

January 29, 2018

I love beautiful things. An unusual line of poetry, the brilliant colours of the sunset on my way home from school or the palest pinks of the sunrise that turn into bold ambers. The most beautiful of all are voices of children and their joyful radiance in song. As you look out of your window wherever that may be, look for the beauty and the colours of joy!

Elizabeth Martin, Music



Monday- Mrs. VanLeeuwen, Educational Assistant  
Mrs. Poort, Learning Support Teacher  
Tuesday- Lauryn M., Gr.6  
Wednesday- Corryn V., Gr. 3  
Mrs. Vanderboom, Bookkeeper  
Friday- Mrs. Hickey, Teacher

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

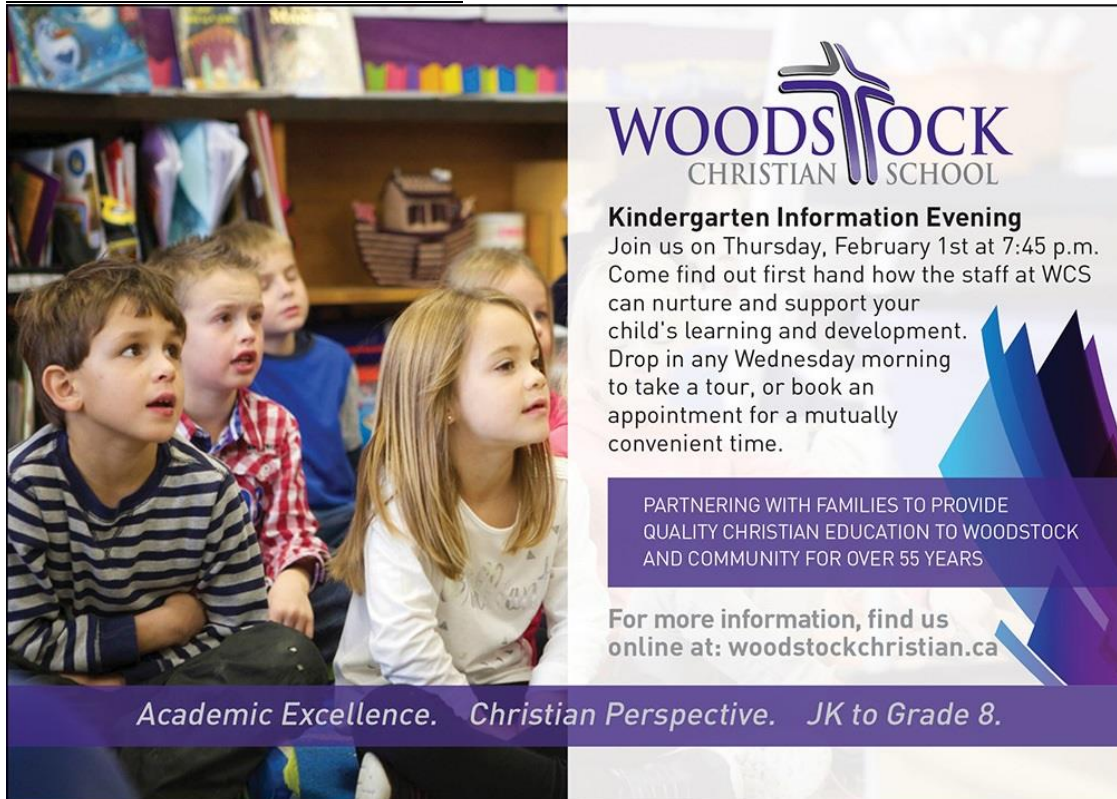
**Transportation Matters**

It looks like we are back to more wintery conditions this week after the rain (and mud) of last week. As we are still experiencing bus driver shortages, there are a few **upcoming cancellations** regarding some of our routes. This Friday, February 2nd, we will need to cancel Route 2 (Mrs Benjamins/Ingersoll) in the morning, and Route 4 (Mrs.A.Reyneveld/North route) in the afternoon. You will also receive notice through the REMIND system. Thank you for your understanding and patience. We will do our best to provide advance notice when we have difficulty filling driver positions or if there is a bus problem.

