

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

October 3, 2016

What a blessing to attend the Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference in Alberta a few weeks ago! The conference setting was amazing, in the heart of the Rockies with amazing beauty in every direction. The keynote speaker was Andy Crouch, formerly a chaplain at Harvard University, editor of Christianity Today, and author of several books - including his most recent, Strong and Weak and Playing God. If you ever have the opportunity to listen to Mr. Crouch speak, go! He is gifted with wisdom, humility, understanding of culture, our time, and our role as Christians and image bearers of God. Being with hundreds of Christian educators and administrators reinforced my understanding that Woodstock Christian School is just one part of the larger picture of Christian Education in this nation and on this continent. God is at work among us and is doing great things. God is indeed Greater - he surrounds us with his goodness and greatness. Psalm 125:2 "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore."

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Monday	- Nicolas D., JK
Tuesday	- GraceAnn K., Gr.7
	- Mrs. Grevers, Custodian
Wednesday	- Isaiah V., SK
Thursday	- Brennan M., Gr.6
Saturday	- Alex B., Gr.4
	- Anna W., Gr.2

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Scholastic Book Orders** due October 6th.

**Prayer Group:** Meeting on Wednesday morning at 8:30 am in the lobby. We are looking for a few new faces to join our group. If you are interested in praying for WCS and our community please join us. If you have questions please contact Dawn Streutker [admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca).

**Bus Cancellations:** For FOG DAYS, when driving conditions are too dangerous for the buses to run, our WCS school buses will be cancelled. It is expected that parents will drive their children into WCS when they feel that it is safe to do so. All classes will begin at normal time (8:25 am). The buses will run as usual after school to bring the students home. For students traveling to LDCSS, you can expect there to be a bus that will leave WCS at 8:25 (or when that bus driver believes that it is safe to drive to London). Please bring your high-school students to WCS for 8:20, providing you believe the roads are safe. The London bus will drive students home (as usual) at the end of the school day. For bad weather such as SNOW or ICE DAYS, school will be cancelled, and classes will not run for the day. You should receive an instant message text message via the REMIND communication system if you have signed on. Radio stations 104.7 FM will broadcast that the Woodstock Christian School buses have been cancelled. You may also consult the school's web site at [www.woodstockchristian.ca](http://www.woodstockchristian.ca) to see if the buses are running.

**Thanksgiving:** Come join us on Thursday morning at 8:30am for our Thanksgiving Chapel. Grade 6 and the Kindergarten classes will be leading us. Please bring non-perishable food items so that we can share our abundance with others. Students from all grades can bring in canned/boxed food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Grade 6 will be setting up a display in the front hall of our items. The items especially needed at this time are salmon & tuna, canned fruit and vegetables, bottled juices, jam, and boxed macaroni. All items will be given to the Salvation Army Food Bank. Thanks in advance for your food donations!

**CHICKEN:** Thank you to those of you who ordered chicken this month. Your order helped bring in \$905.00 for the school! That's incredible. It is a simple way to make money for the school, as every box sold generates \$5 in revenue for the school. If you haven't already purchased chicken this way, please consider it. Elmira Poultry offers good quality chicken, hamburgers and turkey sausage for a good price. Please watch for the order forms to come home at the end of November for our December fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the school in this way!

**MAP Testing:** We are into our second year of testing using Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). The Ontario Association of Christian Schools has recommended and is providing this test for participating Christian Schools.

The MAP test is designed not only to compare students' scores to norms (as the CTBS did) but also to measure individual student progress over time in language arts and math. The MAP on-line test will also adapt the level and complexity of the questions to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student will have the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. Another advantage of MAP tests is that we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. Students will be introduced the MAP test this week and will start the testing later this week and next week. Testing will occur three times this year, once during each of the fall, winter, and spring terms. Please speak to your child's teachers to find out when testing will occur.

If you are interested in learning more about MAP here is a link to further information on their website.

<https://www.nwea.org/assessments/map/> During parent-teacher conferences, there will be opportunity to ask questions about the MAP testing and results as well. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak to staff.

