

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

September 17, 2018

**Why?**

If you have a preschooler, or if you know about or remember that stage, you will know that one of the more frequent questions asked during this period of development is 'why'? With their intense curiosity and increased awareness of the world around them, it is a natural question to ask to help them frame and understand the world. From time to time, it is good for all of us to step back, reflect, and ask 'why' questions. As part of our strategic planning process last year, we reviewed the mission and vision statements for Woodstock Christian School. Going through this process caused us to ask some big and fundamental questions. "Why are we here?" "What is it that we, as a school, seek to do?" "As an organization/institution, what is God calling us to do?" Various groups of people explored these questions, examined our founding documents, reflected, and came forward with a number of statements. Out of those ideas, the mission statement was produced.

**Woodstock Christian School exists to nurture faith, engage learning and grow in community ... to the glory of God.**

It is good to consider the big questions and to reflect on the 'why'. From this point, we can move to the 'what' and the 'how'. As we go through this school year together, may we at WCS bring God glory as we grow together in faith, learning, and community.

C. Verbeek



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| Monday   | - Amaya R., Gr.2B            |
| Tuesday  | - Mrs. Reyneveld, Bus Driver |
| Thursday | - Esther D., Gr.6            |
|          | - Lucas B., Gr.4             |
| Sunday   | - Cameron M., Gr.2A          |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Cancellations:** On FOG DAYS, when driving conditions are too dangerous for the buses to run, our morning run WCS school buses will be cancelled. Parents may drive their children into WCS when they feel that it is safe to do so. As our transportation service covers a large geographic area, there may be some parts of the county that experience very different conditions than other areas. Parents will use their discretion. Classrooms will be open and as much as possible, classes will begin at normal time (8:25 am). The buses will run as usual after school to bring the students home. For bad weather such as SNOW or ICE DAYS, school will be cancelled, and classes will not run for the day. Please sign up for the REMIND instant messaging system to receive updates. Cancellations and updates will also be posted on the school's web site at [www.woodstockchristian.ca](http://www.woodstockchristian.ca)

**Boys Soccer:** Boys soccer is under way and we have a strong team! Soccer practices will continue on Tuesdays after school until 5:00 pm and recess practices on Wednesdays and Fridays. Stay tuned for an announcement via email regarding an upcoming exhibition game, hopefully sometime next week! The Christian Schools tournament is in Warwick, ON, on October 2nd (rain date: Oct 4).

**Girls Soccer:** Thank-you for signing up for soccer tryouts and for being so eager at the first practice! Please refer to the letter that came home for dates to remember. After-school practices will be held on Mondays. We will begin promptly after school and finish at 450 p.m. Shin pads, athletic shorts and running shoes (or cleats) are required. Other practices will be held during recess breaks. If you are on the sign-up sheet, we will expect you at practice. If you cannot be at the practice, you must let Mrs. Poort or Mrs. Verbeek know in advance. Tournament date: Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> (raindate Oct 4) in Warwick at Taxandria Soccer Club.

**Terry Fox National School Run:** Students in grades 2-8 attended the Terry Fox Kick-off assembly this morning. We were inspired to continue the Marathon of Hope that started 38 years ago at St. John's, Nfld. on a cold April 12<sup>th</sup> day. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year of participating in the Terry Fox Run. We have raised a total of \$16,829 for cancer research! Everyone knows someone who has had to deal with cancer. There is hope! Students will once again be thinking of someone touched by cancer to write on their "I'm Running For..." sticker. WCS will be raising funds again this year and we will participate in the run on Wednesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 3-8 have taken a pledge sheet home with them today. Here is the link for online fundraising. <http://www.terryfox.ca/WoodstockCSWoodstock>. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Hickey.

**Cross Country Team:** WCS will be participating at the district Christian School meet in Stratford on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Students have been doing some running at school. Grades 2/3, 3, and 4 will all be participating and students from grades 5-8 who are interested and committed will be part of the team. More information will be sent home shortly. After school practices for grades 5-8 will begin this week Wednesday from 3:40 - 4:30 pm. This will continue for the next 2 weeks. Any questions? Contact Mrs. Hickey

**Learning Support Program - Mrs. Bulthuis:** It's was great seeing many of you at the Dessert Social last Friday. Thanks for stopping by the Learning Place!

- All literacy and math groups are now up and running in the Learning Place. Students are off to a great start this year.
- Students in grades 2 and 3 took home book bags last Wednesday. Please remember to complete and sign the form in the duotang and return the book bag every Wednesday so we can update it with new books and sight words. Spending just 10 minutes a day on reading "good fit" books with your child has the potential to make a big difference! Thanks for your support.
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will be coming home within the next two weeks for students receiving extra support at school. Let me know if you would like to meet with me and the classroom teacher to discuss ways to best support your child.
- Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns ([t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca)).

