our students from a faith-based perspective opens up so much more potential for students.

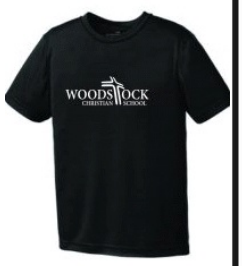
Our school-wide theme for 2018-2019 is "Walk with God and Talk with God", based on James 4:8, which says, "Come near to God, and he will come near to you". As we work to unpack what this means in our classroom this year, students are given the opportunity to apply this thinking to the real-world authentic learning that occurs in Project Based Learning. What a privilege it is for me to be used by God to serve Him at Woodstock Christian School!

Mr. Tony Schaafsma, Grade 8 Teacher

Monday	- Noah B., Gr.2A
	- Colton S., SK1
Wednesday	- Julian M., Gr.8
Thursday	- Mrs. Horinga, Gr.2/3 Teacher
Friday	- Ciara S., Gr.4
	- Tenley S., JK1
Sunday	- Anthony C., Gr.5

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Forward Drive: Continue to pray with us this week. As you enter the school you will see our prayer tree. Take a moment to write a prayer for our school, or a prayer that is on your heart and add it to our tree.
Please talk with your family, friends, and community about the Forward Drive. Let them know of the amazing things Woodstock Christian School has been up to and see if they are willing to donate to the Forward Drive. Help us reach our goal of $100,000!



Spirit Wear is back! If you are looking to add Woodstock Christian School clothing to your closet please go to www.spiritwear.glmerch.com/wcs and enter the password **wcsnov07**. There will be some samples in the school lobby which can assist with sizes. Please have all orders in by Nov. 7 to ensure you receive your clothing before Christmas. If you have any questions please email j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

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Woodstock Christian School

Presents...

Winterfest 2018

Mark Your Calendars now for this annual event on November 16!!!

Plans are under way for our 23rd Annual fundraising auction! The Silent Auction opens at 6 pm. The Live Auction begins at 7 pm in the WCS Auditorium.

Have you thought about a goods or service that you would like to donate? Or have you approached a business contact to donate something? We know from experience that a cold call by one of our canvassers is not nearly as successful as someone using their personal contact to approach a business to make a donation. If they know you, it is much harder for them to say no and the items donated are usually significantly better!!! If you have a company in mind to ask, please take a look at our master list of companies that have someone following up with them already so that these companies are not asked multiple times. This list is available in the school office.

Have you been thinking you would like to be involved in the organizing of this very exciting and successful event? The committee would love some extra help and needs people willing to take on the organization of the event for next year so getting involved now would be great experience.

This list is available in the school office or you can send Lisa Schaafsma an email (lschaafsma3@gmail.com) to check if the company is on the list.

Please drop off all donations to the school office by November 2nd in order to be included in the auction booklet. This booklet will be available before the event, so you can plan your bidding! Any late pledges or items will be added to our supplemental list available the night of the event.

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Winterfest 2018

Friday November 16th, 2018

Donation Form

Please return this form to the school office.

In order for items to be published in our Auction booklet, this form MUST be filled out and given to the school office by November 2nd . Forms submitted after this date will go on the supplemental list.

Donated Item/Service: _____

(if item needs explanation or more detail please attach supplemental instructions)

Donor: _____ Value: $ _____ ☐ receipt attached

Donor Signature: _____ E-mail: _____

Address/Phone: _____

Name/Contact Info of Canvasser: _____

Soccer Clothing for Lagosette Christian School (Haiti): As a part of our service learning project the Gr. 5 class is collecting soccer apparel for students at LCS in Haiti. It would help us out immensely if you could bring in any old soccer clothing that you/your family members don't need anymore, especially cleats! Please bring it to the Gr. 5 classroom or contact Mr. H at a.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca if you have any questions. Thank you!

Hot Wheels/Dinky Cars: As a part of our service learning project the Gr. 5 class is collecting hot wheels/dinky cars for the students of LCS in Haiti. It would help us out immensely if you could bring in any hot wheels/dinky cars that your family members don't need anymore, especially cleats! Please bring them to the Gr. 5 classroom or contact Mr. H at a.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca if you have any questions. Thank you!