**Professional Development Day - Oct 7<sup>th</sup>:** Our first early dismissal day went very smoothly! Thank you parents for making arrangements for the afternoon of Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. There were birthday parties, visits, and sleepovers arranged, and generally a happy buzz as students were allowed to leave early. The teachers stayed and worked hard until 5 pm as they discovered more about the benefits and purposes of Professional Learning Communities. Please note that this Friday there will be no school for students - they can start their Thanksgiving weekend early! Teachers will be off to Oakville's John Knox Christian School for a full day of professional development around teaching math.

**Free Community Skate:** The Children's Aid Society of Oxford County is sponsoring a FREE SKATE at the Woodstock Complex on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-4:40 pm and at the Woodstock Civic Arena on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-4:40 pm. Join us and celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**Girls Soccer:** Our soccer season is finishing today already! Thank you to all girls who came out to play soccer. Congratulations girls for your effort and good spirits at the tournament. You worked hard! A big thank-you to Mr. VanderKooi who led practices and coached the team. We thank God for the healthy and able bodies he has given, and for the privilege of playing sports! Please return socks, jerseys and/or shin pads as soon as possible.

**Golf Team:** Matthew, Madeline, Max, and Keegan represented Woodstock Christian School well at the after-school golf tournament at Woodstock Meadows on September 28, 2016. Our team placed first in the school division, and our players came in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th overall. Congratulations team! Mr. Hiemstra

**Boys Volleyball:** Sign up sheet has been posted for the senior volleyball team for grades 6-8. We will have our first practice this Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:45 at which time students can be picked up. Games for the season are on Mondays and Wednesdays and names will be posted who plays at each game until a team has been chosen. I am expecting parents to assist in driving to our away games, and parents will require a police check. More information to come when we begin our practice season. Mr. Hiemstra

**Volleyball Referee Needed for Boys' Volleyball:** Do you know the rules for volleyball? Do you like blowing a whistle? Are you interested in refereeing the boys' home games this season? Please send Mr. Hiemstra ([g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca)) an email if you are interested in helping us out this year, or are looking for more information.

**Senior Girls Volleyball:** the season has quickly come upon us and we are excited to begin. There will be a short practice/meeting first recess on Tuesday and then an after school practice on Wednesday October 5, as well as an after school practice Tuesday October 11. After school practices will run till 4:45. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Horinga or Mrs. VanderPloeg. A schedule of games will go home with your daughter on Tuesday.

**Cross Country Team:** After school practice will be Tuesday this week and next week till 4:30 pm. The next event is the invitational at Brantford Christian School on Oct. 13. Students from grades 3-8 will participate.

**Terry Fox Run:** Last Wednesday students from grades 3-8 participated in the Terry Fox Run. We walked up Norwich Ave. to Heart FM and back again. As we entered the playground we were encouraged to run the perimeter and cheer everyone in. We held signs, some wore purple headbands, and even our mascot came along. Many cars honked to encourage us. Everyone wore a "I'm Running For...." sticker. Cancer truly does affect our lives. WCS raised \$2875 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations!



The Forward Drive is in full swing. Packages were mailed out this past week. Please work through the devotionals and information enclosed as a family! We understand that you are already paying tuition and we are grateful for your contributions to WCS. Please consider participating by ensuring that grandparents, neighbors and friends enjoy this booklet too.

You can sign up online if a package is not received. ([www.woodstockchristian.ca](http://www.woodstockchristian.ca)) We have a need for callers to assist in our call evenings (training will be provided), calling will take place in the evening of October 11 and 12. Please contact Dawn Streutker at [forward@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:forward@woodstockchristian.ca) if you are interested in calling or have questions about the drive. Thank you.

**Chix with Sticks:** Please email Dawn Streutker [admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca) if you are interested in playing ball hockey with us this year. Dates are set! Join us Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm for an evening of fun together with other women! All skill levels welcome.