**Early Dismissal** Please note that **MONDAY, January 29th - TODAY!** - is an early dismissal day. Our school day will finish at 1:30pm and students will board the buses at that time and be home 2 hours + 10ish minutes earlier than usual. Teachers will gather for their Professional Learning Communities sessions following student dismissal.

Buses for Exam Weeks: Please note that LDCSS will not have regular classes or regular busing schedules until Wednesday this week. This means that WCS students will board the buses immediately following dismissal at 3:30pm on **Tuesday and will be home 8-10 minutes earlier** (weather dependent).

Thursday February 1 at 7:45 pm is **Kindergarten Information Evening**. Please share this date with any friends or family that you think would be interested to learn more about Woodstock Christian School. We will have a few different speakers, a power point presentation from our JK teacher, and will end the night with a tour of the school. If you have any questions please email [admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca).



**WOODSTOCK**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**Kindergarten Information Evening**  
Join us on Thursday, February 1st at 7:45 p.m.  
Come find out first hand how the staff at WCS can nurture and support your child's learning and development. Drop in any Wednesday morning to take a tour, or book an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

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**Registration Day**-If your child will be joining us for their first year of school, this coming September, please book a registration appointment with Joleen Mulder ([admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca)) on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Copies of your child's Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, and Health Card.

**Grade 9 Fall Registration from LDCSS:** Registration is now open for the 2018-19 school year! We're excited about welcoming new students to our school and growing in community with us! Want to apply? Download the application at <http://ldcss.ca/application-process/> or give us a call. Interested in checking out learning at London Christian High? Connect with Gabriella at 519-455-4360 ext. 231 or email [ghoogstra@ldcss.ca](mailto:ghoogstra@ldcss.ca) to book a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** We had a great day at the tournament together today. We played hard and won some and lost some. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. VanRooyen, Mrs. Overzet and Mrs. Bakker for helping us all get there. Tuesday we play at Trinity and Thursday we play at Notre Dame.

### **Chicken**

Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. To date this year, you have helped us raise just over \$1400.00 in 2 orders alone for our school! You will find the order form attached to today's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, no later than next Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Orders without payment will not be placed. Orders will be available for **pickup on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, between 3 and 4 pm.** Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame. Please keep in mind that the school no longer has a large deep freezer so it is very important to make arrangements to have your orders picked up. Please note that we will not be responsible for orders that are not picked up without prior arrangements.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or [jmsol@rogers.com](mailto:jmsol@rogers.com).

### **SPRINGFEST NEWS:**

Yes, our next fundraiser for WCS is in the works! Mark your calendars for April 7, 2018 and tell all your friends to meet you at the Oxford Auditorium for a day full of fun and fundraising!

**Needed:** Volunteers for our GAMES and KITCHEN committees. Please contact Heather De Boer or Pauline Markus ASAP to be a part of these great teams. They put together all yummy food and fun games for us all!

**Sponsorship:** To allow all funds raised that day to go directly to WCS, we are looking for more sponsors beyond our farming families who have been asked in the past. Please contact Heather De Boer if you or a willing business would like to contribute to this great event.

**Bazaar Bottles:** Start collecting your 2L pop bottles NOW so you'll have enough for the highlight of most kids' day!

**Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)** The winter session of MAP testing begins today. The MAP test is designed not only to compare students' scores to norms but also to measure individual student progress over time in language arts and math. Students will continue MAP this week (Jan 29 - Feb 9). 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/>

**Pancake Breakfast** Students, wear your pajamas and bring your appetite and your favourite 'stuffy' to our annual pancake breakfast on Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Donations will be gladly received for the work of Edu-Deo. Edu-Deo Ministries (formerly Worldwide Christian Schools) is a Canadian, Christian, mission organization serving children in developing countries with quality education rooted in a Biblical worldview.