Do you have a Bedazzler? A Bedazzler is a home appliance used to fasten rhinestones, studs and patches to clothes and other material. If anyone has one of these machines, could you let me (Axel Hiemstra) know? My Gr. 5 class will be decorating plain pencil crayon cases and sending them to Haiti as Christmas gifts for the children of Lagossette Christian School. I am also looking for fabric paint markers if anyone has those and is willing to lend out. Thanks! (a.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca)

Senior Girls Volleyball: The girls have been very competitive in their playing last week. Although we lost against Holy Family, we were able to win one match against St. Pats. The girls should be proud of their great teamwork. This week we only play on Tuesday; a home game against Monsignor O'Neil, please arrange for pick up around 5.

Boys Volleyball: Today after school we have a home match versus Notre Dame. Players can be picked up at around 5:00 today. On Wednesday we have an away match versus Trinity, and the team should be back at the school by 5:30 at which time they can be picked up. Next Monday, Oct. 29 we have a home game versus Monsignor O'Neil, and a home game on Tuesday, Oct. 30 against St. Michael's. Players can be picked up next week for both those matches at around 5:00. It is expected that players will wear their WCS gym uniform to games.

Soccer: After a few postponements, our Bluewater soccer tournament happened on Friday, October 19th! Both WCS boys and girls teams played well with the girls losing in semi-finals and the boys winning all of their games to take home the championship banner! Thanks to all the parents who drove to Huron Country to cheer and encourage our teams. Thanks to coach Andre for making time to co-coach our girls team for games & practices. Thanks to our 8th grade linespeople and LDCSS refs for assisting with the tournament. Players, please return jerseys and socks (washed) as soon as possible.

Go Purple Day at WCS is Wednesday, October 24: October is Child Abuse Prevention month for the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County and their focus is "break the silence" of abusive situations. Additional information can be accessed through this link: http://www.oacas.org/dresspurpleday/. The School Life team is inviting staff and students to wear purple on Wednesday. God has given us the ability to use words to help, console, discuss, protect and heal others. We need to recognize the importance of identifying situations that can use our support in speaking up and speaking out in godly ways.

Thursday Oct 25 and Friday Oct 26: Please note that WCS will be closed on Thursday Oct 25 and Friday Oct 26 as staff head to the annual October Christian School Educators Convention in Ancaster. The theme this year is "Deeper In and Further Out". WCS educators will be joining with educators from Thunder Bay to Charlottetown to NewYork state to attend worship sessions, workshops, and to listen to keynote speakers. Wishing our students and families an enjoyable long weekend.

Bus Safety: This month WCS is focusing on bus safety. Students will be watching a bus safety video in their classrooms and reviewing the bus behaviour contract that they signed at the beginning of the year. We will also be practising emergency evacuations from buses in our school parking area next week. It is always good to check in with our children about how they are doing on the bus and to review guidelines with them.

Child Cognition Lab: Thank you to parents of students in kindergarten and primary classes for being willing to participate in the University of Waterloo's child cognition study. You can still return consent forms this week. Test sessions with students will take place Monday Oct 29th and Tuesday Oct 30th.

WCS Community Membership Meeting: On November 1st, parents and members of WCS and the JKCS society will meet for our annual fall community membership meeting. Come on out to hear what is happening at WCS at the committee and board level, and to hear Pastor Martin Dam speak to us. Martin is passionate about teaching and raising children who are wise and discerning. Martin will challenge us to think about how can we be 'salt and light', engaging culture and living out our faith in meaningful ways.

Lost & Found: Be sure to check the shelf and rack near the office for Lost and Found items. There are many sweatshirts and jackets as well as other clothing articles.

From the Library: The Library is a very busy place which is wonderful! Books are being returned and read! (That is the most important part!) Keep it up! In the next couple of weeks, I will be instructing and reminding students again about the awesome data base that WCS subscribes to. I have written about it before, but here are a couple of reminders:

- We subscribe to Britannica School or Encyclopedia Britannica. Research is fast, the site includes encyclopedias, e-books, magazines, web sites, news, atlases and other trusted sources. The answers are accurate and from experts. Learning is interactive and best of all, you choose the reading level.
- We also subscribe to Britannica Image Quest which is connected to Enc. Britannica. Here students have access to nearly three million rights-cleared images. This data base is safe for every age. You can access this 24/7, from a computer or mobile device at school, at home or on the go! Here is the password information: username is: woodstockcs password is student This is an awesome resource! Encourage your child(ren) to use it for their research. If you have an questions, please so not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Mrs Dieleman (m.dieleman@woodstockchristian.ca)

HUMAN RESOURCES @ WCS: JOB OPENINGS

FINANCE/Bookkeeper: Part-time bookkeeping position available at Woodstock Christian School. This person would be responsible for accurate and reliable management of financial records for the school. The candidate must be a team player, detail-oriented, discreet, possess strong organizational and communication skills, and be familiar with accounting software. At least 5 years of bookkeeping experience is desired. Familiarity with not-for-profit CRA guidelines and experience with OACS accounting practices is also an asset. As part of the Woodstock Christian School staff, we are looking for a committed Christian employee who models Christian values and standards. Please email cover letter, resume, and statement of faith to principal@woodstockchristian.ca. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Application deadline: November 5, 2018.

