

Each WCS student from Grades Four through Eight is given an agenda at the beginning of the school year. Sometimes it is so tattered and worn within months that we fail to see the Bible verses and messages of hope on the actual pages. At the beginning of January I found it very fitting that the first reminder for the new year is this question: "Do you ever think of yourself as a masterpiece?" The adjoining message goes on to say that "You are not a product of chance. In fact, just the opposite is true. You were created by a loving God who knows you and loves you and has a plan for your life!" (p.60) Sometimes words have more effect on us than at other times. We and our children also hear the many alternate views which our society throws at us all of the time. That is why when a book or movie comes out that mirrors our view of how special each person is, it is a cause for celebration. It is a cause for celebration when 94% of google users who cared to be put in a review for the movie say that it is great and/or excellent! The movie, based on the book Wonder, tells us of an inspiring story of a boy named August Pullman, who has facial deformities and is now attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. The messages about kindness, friendship, and acceptance are so refreshing and life changing. I encourage you to read the book and/or see the movie! God gives us gifts of love in many places. And we can learn from them!

-Mrs. Dieleman
WCS Librarian



Monday- Julie N., Gr. 5

Birthdays during March Break

Wednesday (14th)- Emma Y., Gr. 1A

Thursday (15th)- Josiah D., Gr. 4
Benjamin V., Gr. 5

Friday (16th)- Sarah D., Gr. 2A

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and wellbeing. We have many reasons for praise and gratitude, but also reasons for concern. The flu continues to affect some families. Some of our extended families are experiencing illness and grief. We pray for strength and healing. We are praying for rest, relaxation, and strengthening of relationships for the upcoming March break. Enjoy some family time, and, for those who are travelling - safe travels.

Springfest Update!

Our spring fundraiser will be here before you know it - APRIL 7! It's the highlight of the year for so many people! We can't wait to share it with you!

Here's a few things you should know:

Donations: Take a peak in the school lobby for our donation board. On it are several items we need through out the day. Each item you donate is one less item we need to purchase. Bring all items to school as soon as you can. If it requires refrigeration, please let the office know so we can put it in the proper place.

Silent Auction: We are collecting NEW and UNUSED items for our silent auction. Please bring them to the office as well. Please make all items Spring and Summer related.

Volunteers: You will see a sign up online coming soon for places you can volunteer on the big day but also days ahead of time. We ask that every family volunteers their time. We need over 200 spots filled.

New this year: Little Tracks Petting Zoo! We are excited to have some furry friends from a local business. Also-Gather your team and pack your mini stick for a short game challenging your friends! Be sure to tell all your friends about this great event! See you there!

Thank-you for participating A big thank you to Mrs. Martin, all the students of the primary choir, and the primary teachers who attended Covenant Church yesterday to sing for the congregation. And a big thank you to the grade 4 students and Mrs. VanAndel who attended and sang at Maranatha Church last Sunday. Students, you did a great job participating in worship and praising God with your voices. Thank you parents of these students for altering your Sunday plans to make these sharing events happen.

March Break It is almost that time of year again! Please note that March break at WCS this year will begin on Friday March 9th and continue through Monday March 19th. Students and teachers will be back at school on Tuesday March 20th.

Science Fair It was exciting to see all the great projects presented by classes and individual students at our annual WCS Science Fair last week. There are so many things to discover about God's creation! Thanks to parents, friends, and grandparents for visiting and touring the exhibit. Judges and visitors were impressed with the quality of the entries and the range of topics and explorations. Top awards for seventh grade projects went to Matthew C and to Hayden and for eighth grade projects, to Ellie and to Grace. Thanks to our visiting judges, Mr. Strikwerda and Mr. VanAndel for assisting with this event.

Speeches

On Saturday several of our WCS students participated in the Canadian Legion speech competition: In the grades 4-6 category:

Congratulations to Abby V who placed 2nd and Miranda who placed 3rd. Honourable mentions to Judah, Samarah, Lauryn and Erin. In the grade 7-9 category: Congratulations to Frank who placed 1st

and Ashley who placed 3rd. Honourable mentions to Matthew T, Kailyn and Amber. Apologies for the confusion around the location of this event. Thanks to all for participating!