**Science Fair** The annual WCS Science Fair is an exciting opportunity for our student. Students have begun working on a scientific experiment, innovation, or study in a certain area of interest, applying the scientific method and critical thinking skills they are learning in class. This process is carried out through careful guidance at school and time spent at home. At the WCS Science Fair in late February, our budding young scientists will display their projects for judges, peers, and members of the WCS community. Our JK through sixth grade classes will also be displaying their science and creation studies learning. Mark February 27th on your calendar and plan to come and browse through this exhibition of science learning.

**Mark Your Calendars!** The tickets are here! On Saturday, February 24, Beginnings Woodstock is hosting their annual family fun event, sponsored by WCS! **Circo Comedia**, a comedic circus duo out of Montreal, will be performing daring stunts and acrobatic tricks with their eccentric, family-friendly comedy! Concession available, and all proceeds go directly to the Beginnings Family Services Centre right here in Woodstock, serving all of Oxford County. Tickets are now available at the WCS office. Please contact Megan Booy with any questions.

**WCS Hockey Practice:** Fun Fact: When hockey was played in its early days, a frozen patty of cow dung was used as a puck. Today, hockey pucks are frozen before a game to prevent them from bouncing during play. Hockey practice is scheduled for 7:00am on Wednesday January 31, at the Southwood Complex. Players are to be dressed in full equipment and **ready to skate by 6:50 am**. Parents are responsible to transport their child(ren) to school after practice. The coach is Dr. Damon Racicot. Mrs. Racicot is the staff rep. Both will be present at morning practice. If you have any questions email Mrs. Racicot at [l.racicot@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:l.racicot@woodstockchristian.ca). Thank you!

**WCS Electives for Junior and Intermediate Students**

Our first elective session begins next Wednesday, February 7 and runs on consecutive Wednesdays until March 7, from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 depending on the elective chosen. Student choice lists are now posted and elective details are being finalized. Parents should have received a skiing form; they were sent home last Thursday, and are due. If your child hasn't handed in the form, please give it to Mr. Hiemstra tomorrow. A woodworking form will be coming home with your child later this week if he/she is in woodworking. If you have any questions, please let [g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know.

**Junior Kindergarten:** We are going to talk about shadows this week - and I wonder if our groundhog will see his shadow?  
Monday - early dismissal - 1:30 enjoy your afternoon!  
Wednesday - Library day  
Thursday - Groundhog celebrations!

**Senior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week. Watch for " Red is Best" coming home today and please encourage your child to read it to you. Great work on the spelling books. This weeks show and share will be something about the number 6. have a great week.  
Wednesday - Library  
Thursday - show and share something about 6!

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to a new week. We will be starting the month of February later this week. Monthly calendars will be sent home next week.  
Monday - See VIP Folders  
Tuesday- Library  
Wednesday- Memory WorkDue  
Friday- spelling Test  
- Reading Folders Due

**Grade 1B/2B:** Welcome to a new week! Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class! MAP testing will be taking place this week. Pray for clarity of mind and calmness of heart for our students as they share what they know.  
Monday – Early Dismissal  
Tuesday – Gym  
- Library  
Wednesday – Show&Share: Anna & Emily  
- Memory Work Due  
Thursday – Theme Chapel @ 8:30  
- JK Information Evening  
Friday – Gym  
-Spelling Quiz

**Grade 2A:** As we begin another week here at school I hope that you have had a restful weekend. This week we begin a new math unit on 3-D Geometry, and continue our Bible units on Jesus' miracles and on simple machines. We will be hosting the Theme Chapel this coming Thursday we hope that you can join us!  
Monday - Gym  
- Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm  
Tuesday - Library  
Wednesday - Gym  
Thursday - Theme Chapel @8:30 am  
Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week. MAP testing begins this week. Daily practice of X tables is important to do to master the facts. Practice sheets are available to take home. Practice your poem with expression and gestures as we prepare for the Poetry Meet.  
Wed. - Library  
- Phys. Ed.  
Thurs. - Theme Chapel (8:30 am)  
- MAP test  
Fri. - Spelling Test - List 15  
- Mem. Work - first third of poem

**Grade 4:** Welcome to the last few days of January. Map testing is happening again this week! On Tuesday morning, we are traveling, by bus, to Dairy Days at the Oxford Auditorium.