Recording Secretary of the Board: This is a part-time (evenings) position providing support to the Board of Directors (BoD) of Woodstock Christian School. This person would be responsible for accurate and reliable management of records for the Board of Directors. The candidate must be a committed Christian, detail-oriented, discreet, and possess strong organizational and communication skills. Responsibilities: The Recording Secretary assists the Board Chair and Secretary by recording and preparing minutes of Board meetings. The Recording Secretary is also responsible for compiling and storing hard copies and digital copies of all the Board packages and filing them by year.
Key tasks: Preparing for the meeting of the Board of Directors for Woodstock Christian School, attending the meeting to take minutes, i.e,. record the discussion and decisions, and then editing the minutes. Regular meetings occur 11 months of the year. This candidate is also expected to be available for special meetings of the BoD. The time commitment is approximately 3.5 - 4 hours per month. Please email cover letter, resume, and statement of faith to principal@woodstockchristian.ca. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Application deadline: November 5, 2018.

TRANSPORTATION/Bus Drivers: Woodstock Christian School has opportunity for part-time and spare drivers. Do you have a B license and are you looking for a way to serve the school? Are you interested in training as a bus driver? We are able to train and assist you in the process of becoming a licensed bus driver. If interested, call the school at 519-539-1492 or email principal@woodstockchristian.ca.

Wee Creations Preschool Administrative Assistant: Wee Creations Christian Preschool is seeking to hire a part-time administrative assistant to provide administrative support to the preschool and staff. As a preschool we strive to present a program that enhances the physical, social, mental, emotional and spiritual development of children. We seek to balance preschool activities with encouragement in the Christian faith. Position is a minimum of 10 hours per month; flexible working hours. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and list of references via email to weecreationschristianpreschool@gmail.com. Although we thank all applicants for expressing interest, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 2, 2018.

ESL: If you have not yet returned your child's IEP, please do so this week. The ESL students in grades 1-4 (Mrs. Dawson's and Mrs. Horinga's groups) will be going on a field study to the Renkema farm next Tuesday, Oct. 30. A letter was sent home last week with more information. Please contact Mrs. Bulthuis if you have any questions (t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca).

Learning Support Program - Mrs. Bulthuis: The grade 3 group is almost ready to present their readers' theatre based on the book Stephanie's Ponytail. Ask them how it's going! Book bags for grades 1-3 are due on Wednesday. Reading at home is one of the most important ways you can help your child succeed in school. Please make this time together an enjoyable priority every day. If you have not yet returned your child's IEP, please do so this week. Thanks!

Tuesday - Grade 6 math test on data management (p. 43-54)
Wednesday - Return book bags (gr. 1-3)

J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to a new week. Happy Birthday to Tenley on Thursday. May God bless you in the year ahead. thanks to the many parents who joined us on Thursday to Clovemead. We had a fantastic time. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library
Thursday - No school: Teachers Convention

S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort: Wow, the fall colours are looking beautiful out there. Today a few students collected colourful leaves and some students have made pictures with them. Happy Birthday Colton, may God bless you with health and many friendships this year. In bible we are about Joseph and his coat of many colours. In math we are focussing on measuring. Thank you to all the parents that helped out on the class trip last week! It wouldn't have been the same without you.

Monday - Letter U, we collected leaves and some of us have created pictures
Wednesday - Letter L, wear purple for ever student's right for safety (all school)
Thursday - no school

JK2/SK2 - Miss Body: Welcome to a new week. It is a shorter week as teachers head to convention Thursday and Friday. This week we will reviewing out letters. Our sight word is "it" and review. Welcome Derek, Cole, Esther and Leanne as our classroom helpers.

Wednesday - library
Thursday - no classes

Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster: A HUGE thank you goes to Mrs. Wesselson, Mrs. Jongert, Mr. Boersma, Mr. Steen, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Steutker, Mrs. VanderHoek, and Mrs. Markus for joining us on our trip today. What a fun time we had!! This is a short week this week! There will be no spelling test. Enjoy your extra long weekend.

