

January 15, 2018

**The impact of our words...**

It is recruitment time at Woodstock Christian School! This is a time in our year where we seek to draw in new families for next year, whether with children starting Kindergarten or seeking alternative solutions to their current school situation. So how do we get our name and message out into our community? Well there are your typical marketing strategies such as newspaper ads, Facebook posts, billboards, pamphlets, bulletin announcement and such. But, did you know that a great deal of research finds that word of mouth is more effective than other types of marketing. Compared to traditional advertising, media options, or promotional events, word of mouth is more useful in creating new recruitment.

So how can you use your words to impact Woodstock Christian School? Share your stories with others. Tell your friends, neighbours, coworkers or families in your church. Invite others to come and take the tour. Invite a family to our Kindergarten Information Evening on Feb 1. Sharing your stories and love for the school is the best (and most cost effective!) way of advertising our school. To take it one step further; what about offering to join them as they tour or attend the information evening? Sometimes having the comfort of one familiar face can make all the difference.

So let's get talking and sharing our love for WCS! Let's also pray for potential new families and that God would fill our classrooms and hallways!



Monday	-Christi O., 8
Wednesday	-Emit H., JK
Sunday	-Max B., 8

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Requests:**

Please continue to pray for our families, for our community, and needs for health and wellbeing. We have a calm week ahead of us in terms of few events on our calendar. We pray for valuable learning and growing time for our classes at WCS.

### WCS Electives

Our first elective session begins on Wednesday, February 7 and runs for five successive weeks from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 depending on the elective chosen. Last week Wednesday an email was sent with a letter and link for junior and intermediate students to make their three selections on-line. Check your email for the letter; here is the link for students to make their choices: <https://goo.gl/Ycm576>. Please complete the online selection form for each child on or before Wednesday, January 17, 2018. If you have any questions, please let [g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know.

**Bubble Gum Day:** On Wednesday morning School Life members will be visiting classrooms to celebrate Bubble Gum Day with students. Team members will supply gum. Primary students will have fun learning how to blow bubbles. Junior and intermediate students will have fun participating in a bubble gum blowing contest for the biggest bubble. Thank you, WCS School Life team

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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Mark Your Calendars! 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 will be available at the WCS office in the New Year! Please contact Megan Booy with any questions.

**Prayer Group-** Join us on Wednesday at 8:30am for prayer group! If you have any prayer requests please email them to [j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca).

### **Early Dismissal**

Please note that **MONDAY, January 29th** is an early dismissal day. Our school day will finish at 1:30pm and students will board the buses at that time. Teachers will gather for their Professional Learning Communities sessions following dismissal.

### **Child Cognition Lab:**

The University of Waterloo will be conducting their annual Child Cognition Lab at WCS on Thursday January 18th in the morning. They are interested in how children understand and respond to the social world, and their research is relevant for children's learning, social cohesion, and how children learn from fiction and pretend-play.

### **Transportation Matters**

Last week was an interesting one for busing! We have been experiencing full and varied winter conditions. Thank you for your patience and cooperation last week. Please note that weather and road conditions vary widely across our catchment area. There may be days when our buses travel in less than ideal conditions. If you feel you would rather keep your child home or drive yourself when conditions change, that is always a choice that you can make. Please notify the school office if your child will be late or absent. We ask for your continued patience with our buses and drivers as on snowy and wintery roads bus routes may take a little longer.

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** This week we have two home games. The first against Holy Family, the second against St. Jude. We should be done the games at about 4:45. The exhibition games last week have been rescheduled to this week! Same times! I NEED DRIVERS! Watch for an email with more information about this week and upcoming events for our team.

**Staff Appreciation Week:** Volunteers Requested: February 12-15 will be Staff Appreciation Week at WCS. To help show our teachers and staff how much we value them we would like to cover some of their yard duty responsibilities as well as provide them with a luncheon each day of that week. This year again we are using SignUp.com to organize. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/KC1LXT>

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually. Thank you for your help making this a special week for the teachers and staff. If you have any questions please contact Cara Renkema: [cckrenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:cckrenkema@hotmail.com), 519-535-8969 or message me on Facebook!