School Mascot:

Do you have one of our Woodstock Christian school Wolfies at your house? If so we need your help! We are trying to bring Wolfie to as many different places as possible. If it's a vacation you are going on, or skiing for a day, or even a trip to the library, we want to give Wolfie some fun experiences. While he is on these adventures, please take a picture with him and write a caption for Wolfie and when finished please email a copy of your picture to Mrs. Mulder. She will print and display all these adventures on the bulletin board near Mrs. Verbeek's office. If you don't have a wolfie and would like to purchase one come see Mrs. Mulder. Let's give Wolfie some experiences he will never forget! Questions? Email Mrs. Mulder at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca

Oliver Twist is coming to WCS! Rehearsals are happening, the set is being designed and built, plans for gathering costumes and props are coming together. Get ready to jump back in time to the streets of Old England! Did you know? Oliver Twist was the second novel Charles Dickens wrote. Charles Dickens used his novel to point out truths about Victorian England that polite society tried to ignore - truths about poverty, workhouses, the divide between rich and poor, and the maltreatment of children.

Lost & Found Is your child missing some clothing items? Are you wondering where that hoodie might be? Please check the lost and found table and coat rack area for missing clothing items, water bottles, and lunch box items. Any items left by Wednesday will be brought to a local thrift store.

K is 4 Kindergarten- Do you know of a family who is thinking of registering their child for Kindergarten in September and is still unsure if WCS is the right place? We still have a couple spots left in our K is 4 Kindergarten classes in April. To sign up they do not have to be registered for September and the program is free! Email admissions@woodstockchristian.ca to sign up!

Our last **elective** session is this Wednesday, March 7. Students going to venues other than at WCS will be leaving between 1:25 to 2:10 depending on the elective; otherwise electives run from 2:10 to 3:30. Students will need to ensure they have their required equipment for their elective. It looks like skiing will happen again this Wednesday. Chicopee's base is currently between 30 and 50 cm and the temperature hovers around freezing overnight. If for whatever reason it is cancelled I will post that on our website on Wednesday and skiers will participate in an alternate activity. There is no hockey elective this week. They will participate in an alternate activity. Those volunteers that led or helped with the electives, we greatly appreciate your help!

Prayer Group is meeting Wednesday at 8:30am. If you have any prayer requests send them to Mrs. Mulder at admissions@woodstockchristian.ca.

WCS Hockey Team: On Wednesday March 7 the WCS hockey team will travel to Strathroy for the 47th Annual District Christian School Hockey Tournament. Tournament information packages have been distributed to all players. Please email l.racicot@woodstockchristian.ca for any additional information. Thank you, Mrs. Racicot (staff rep.)

WCS Twin Day: The students of WCS will celebrate "Twin Day" on Thursday March 8th. Students are invited to collaborate with their friends and teachers and dress as twins, triplets etc! Be creative and have fun! Thank you, Student Life Leadership Team

Junior Kindergarten: Thank you to all the chaperones that joined us on our trip the Children's Museum, we all had a great day! We finished learning all our uppercase letters last week, this week we will have fun reviewing all our letters and look forward to learning our lowercase letters next. We have also been working on making patterns!

- Wednesday - Library
- Thursday - Twin Day
(see e-mail for more details)
- Sub Day
- Report Cards go home

Happy March Break - may you all enjoy your time away and I hope you feel refreshed and ready for our final term.

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a beautiful Spring week! Keep working on the writing books. This week we are learning about David in Bible. Listen to your child singing songs that we are preparing for Grandfriends day. For twin day on Thursday the children decided this. Boys will wear blue jeans, blue shirts (blue jays), and ball caps. The girls will wear pink and wear their hair in crazy ponies. If your child would like to be separate twins with someone else, please feel free. Our show and share this week is free choice. I hope that you all have a great Spring Break.