Monday	Cole Music Early dismissal at 1:30
Tuesday	Derek Dairy Days trip Library - remember your books Phys. Ed.
Wednesday	Emily D Music Map testing - Math Social Studies test
Thursday	Emily W Math test - Data Management Map testing - Reading Phys. Ed.
Friday	Emma Spelling test Memory work - 2/3 of the poem Map testing - Language Buddy activity
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**Grade 5:** Welcome to the end of January and the beginning of February! This week the Gr. 5 students will continue learning about Forces and Structures in our new science unit of study. We'll continue swimming lessons on Friday, continue our speech writing and start a new round of MAP testing. A reminder to help your child bring his/her gym clothes to school each phys ed day and swim suit each swim day. Here is our week in terms of homework:

Tuesday - Music: bring recorder.  
                   Phys Ed: bring gym clothes.  
                   L.A. Skills Review Package due.  
                   Math Quiz: Counting Money  
 Thursday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes.  
 Friday - Swimming Lesson from 1-2pm.  
                   Memory Work: Isaiah 40:31 (NIV).  
                   Spelling Workbook, Lesson 20, Spelling Test.

Looking Ahead...

Monday, February 8th - Final Copy of speech due.

**Grade 6:** We begin our winter session of Map Testing this week. Ensure you get plenty of rest. Our goal this week is to write two-thirds of the main body of our speech by Friday.

Thursday: Math Test: geometry unit  
 Friday: Spelling: Unit 19 test and book due  
           Speech: 2/3 of main body due (1st draft)

**Grade 7:** MAP testing begins this week. Please ensure healthy eating and regular bedtimes! Students are writing their first draft of speeches and are on week #3 of science fair activities. Students are working diligently to complete their responsibilities!

Wed: January Reading Assignment  
           Bible memory work Joshua 6:16  
 Thurs: Dutch Foods Community Lunch  
 Fri: Science test: Form and Function

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a new week! Please keep up with deadlines for various assignments and projects, continue to check Google Classroom for deadline dates.

Monday – Early Dismissal (1:30pm)  
 Tuesday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
           Music Playing Test (bring instruments)  
 Wednesday – Science Fair Check-in # 3  
           Speech Rough Draft Due  
           MAP Test # 1  
 Thursday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
           Music (bring instruments)  
           Spelling Work Due/Spelling Quiz  
 Friday – Bible Memory Work Due & MAP #2

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January	29	Start of MAP Testing Early Dismissal (1:30)
February	1	Theme Chapel JK/SK Info Evening
	7	Staff Meeting Electives Prayer Group
	8	Sub Day Registration Day
	15	Skating at Complex
	16	P.D. Day (no school)
	19	Family Day (no school)
	20	JKCSS Board Meeting
	21	Pancake Breakfast

**SONG OF THE MONTH:**

Walk By Faith

I can't hold the world in my hands  
 but I believe in the One who can  
 I don't know what the future will bring  
 But I believe You have a plan for me  
 And even when I can't see You know that I still believe  
 Because I know everything You say is true  
 I know I can always trust in Your never ending love  
 That You're always gonna see me through – Yeah

Chorus

I'm gonna walk by faith, no matter what comes my way  
 and stand on Your promises  
 You are faithful and true everyday so I will walk by faith

Repeat verse

Chorus 2 x

Every step I take every single day  
 I'm gonna walk by faith, I'm gonna walk by faith  
 Every move I make I will not be afraid  
 I'm gonna walk by faith, I'm gonna walk by faith

Chorus 2x

Title: Walk by Faith

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