**Junior Kindergarten:**

We are studying a book called "The Mitten" it's about a boy who lost his mitten and some animals crawled in... ask your child how the story ends when the little mouse crawls in! With the up and down weather changes it may be wise to keep an extra pair or two of socks in a small pocket of your child's backpack so they can change them as needed.

Wednesday - Library Day

**Senior Kindergarten:**

Welcome to a new week. Thanks to those who are sending back their writing books. Watch for updated sound books coming home today. Dress warmly for extra outdoor play on Wednesday. For show and share we will do a guessing game. Please bring in something hidden in the size of a lunch bag. The children will ask questions and try to guess what it is. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Outdoor play, Bubble gum day,  
Library

Thursday - Mystery show and share

**Grade 1A:** Welcome to a brand new week, and our first 5 day week (hopefully) of 2018. We are looking forward to getting back into our routine this week.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Reading Folders come Home  
- Library Day

Thursday - Milk Bag Mats

Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 1B/2B:** Welcome to another week! We have another great week ahead of us. Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

Tuesday – Gym  
- Library

Wednesday – Show&Share: Tyler & Isaiah

Friday – Gym  
- Spelling Quiz

**Grade 2A:** Welcome to another week! This week we will be learning about poetry, more about the Lord's Prayer, and Probability and Data Management. Memory work will be due this week as students will be bringing in a poem choice for memory work for the next month as we prepare for our Poetry Cafe. More information was sent home in VIP folders.

Monday - Gym

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Gym

Poem choice due

Friday - Spelling Test

Memory Work Due

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a new week.

Mon. - Phys. Ed.

Wed.- Bible Test - Unit 6 - Isaac and Jacob  
- Library + Phys. Ed.

- Bubble gum Day

Fri. - Memory Work - 1 Peter 1:3-5

- Spelling Test - List 13

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4!

Monday Josiah  
Music

Tuesday Justin  
Phys. Ed.

Library - remember your books

Wednesday Lydia  
Music  
Bubble Gum Day

Thursday Matthew  
Phys. Ed.

Friday Megan  
Spelling test  
Memory work –

Psalm 27: 1-3

Buddy activity

next Monday Patrick  
Music

**Grade 5:** Welcome to a new week! There is NO swimming this week because it didn't work out with Southside Aquatic Centre's schedule. Here are the dates for the rest of our sessions: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 23, March 5, 6, 22, 26.

This week in Language Arts we'll be learning more about how to create an essay outline, and how to write a topic sentence for each paragraph. Students will eventually write a full essay and use this as their speech to present to the class.

Here's this week's homework schedule:

Monday - performing our Bible skits at 12:15  
 Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes. Music: bring recorder  
 Friday - Memory Work: James 5:16, L.A. Skills Pack #11, Spelling Lesson 18 (workbook), Spelling Test. Math Quiz: Rounding

**Grade 6:** This week we will finish our novel study. Students should ensure that all assignments are completed and done well. All materials for animation should be in tomorrow as we will continue our work on our group assignment. Students should have a speech topic for Friday so we can begin our research. An elective email was emailed last week; students are to make their three choices by Wednesday.

Thursday: Math Quiz: work this week  
 Friday: Bible Test  
 Spelling: Unit 17 test and book due  
 Speech topic

Next Tuesday: Animation group assignment due

**Grade 7:**

Please return monthly work folders to school after reviewing your child's December school work. We are postponing our community lunch to Thursday February 1. On Thurs. Jan.18, students will have a math test on chapters # 4.1-4.5. We are building bridges in science class and your child may ask to bring materials/tools to school.

**Grade 8:**

Welcome to a new week! Science Fair projects are under way, keep pace with your weekly tasks. Speeches will begin this week as well. Thank-you to Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Schelhaas for joining us

at Caressant Care on Friday!

Tuesday - Music (bring instruments)

Phys. Ed (bring gym clothes)

Wednesday - Science Fair check in  
 Personal Memoir Due

Thursday - Spelling Due, Spelling Quiz

-Music (bring instruments)

-Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)

Friday - Memory Work Due

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January	10	Staff Meeting
	11	Sub Day
	16	Board Meeting
	17	Prayer Group 8:30
	25	Pizza Day
	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

**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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