**Movie Night!** On Oct. 21 at 7pm sharp in the gymnasium, Family fun night will be showing the movie "Zootopia"! Families are encouraged to come out and have a fun time together and meet new (and old) friends. Since this is a family event, parents are to supervise their own children, we will not be providing any child care services. We are asking for monetary donations in exchange for movie tickets. Tickets will be available at the office, or contact Melanie Huinink (519-532-0878) or Joanne Dreise (519-539-8380). Donations are due by Oct. 19. There will also be a concession stand open before and during the movie, where you may purchase snacks; such as popcorn, chips, candy bars and pop. If you're looking for ways to volunteer, we could use a few extra set of hands either at the door (to welcome and gather tickets) or at the concession stand.

***KIDS: Be sure to pick up, complete and enter in colouring sheets (available in the front lobby display) for a chance to win a FREE snack at the concession stand during the showing of the movie. Please write your name and grade on the back. Winners will be announced on the morning of Oct. 21.***

**ATTENTION MUSIC STUDENTS!** Starting this week - "Tutor Tuesday" (Any student in grade 6-8 who would like some one-on-one tutoring on their band instrument or help with their music theory can come to the music room on Tuesdays at first recess and work with Mrs Martin.)

"Practice Parlour" the music room will be open at second recess on Thursdays for any student in grade 5-8 who would like to come practice their instrument.

**From Mrs. Bulthuis, The Learning Place:** Book Bags were sent home last week with students in grades one and two. Students were excited to read at home to earn "Learning Bucks!" Please return Book Bags to school every Tuesday so I can update them with new sight words and books. Thanks very much for your support at home!

**J.K. / S.K. - A:** Welcome to another week. This week we are focussing on the letters P and N. October calendars went home last week, and there is a message going home today about an upcoming class trip.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Thanksgiving assembly. We are singing so come join us at 8:30  
- Sub day

**J.K. / S.K. - B:** Welcome to a new week. This week we will focus on the last days of Creation and on Thanksgiving. We will be singing a song at the Thanksgiving Assembly on Thursday. Please bring in ingredients for stone soup on Wednesday.(washed and cut please) You are welcome to join us for a bowl. Please watch for Newsletter and October calendar coming home today. Have a great week and a blessed Thanksgiving day.

Wednesday - Stone Soup  
- Library

Thursday - Assembly at 8:30  
- Show and tell something you are thankful for.

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to October! It is already the second month of school! We have a great week ahead of us! Check your emails for an update on what's happening in our class.

Monday - Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> day of school!

Tuesday - Gym  
- Library

Wednesday - Family Tree Projects due {check the Grey Important Folder!}

Thursday - Thanksgiving Assembly (8:30am)  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Family Tree Projects

Friday - PD day

**Grade 1B:** Thank you so much to all for spoiling me on my birthday! Thank you Mrs. Steen for bringing in the delicious cupcakes for us to decorate and enjoy. Thank you also to Mrs. Neutel, Mrs. van den Heuvel, Mrs. Schaafsma, and Samantha for helping out during our Dr. Seuss celebration. We had a lot of fun getting a chance to interact a little more closely with the different books. Please bring in some canned goods this week for the food bank.

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Thanksgiving Chapel 8:30am  
- Field Trip Downtown (leave at 9:50)  
- Maps of your favourite room due

Friday - P.D. Day (no school)

**Grade 2:** Wow! Can you believe that we have reached October? Phew! You made it through your first month of school, awesome work! This week we hope to start a new Creation Studies Unit and a math unit on number relationships.

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - Thanksgiving Chapel  
- Have a great Thanksgiving!

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. Grade 3 did a great job at the cross country meet last week. Some students are going to participate at the invitational at Brantford on Oct. 13th. Look for an email that says if your child is going. Look for the Tree Project sent home today. Please bring in food for Thanksgiving food drive this week.

Monday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Library  
- Bible Test: Unit 4 The Fall to Babel

Thursday - Mem. Work: Genesis 8:22  
- Spelling Test  
- Thanksgiving Chapel (bring can/dried food)  
- Sub Lunch

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a new month grade 4! We begin MAP testing this week. Thanks to the parents who came to Stratford last week to cheer the children on during the Cross Country Meet. Several children will be participating in the Brantford Cross Country Run. Keep practicing for this meet. This week are a celebrating Thanksgiving. The students are asked to bring canned goods to school by Thursday. The food will be donated to the Food Bank for those who are in need.

