

January 22, 2018

**Growing in Faith**

One of our guiding documents at Woodstock Christian School is the Student Character Profile. This document was developed a few years ago with considerable input from the teaching staff and information from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, as well as partner schools in the OACS family. Our desire was to articulate more fully the words in our tagline - FAITH, LEARNING, COMMUNITY. Currently, as we are engaged in developing a strategic plan for Woodstock Christian School, we are reviewing some of our essential documents. Here is the first part of the Student Character Profile. In future weeks, look for the rest of the document - the “grow in learning” and “grow in community” components. As we partner with you in your child’s education, join us in praying for and cultivating these key characteristics and skills.

-Carol Verbeek, Principal

WCS strives to prepare students who:  
Grow in Faith:

- live their lives in thankfulness to God, praising and serving him
- possess a deep understanding of God’s grace and a sense of humility about self
- can articulate that God created them uniquely as his image-bearers, that God loves them, and has called them serve in this world
- think critically, test the spirits of this age, and show thoughtful discernment
- share their conviction that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world and that God the Father is the creator and keeper of all
- have a sense of wonder for the fallen but beautiful creation
- show basic Biblical literacy, cultivate a Christian worldview that combines intellectual understanding of God’s call on their life with the awareness of the need for action through the prompting of the Holy Spirit



Monday-  
Tuesday-  
Friday-  
Saturday-

Mr. Huinink, Bus Driver  
Mrs. Meekel, Bus Driver  
Lucy D., Grade 1B  
Mackenzie B., Grade 6  
Mrs. Poort, Learning Support

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner** Please continue to pray for our families, for our community, and needs for health and wellbeing. There are a few families who are mourning recent losses in their extended families. We pray for comfort and strength for you. You are encouraged to share with one another reasons for praise and prayer.

**WCS Electives for Junior and Intermediate Students**

Our first elective session begins on Wednesday, February 7, and runs on consecutive Wednesdays until March 7, from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 depending on the elective chosen. Thank you for submitting your child's choices. Student choice lists will be posted in the school later this week based on those submissions. Depending on the elective, a form may be coming home with your child at the end of this week. If you have any questions, please [let.g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:let.g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know.

**Buses for Exam Weeks:** Please note that it is exam week for LDCSS. They will not have regular classes or regular busing schedules on Monday, Wednesday, Friday this week and Monday, Tuesday next week. This means that WCS students will board the buses immediately following dismissal at 330pm 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).

**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!

**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 and be home 2 hours + 10ish minutes earlier than usual. Teachers will gather for their Professional Learning Communities sessions following student dismissal.

**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.

**Science Fair** - The annual WCS Science Fair is an exciting opportunity for students in grades 7 and 8. 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.

**Add to your calendars:** Battle of the Books event for junior and senior teams will take place on Tuesday March 27th.

### Map Testing

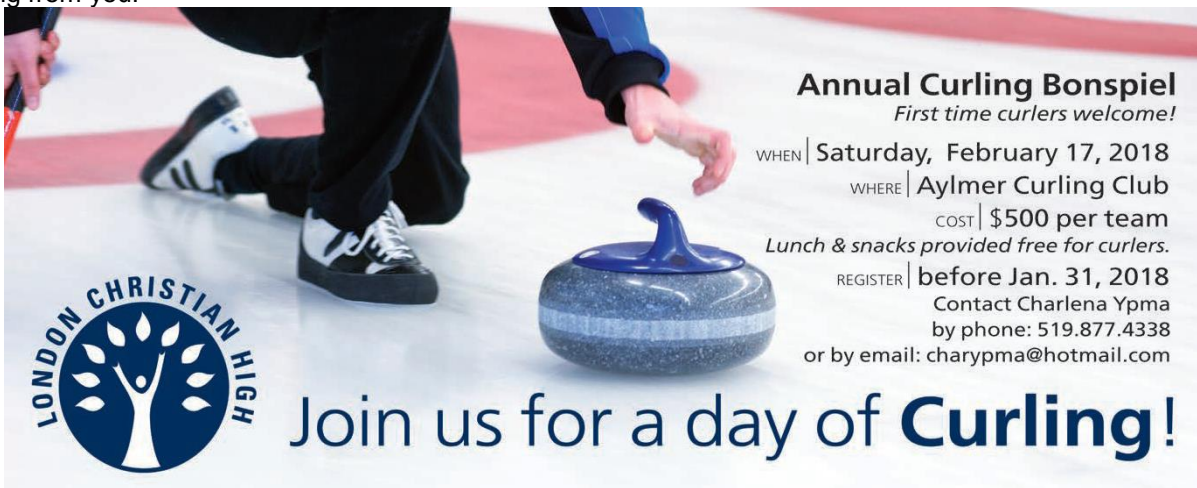
Our winter session for Map Testing will begin next week. It runs from January 29 to February 9 for grades 1 - 8.

**Sr. Girls Basketball:** What a great week! Girls, you had a lot thrown at you that made some of our games tough this week but you rose up and played hard! I am proud of each of you! This week we have a home game vs. St. Michael's and an away game vs. Monseignor O'Neil. Parents, please check the doodle to sign up to help drive.

**Oliver Twist** is coming to WCS! Auditions are happening, cast is being chosen, and rehearsals are starting soon. Get ready to jump back in time to the streets of Old England!