**Scholastic Books:** Back to school means back to books.... What? Did someone say books!?! Scholastic flyers will be coming home soon. Please take a few moments to explore the selection together and let your child help choose books which he or she is excited to read. When children choose their own books to read for pleasure, they enjoy reading more and spend more time doing it! Purchasing through Scholastic helps provide books and resources for the school too. It's a win-win situation.

Once you've made your selections, there are two ways to order:

1. Submit your order and pay by credit card or PayPal online at [www.scholastic.ca/canadaclubs](http://www.scholastic.ca/canadaclubs). Your online order will be sent to me automatically.
2. Return the paper order form to your child's teacher with a cheque made out to Scholastic Canada (teachers will pass along to me).

There are great titles for families to choose from, however, there are also titles that WCS does not endorse. Each family will have to discern what are the best choices for them and their children. Please let the teacher know if the items are gifts and we will contact you when they arrive. Thank you for supporting your child's reading success both at home and in the classroom! If you have any questions about Scholastic, contact me at [y.body@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:y.body@woodstockchristian.ca).

**Mobile Text Messages / REMIND:** A letter has been emailed to all parents of Woodstock Christian School explaining how to join the REMIND system, the same system that was well received for the last two years. It is an efficient means of communicating to parents in the event of bus delays or cancellations or other unusual events. Please note that last year's groups have been archived and will not work this year. Please check to see that you have signed on to this year's class groups and bus route groups. See last week's email and follow the steps to receive text messages delivered directly to your mobile phone. Please note that whole school notices will continue to be posted on the website.

**Leadership Teams:** At last week's assembly, students were introduced to WCS LEADERSHIP TEAMS and questionnaires were provided. If students have not submitted those, they are due! The teacher team will review sheets this week and meet with students as necessary. We are excited to help our students uncover and share their leadership qualities and grow the gifts God has given them.

**Late slips, sign outs, sign ins:** A reminder to call or email the office if your child(ren) will be late or absent from school. Students who arrive late must stop by the office to pick up a late slip. During school hours all parents and visitors must stop by the office to sign in. If you are picking up a student for an appointment or earlier than end-of-day pickup time, check in with the office to sign out your child. If a relative or friend is picking up your child, please ensure the office is made aware of this change and let the friend/relative know to sign out your child. Thank you!

## Woodstock Christian School

Presents...

# Winterfest 2018



### Mark Your Calendars now for this annual event on November 16!!!

Plans are already under way for our fundraising auction! We have over 200 local companies to contact and **we need your help with this.** Would you be willing to take on a list of even just 5 companies and contact them to see what they are willing to donate? This is a great way to help out that really doesn't take a lot of time and you can do it anytime in the month of

October. Please contact Lisa Schaafsma (519-535-3947 or email - [lschaafsma3@gmail.com](mailto:lschaafsma3@gmail.com)) **this week** if you can do some of this canvassing! We really need your help to make this auction successful!

We will be having a **meeting with all canvassers** at the school on Monday, September 24 at 7:30pm. We will give you your list of companies, copies of the letter and discuss tips/tricks on how to be successful! Thanks in advance for all your help!

There are also other opportunities to help out with this event. We are looking for 1 or 2 more people to join our committee and help us plan/prepare. It's a really great way to help the school with a commitment that is only 2 or 3 days over the next couple months.

**J.K.1 - Mrs. Westerveld:** Welcome to a new week! It was great seeing so many of you on Friday evening. We are off to a great start in JK. There are still a few people who have to send in a getting ready for Kindergarten photo. Please get those in so that are class book can start circulating to our homes. This week we will continue talking about creation. We plan to head out to the sandbox and discover how lakes, rivers, streams and waterfalls are formed. We are also focusing on the colour red this month. Please bring something red for show and share. We will be making tomato soup on Wednesday to share with our staff. Please bring in a tomato or two to share for this soup. Have a great week.

Monday - Sandbox water play

Wednesday - Library  
- Tomato soup

Thursday - Show and share: Bring in something red

**S.K.1 - Mrs. Poort:** It was nice to see so many faces at the

dessert social last weekend. Last week our Sound Books came home. Please practice them each night with your students and return them each school day. The students can show you a hand action for each sound. We have learned the letters S and A last week. This week we will learn A, T, I. Please remember to bring in family pictures for our bulletin board.

Monday - Letter A

Wednesday - Library day  
- Letter T

Thursday - Pizza day  
- Letter I

**JK2/SK2 - Ms. Body:** Welcome to our third week. I hope you enjoyed the beautiful weather this weekend. This week in JK/SK is brought to you by the letters p and n. Our sight words are look and go. Our theme for the next couple of weeks is Apples. Please send in 4 apples to the classroom.