Monday - See VIP Folders
Tuesday - Library
Wednesday - Show and Share
Thursday - No School
Friday - No School

Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to a 3-day week! Happy Birthday to Noah Ba. who celebrates his birthday today! Check your emails for an update about what is happening in our class this week.

Monday - Happy Birthday to Noah Ba.!
- Dental screenings
Tuesday - Phys. Ed.
Wednesday - Dress Purple day: wear purple!!
- Library
- Show&Share: Cameron & Aleeya
Thursday - NO School
Friday - NO School {NO spelling test this week…}

Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga: It is a short week this week but still lots of learning happening. Grade 3's have finished writing some amazing pumpkin stories we will be sharing in class this week. Also we were inspired by making worms and dirt and we are now writing about our experiences- with lots of good detail! Grade 3 is working hard on double digit adding with regrouping this week. Grade 2 has begun a math unit on Measurement.

Monday - Library
Wednesday - Spelling test (ou, ow, ow, au)

Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra: We finished our map testing last week! Results will be sent home with report cards. This year for Winter Fest the grade 3 basket will be a "sweet" basket. Donations of chocolate, candy, peppermints etc. will be accepted anytime for the auction at Winter Fest. Last week a letter was sent home regarding swimming. Please note those dates. Spelling word list is coming home today for the test next Friday, November 2. There is no memory work this week.

Tuesday - Creation Studies Test on Trees
Wednesday - Wear purple
- Bible Test: In the Beginning

Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to a short week of school, grade 4! There is no memory work this week. On Wednesday, WCS is participating in Go Purple Day. The purpose of GO PURPLE DAY is to raise awareness that every child and youth has a right to safety, and the importance of breaking the silence and speaking out if we see this right violated. Enjoy your extra long weekend!!

Monday - Library
Wednesday - Bible test
- Spelling test
- Go Purple Day: wear purple
Thurs.& Fri. - No school: Teacher's convention
Friday - Happy birthday Ciara!!!!
next Mon. - Library

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Welcome to a new and a short week! As many of you know, our class is supporting Lagosette Christian School in Haiti. We have been trying to collect soccer clothing (especially cleats) and Hot Wheels/ Dinky Cars. If you have either of these which don't get used anymore, could you have your child bring them in? These would be amazing Christmas gifts for the children of LCS. I

will be going to Haiti to visit this school in November, with a team from Covenant CRC. The Gr. 5 class is very excited to be involved in this service learning project. I'm also wondering if anyone as a bedazzler and/or fabric paint? We plan to decorate pencil crayon cases as gifts for the children as well. I already have the pencil crayon cases.

Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder

Wednesday - Memory Work Quiz
- Bible Quiz: See highlighted notes
- Math Quiz: JM pages 48-58

Thursday - No School. (P.D. Day)

Friday - No School. (P.D. Day)

Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a short week. Students will be making their own design for a kite this week in class. Please have supplies and plan at school by Tuesday. No memory work or spelling test this week. We are practicing X tables daily. Review at home will help students' confidence and accuracy. A reminder to finish an AR book and take the test by Oct. 31st. Our class will be putting together a "Sports" basket for the upcoming Winterfest Auction. Send in items in the next few weeks.

Tuesday - Math Test: Unit 3 Graphs
- Kite making
- Library

Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (Gym Strip)
- Go PURPLE day: 'break the silence' Child Abuse Awareness

Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot: Students should finish reading their mystery novel by Friday. Students will be given class time (next week) to write their reading assignment.

Monday - BMW 2Cor 5:7

Tuesday - math quiz lessons #7-15

Wednesday - communicating skills/grammar quiz lessons #1-6

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: Welcome to a short week of school! Teachers are off to the Edvance Teachers Convention on Thursday and Friday of this week so there is no school for students. There will be no Spelling Work this week because of the shorter week!

Monday - Phys. Ed (bring gym clothes)

Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)

Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)
- Math Quiz covering Lessons 23-33 in Math Workbook
- Final Draft of Fractured Fairy Tales due, to be sent off to publisher!

Thursday - No School

Friday - No School

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 25, 26 P.D. Days - Teacher's Convention
31 Chapel 8:30

November 1 Photo Retakes
Sub Day
JKCSS Membership Meeting
7 Prayer Group
9 Grade 8 Day @ LDCSS
Remembrance Chapel 8:30
15 Pizza Day
16 P.A. Day
WinterFest Auction
20 Board Meeting
21 Prayer Group
23 Report Cards
Volleyball Tournament
28 BookFair
Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-6; 7-9
29 BookFair
Sub Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-6; 7-9
30 P.A. Day