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**Annual Curling Bonspiel**  
*First time curlers welcome!*

WHEN | Saturday, February 17, 2018  
WHERE | Aylmer Curling Club  
COST | \$500 per team  
*Lunch & snacks provided free for curlers.*  
REGISTER | before Jan. 31, 2018  
Contact Charlena Ypma  
by phone: 519.877.4338  
or by email: [charypma@hotmail.com](mailto:charypma@hotmail.com)

 **Join us for a day of Curling!**

**Junior Kindergarten:**

This week your child will be coming home with a book called The Mitten that they have learned to read. We have read it several times together and are students are very excited to share it with you - so please take time to have your child read it to you.

Wednesday - Library Day  
Thursday - Pizza Day

**Senior Kindergarten:**

Welcome to a new week! Thanks for all the fantastic show and shares on Thursday. We really stretched our brains guessing efficiently. Please keep up the great work on you writing books. Some of you are on your fourth list already! This week we will continue our Bible stories about Joshua. In Math we continue exploring measurement! For show and share this week we will display a talent that we have. It can be anything, but should be thought about at home first. Please wear something red on Wednesday for our new novel study, Red Is Best. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Wear red to school  
Library  
Thursday - Show and share a special talent that you have.

**Grade 1A:**

Welcome to a brand new week! Thank you to Mrs. Friesen who came in and helped out with our milk bag mats on Thursday! It was great having you with us. See my email with more information about happenings this week, as well as our upcoming poetry meet.

Monday - See VIP Folder  
Tuesday - Library  
Thursday - Pizza Day  
Friday - Spelling Test  
- Poem Choice due

**Grade 1B/2B:**

Welcome to a new week! Check your email for an update on what is happening in our class!

Tuesday – Gym  
- Library  
Wednesday – Show & Share: Luke & Noah  
Thursday – Pizza Lunch  
Friday –Happy Birthday to Lucy!  
-Gym  
-Spelling Quiz

**Grade 2A:**

This week we will begin practicing our poems for poetry cafe in class each day, but please help your child at home as well. Each week your child should work on learning 4 lines. We will continue to learn about the miracles Jesus performed here on Earth and about Data Management and about simple machines and how they make work easier.

Monday - Gym  
Tuesday- Bible  
Wednesday -Gym  
Thursday - Pizza Day  
Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 3:**

Welcome to a new week. A poetry packet and information about the upcoming Poetry Meet is coming home today. Students need to tell me which poem they want to memorize by Friday. We will also begin memorizing the times tables. Everyone will begin with the 2X tables. Flashcard practice and story strategies will occur each day. When students complete 50 facts accurately in 3 minutes they will move on. Practice sheets are available to take home. I will be sharing a website with you next week that we will be using in class.

Mon. - Phys. Ed.  
Wed. - Math Test - Unit 4 - Multiplication and Division  
- Library  
Thurs. - Pizza Lunch  
- Multiplication Drills begin  
Fri. - Mem. Work - Palm 135:3-6  
- Spelling Test - List 14  
- Pick a poem for

**Grade 4:**

Welcome to a new week grade 4! We are beginning to memorize our poems for the Poetry Meet this week. Have fun practicing!!

Monday Patrick  
Music  
Tuesday Tiffany  
Phys. Ed.  
Library - remember your books  
Wednesday  
Music  
Thursday  
Alexis  
Pizza Lunch  
Phys. Ed.  
Special visitor for Dairy Days  
French Vocabulary Quiz  
Friday  
Anthony  
Spelling test  
Memory work - first third of poem  
Bible test - King Saul's Reign  
Buddies  
next Monday  
Cole  
Early dismissal at 1:30

**Grade 5:**

Welcome to a new week! This week students will continue to research for their speech topic and begin formulating an outline. The final copy of the speech will be due on February 8th. Students will receive a fair bit of class time (two 40min periods per week) to work on their speech/essay. Here are the confirmed dates for swimming: January 26, Feb 2, 9, 23, March 5, 6, March 22, and March 26.

Tuesday - Physical Education: bring gym clothes.  
-Music: bring recorder.

Thursday - Physical Ed: bring gym clothes.  
-Music: bring recorder.

Friday - Memory Work: Deuteronomy 31:6,  
Spelling Workbook L. 19,  
Math Quiz: Estimating and Rounding.

Monday - L.A. Skill Review Packet,  
Tuesday - Speech Outline due

**Grade 6:**

Elective lists will be posted mid-week. Those in skiing and woodworking will be receiving a form that will need to be completed.

Tuesday: Group animation assignment due  
Literature packets are due and  
self/group assessment  
Thursday: Math Quiz: work this week  
Friday: Spelling: Unit 18 test and book  
due  
Speech introduction due (1st draft)

**Grade 7:**

Thursday: pizza lunch, science fair check-in #2  
Friday: math test #4.6 to 4.11  
This week at school students are writing the first draft of speeches and completing January book assignments.

**Grade 8:**

Welcome to a new week of school! Welcome back Christi, we look forward to hearing about your mission trip to Haiti last week. Please keep on top of assignments/benchmarks, currently we are working on Science Fair, Speeches and the Wonder Novel Study. Check in with Google classroom to make sure you are keeping pace with deadlines.

Tuesday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
- Music (bring instruments)  
Wednesday – Math Quiz  
- Science Fair Check in # 2  
Thursday – Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
- Music (bring instruments)  
- Speech (outline and introduction due)  
Friday – Memory Work due (John 19:26-27)  
Next Monday-Early Dismissal

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January	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
	15	Skating at Complex
	16	P.D. Day (no school)
	19	Family Day (no school)

**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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