- Wednesday - Library
- Thursday - Sub Lunch, Twin day, Report cards go home

Grade 1A: Welcome to another short week! Thank you to Mrs. Yu, Mrs. Bigham, and Mrs. Markus for helping last week with our Milk Bag Mat. Thank you, also, to all those who were able to join us on Sunday at Covenant CRC. What a great way we could praise and worship our God with our voices. This week we will celebrate Emma's birthday. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. I hope and pray that you all have a wonderful Spring Break and will return rested and refreshed, ready for our final team of Grade 1!

- Monday - See VIP Folder
- Tuesday - Reading Folders Due
-Library
- Thursday - Spelling Test
- Sub Day
- Milk Bag Mats
- Twin Day
- Report Cards Go Home

Friday - Spring Break! See you on the 20th!

Grade 1B/2B:

- Tuesday - Gym
- Library
- Wednesday - Show&Share: Noah & Emily
- Thursday - Sub lunch
- Spelling Quiz
- Report Cards go home
- Friday - NO School - March Break begins

Grade 2A: Welcome to our last week before March Break! This week we will begin a new Bible unit that will

prepare our hearts to think about Easter and the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us. We will be continuing to learn about double digit addition and have also recently begun math drills. We will also be doing an author study of Peggy Parish's Amelia Bedelia books, I'm sure we will enjoy all of Amelia's quirks. There will be no spelling test this week.

- Monday - Gym
- Tuesday - Library
- Wednesday - Gym
- Thursday - Sub Day
- Report Cards

Grade 3: Welcome to another short week. The Creation Studies projects are coming home today. Please have your child share their learning with you. A reminder that we are continuing to master the times tables every day. Practice at home each day makes a big difference. Have a wonderful March Break!

- Mon. - Phys. Ed.
- Wed. - Library + Phys. Ed.
- Thurs. - Twin Day (or triplets, quadruplets)
- Spelling Test - List 20
- Sub Lunch
- Report Cards

Grade 4: Welcome to the first full week of March! This is our last week of electives. They have been a wonderful experience for all of us. I hope you all enjoy your March Break which begins on Thursday afternoon. Parents, I hope many of you can come to our Poetry Tea tomorrow afternoon.

- Monday Emily D
Music - bring recorders
- Tuesday Emily W
Poetry Tea at 12:00
Phys. Ed.
Library - remember your books
- Wednesday Emma
Music - bring your recorders
Electives - week 5
- Thursday Ian
Twin Day
- dress up as twins, triplets, or quads
Memory work - 1 Corinthians 13:8,9
Phys. Ed.
Sub lunch
Report Cards go home
- Friday MARCH break begins
- Tuesday, March 20 Jaron
Library - bring books

Grade 5: Welcome to a short week and the start of March Break.

Tues-Swimming

Wed-Electives

Thurs-Spelling lesson 25

-Memory work

-Twin Day

Grade 6: Congratulations to Miranda who finished third at the legion contest on Saturday! We will have a math test and spelling test on Thursday. Have a great March Break!

Wednesday: Fifth week of electives

Thursday: Spelling: Unit 23

Math Test

Receive report cards

Grade 7: Students will bring home February work folders this week. Please review the student work with your child. Report cards will come home on Thursday. Blessings for a safe and relaxing March break!

Grade 8: I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend! Vanstraten Order forms are due tomorrow, so we can ensure the baked goods will be ready for pick-up before Easter, be sure to get your forms and payment in!

Monday – Grad Photos in Library

Tuesday – Phys. Ed. (Bring Gym Clothes)

-Music (Bring Instruments)

-Vanstraten Order’s Due

Wednesday – Christian School’s Hockey Tournament

-Electives (final session)

Thursday – Phys. Ed. (Bring Gym Clothes)

-Music (Bring Instruments)

-Math Quiz

-Twin Day

-Sub Lunch

Friday – No School (March Break Begins)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 7 Staff Meeting
- Prayer Group
- Electives
- Hockey Tournament
- 8 Sub Day
- Report Cards
- 9 -19 Winter Break
- 20 Back at School!
- 20 JKCSS Board Meeting
- 22 Pizza Day
- 27 Battle of the Books
- 29 Easter Chapel (8:30am)
- 30 Good Friday (no school)

SONG OF THE MONTH:

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God

In the light of creation’s grand design

In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness

Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus 2 x

We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

Title: By Faith

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