They can be yellow, green, or red. We will use them in a variety of activities.

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Day

**Grade 1 - Mrs. Schuster:** Welcome to week 3! This week we wish Lucy a very happy birthday! We hope and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. We also welcome Jennilyn to our class this week. She is a grade 12 co-op student from Rehoboth who will be joining us daily until the end of January.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Return VIP Folder  
- Library

Thursday - Pizza Day

**Grade 2A - Mrs. VanderPloeg:** Welcome to another week! It was lovely to see so many of you at the Dessert Social! Thank you to all those who volunteered to help out. Thank you, also, to those who stopped by the classroom. It was great to see you. Check your emails for an update about what is happening in Grade 2 this week.

Tuesday - Gym

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Pizza Lunch

Friday - Gym

**Grade 2B/3B - Mrs. Horinga:** This week we will be finishing up our first Bible unit on Creation. We have spent some time on learning how to fill each other's bucket in our class and school. We are going to take that same concept forward as we begin a unit on our local community. We are going to be working with acrylic paints over the next week, please send in an old shirt to cover up with.

Monday - Library

Wednesday - gym

Thursday - gym  
- Pizza day

**Grade 3A - Mr. G. Hiemstra:** We are on our third week of school. Good to see so many students and parents on Friday! This morning students will be introduced to the Terry Fox campaign, and information will be coming home. Spelling words will be coming home, and students will be practising these words throughout the week with the test on Friday.

Today - Terry Fox assembly: campaign begins

Thursday - Memory work: James 4:7,8a

Friday - Spelling Test 1

**Grade 4 - Mrs. VanAnel:** Welcome back to a new week of learning grade 4!

Monday - Terry Fox Assembly

Tuesday - Science homework due

Thursday - Pizza lunch  
- Happy birthday Lucas!!!

Friday - Memory work: The Books of the Bible  
- Foster child  
- Buddies

**Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra:** Welcome to a new week. We are now in a good routine and it has been a smooth start to the school year! As far as marked tests and quizzes go, I will be sending a folder home at the end of each month that you can put your signature on, signifying that you've seen your child's results.

A letter will be sent home sometime during the next few weeks to update you on the year so far, as well as inform you on future events and routines. Please continue to sign your initials on each day of your child's agenda/planner: this shows me that you've been a part of your child's homework routine. Also: a reminder that typically there will be a lot of assessment on Fridays, but if your child uses his/her time wisely at school during the week, they won't have much to accomplish on Thursday night.

Tuesday - Phys Ed: bring gym clothes to school  
- Music: bring recorder to school.

Friday - Math Quiz: based on Jump Math pages 11-21  
- Spelling Test based on Workbook Lesson 2 words  
- Spelling Workbook Lesson 2 due  
- Memory Work quiz (Romans 12:2 - NIV)

**Grade 6 - Mrs. Hickey:** Welcome to a new week. This week students will practice their individual spelling list for their test on Friday. They brought it home in their agenda last Friday.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Thursday - Pizza Lunch  
- Math Test (Unit 1)

Friday - Spelling Test  
- Phys, Ed. (gym strip)  
- Memory Work: Colossians 3:14-15

**Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:** Students should be reading their September novel each evening for 20-30 mins. Immunization consent forms were sent home today. Please return this form before Friday.

Monday - Terry Fox assembly

Thursday - Pizza lunch

Friday - BMW Gen 6:9  
- Spelling test

**Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma:** - Thanks for coming to the dessert social on Friday, it was good to connect with parents and students. This week we are kicking off our Grade 8 Fundraising for Camp Mini-yo-we (the grade 8 year-end graduation trip). Students will be bringing home an order form for VanStraten Baked Goods, these forms need to be completed and returned no later than Tuesday, September 25, this will ensure a delivery date of Friday, October 5 (just in time for Thanksgiving). Please support your child in this fundraiser as all money raised will be used toward their year-end trip.

Monday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
- Terry Fox Assembly

Tuesday - Music (bring instrument)

Wednesday - Phys. Ed. (bring gym clothes)  
Thursday - Music (bring instruments)  
- Pizza Lunch  
Friday - Spelling work due/Spelling Quiz  
Tue.Sept.25 - VanStraten Orders due  
Fri.Sept. 28 - Grade 8 Retreat to Camp Bimini

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

September	18	Board Meeting
	19	Prayer Group @ 8:30am
	20	Pizza Day Staff PLC- 3:45
	26	Terry Fox Run
	26-28	Christian Schools Canada Conference
October	1	MAP Testing begins
	2	Soccer Tournament
	3	Staff Meeting 7:15 Prayer Group 8:30
	4	Thanksgiving Chapel 8:30 Sub Day
	8*	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
	10	Cross Country
	11	Interim Reports
	12*	P.D. Days