Monday - Erin

- Music

Tuesday - Esther

- MAP testing

- Phys. Ed.

- Library: remember your books

Wednesday - Evyn

- Thursday
  - Music
  - Gabriel
  - Thanksgiving Chapel 8:30. Bring canned goods
  - Spelling test
  - Sub lunch
  - MAP testing
  - Phys. Ed.
  - Memory work: God is For Us (song of the month) by Chris Cauley
- Friday
  - PD Day: no school
  - Enjoy your long Thanksgiving weekend
- Saturday
  - Happy birthday Alex!!!
- Tuesday
  - Hailey
  - Phys. Ed.

**Grade 5:** Welcome to a new week of school. I hope all of you had a great weekend. Just a note about the rock candy science experiment: Please return any mason jar that your child may have brought home - thank you.

- Monday
  - PhysEd: bring gym strip
  - Mr. H is away today, coaching the boys soccer team at the christian schools tournament.
- Tuesday
  - Music: Bring recorder
- Wednesday
  - PhysEd: bring gym strip
- Thursday
  - Music: Bring recorder
- Friday
  - Science Quiz: Rocks & Minerals (review notes)
  - Bible Quiz: God's Covenant People (review notes)
  - Spelling Workbook and Test (Lesson 04)

**Grade 6:** Thank you for your contributions to the Terry Fox Foundation. Map testing will begin this week. Test envelopes will be coming home tomorrow with our tests/quizzes this month. Please note that spelling tests have been going home each week instead, and so will not be in the test envelope.

- Thursday
  - Math Quiz: (Work this week: place value, standard and expanded form)
  - Spelling: Individual spelling test & Unit 4 book due (please note the day as there is no school on Friday)

**Grade 7:** Welcome to October! Happy Birthday to Grace (Oct. 4)! Please check your child's agenda each evening for learning assignments and school responsibilities. Student service through WCS Leadership Teams has begun. Ask your child what team she/he belongs to and ask her/him to identify the responsibilities. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a shorter week! I hope you all had a restful weekend, things are getting busier in Grade 8, so be sure to complete your agendas each day and stay on top of

assignments and other activities. There will be no memory work this week. The Grade 6s are doing a food drive, bring in your canned goods, they will be collected each day! MAPS Testing will be happening this week. Unfortunately, our Tree Planting Trip got postponed, stay tuned for when this will happen in the near future.

- Monday
  - Boys/Girls Soccer Team Away
- Tuesday
  - MAPS Testing
- Wednesday
  - MAPS Testing
- Thursday
  - MAPS Testing
  - Unit # 1 Math Test: Keep working on your review as assigned on Friday.
- Friday
  - PD Day
- Monday
  - Thanksgiving

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- October
  - 3 Soccer Tournament
  - 5 Staff Meeting 7:15  
Prayer Group 8:30
  - 6 Thanksgiving Chapel 8:30  
Sub Day
  - 7 P.D. Day\*
  - 10 Thanksgiving Day
  - 13 Cross Country Meet
  - 14 Interim Report Cards  
Chix with Stix
  - 18 Board Meeting
  - 19 Prayer Group
  - 20 Pizza Day
  - 21 Movie Night
  - 27-28 P.D. Days (Convention)
  - 31 Sharing God's Word Chapel (8:30)

**SONG OF THE MONTH: O Great God**

1. O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forever more.
2. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace
3. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised with my ev'ry thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n  
Glorify Your Name through me

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

Plans are under way for our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual fundraising auction! Last year was our best year ever and we expect this year's auction will be just as much fun! **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.**

To make this event a success, we need your help!! Please think about the goods or service that you would like to donate and try to approach a business contact to donate something as well. Your **personal contacts** greatly enhance the quality of the items that we receive. Approximately 200 local companies have already received a donation request letter and we have canvassers following up with these companies. So 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 or you can send Lisa Schaafsma an email ([tlschaafsma@sympatico.ca](mailto:tlschaafsma@sympatico.ca)) to check if the company is on the list.

**Please drop off all donations to the school office by November 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

Thank you for your commitment to the Winterfest Auction!

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### Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 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 7th.

Donated Item/Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_