

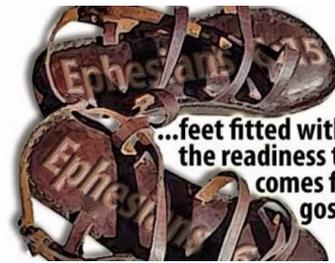
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Armour of God: Ready Shoes

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In [Ephesians 6:10-20 NIV The Armor of God](#) passage, Paul tells us to stand firm with our feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Shoes are a part of a Christian's armour. Can you imagine going to battle without shoes? You would most likely be in pain with every step, as you pass over all kinds of harsh landscape. Ultimately, it would inhibit your ability to fight.

So, how can the gospel of peace be related to shoes? To start, we must understand what the gospel of peace is. The word "gospel" means "good news," referring to the sacrifice Jesus made for us so that we can be saved. As a result, this brings us peace. As Christians, we are called to share the good news of Christ with others. Having our shoes fitted with the gospel of peace allows us to do this successfully.



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Our shoes equip us to walk through rough areas. In the same way, having hope in Jesus helps us walk through the trials we face. John 16:33 says, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Just like having a good pair of shoes can help us walk across rough terrain, having confidence in Christ allows us to boldly proclaim His name. While we may face persecution in this life, we can rest in knowing the Savior of the world loves us and cares for us.

Having our feet fitted with the shoes of the gospel of peace allows us to be ready to share God with others at all times. As Christians, we should always be prepared, as we never know when an opportunity may arise to share the good news of the gospel with someone else. Ultimately, the shoes of peace equip us to fight for Christ in the spiritual battles we face.

Carol Verbeek, Principal



Tuesday
Thursday
Saturday

Sunday

Corina K., Grade 1/2B
Amy B., JK
Caleb B., Grade 5
Tyler V., Grade 6
Levi H., Grade 5

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Welcome Back: Welcome back to school, students, teachers, and parents, for the final stretch of the 2020-2021 school year. Your child(ren)'s teachers will be sharing information about schedules and other items to make this period of Remote Learning a success. We had a productive day of prep, discussion, and work time today and we are ready to go! Blessings for your week.

Prayer Corner: I pray that you were blessed with your 'different than usual' spring break week. Praise God for new growth and GREEN! As we begin another period of remote learning, may we experience patience and strength and blessings. Be sure to reach out to support and bless and pray for one another. Please continue to pray for healing, strength and good health for all those in our families with wellness needs.

Congratulations to Mr Axel Hiemstra and his family as he and his wife Abby welcomed their new baby girl, Quinn, to their family last week! Praying for God's continued blessings and guidance for their family.

Celebration of Learning: This year at WCS we will be hosting a virtual Celebration of Learning. Students will try to convince you to take a space vacation, or share their learning about sound and musical instruments, structures and forces and more! This is an event for every child and every family. Stay tuned for more details. Students have done some amazing work in their classrooms and we are excited to be able to share with you.

Welcome to Miss Kelly Martin, an education student at Laurier University who will be with us at WCS for two weeks. Miss Martin will be working in the grade 1&2A virtual classroom. Welcome back, Madame Sikma, to the French program for the final term of the school year.

Absent students: If your children are unable to attend classes, please inform the school office and the homeroom teacher to let us know. If your child is receiving learning support, please also notify the student support teachers.

From the Library: Well here we are in Lockdown 3! Your WCS Library is here and ready to help you out in any way possible. Do you need extra books? Do you have specific needs? I am here to help you out. Perhaps you remember the process to reserve books, perhaps you don't. You can connect with me at any time and I will help you out with that. Perhaps you only want to email me for requests and that is fine too. Some of you will find new library books in your work bags you picked up today. Whenever you are ready, you can return them when you exchange the following week. Let's keep the exchanges going please.

To reserve on our Web OPAC system: Simply log into WCS website, check under School Life, click Library and a link will appear. Each child has their own Username and Pin number. If you have any questions or a reminder of the Usernames and PIN, please do not hesitate to send me an email at m.dieleman@woodstockchristian.ca

Pizza and Chicken order Update! Thank you so much to those of you who ordered chicken and pizza this month! Your support of the school in this way means so much. Unfortunately, there are some items that are discontinued and some other items that are back ordered. I have sent emails to those who have ordered discontinued items with some options. Please let me know asap what changes you would like to make. Due to some of the items being back ordered, we have had to change our delivery date to Friday April 30th. Pick up time will be between 2:30 and 3:30. Please email me at thesols@yahoo.com for arrangements if you are not able to come during that time frame. I am so sorry for an inconvenience this may have caused.

WCS Community Membership Meeting: The spring meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6th. The WCS Board of Directors invites you to join our WCS members and parents to hear reports and updates, to vote for new Board directors, and to approve the proposed budget. We encourage our families to be members of WCS. To find out more about membership, connect with office@woodstockchristian.ca or r.boersma@woodstockchristian.ca

Student Support: Here we go again! Student Support schedules have been adjusted and will be emailed out to families today. Thank you for helping your child stay organized and logged in at the right time for their Student Support sessions with Mrs. deVries or Mrs. Bulthuis. Learning Place packets are ready for pick up and contain materials needed at home. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to meet. Blessings on your week.

JK: I pray you all enjoyed your Spring Break. Class packages are being sent home today. I look forward to seeing your children tomorrow morning online.

SK: I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! Class packages are being sent home today. Please keep an eye out for an update from me. Enjoy your week!

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome back to school (and remote learning 2.0). I hope and trust that everyone had a great break and is ready to get back to work. Happy birthday goes out to Braiden who celebrated his birthday over the break. We pray that God continues to bless and keep you always. Please check Seesaw for a rough schedule of our day, as well as some expectations as we enter into another round of remote learning. We are very excited to welcome Miss. K. Martin to our class for the next two weeks. She is a teacher candidate from Laurier University and is here to watch and learn.

Monday - Turn Around Day
Tuesday - School begins 8:00am
Friday - Spelling Test Week 22

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Welcome back from our Spring Break! I will be sending a document to parents that explains the expectations for Remote learning this time around. I also have a package for parents to pick up on Monday at the school. In the package I have included Home Learning codes for Seesaw and logins for RAZ kids again in case you need them. Work for remote learning will be posted and handed in daily on Seesaw. If there is anything I can help with or do to support your family and child please contact me.

Monday - pick up packages at WCS
Tuesday - See you on Zoom at 8:00
Friday - Spelling test

Grade 3: I hope everyone had a relaxing break. We are now moving to remote learning. Our goal for the week is to finish our scripts and work on our stick puppets that go with our Readers Theatre versions of our stories. We also hope to begin a new novel study of Charlotte's Web. This week as part of our number sense unit we will focus on the topic of money. Our spelling test is on Friday and will focus on the ou and oo pattern. Have a great week! Check Google

Classroom for the schedule as it has changed from January.

Friday: Spelling Test: List 24

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. Hope everyone enjoyed the spring break. As we head into remote learning make sure everything is organized and papers are put into proper folders etc. We will be busy completing our instrument presentation for the Celebration of Learning. Keep reading your chapter book for AR this month. It is due next Friday.

Thursday - Music
Friday - Spelling Test - Lesson 29
 - Early Dismissal (1:05 pm)

Next Monday - Music

Grade 5: I hope you and your family enjoyed your spring break! I hope and pray that students will be able to adapt well to remote learning again, and that we as parents and teachers will build confidence in them and make it a good experience for them. I am certain that with the right attitude, students will continue to learn and grow. Thanks for your support as we partner in this. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Regarding plans and materials: there will be a learning package to pick up from the school every Monday. The plan for each day will be posted on Google Classroom in the morning before school. Homework will be posted by about 2pm each day.

Grade5/6: Welcome back to learning grades 5 and 6! I look forward to seeing you tomorrow! We are going to spend a lot of time this week finishing up our 'Celebration of Learning' project.

Tuesday -French
Wednesday -Music
Thursday -Music
Friday -Spelling tests
 -Memory work - Ephesians 6: 13-17
 -French
Saturday -Happy birthday, Tyler!!!!
Monday -return work from last week/ pick up new work

Grade 7: Happy Birthday Matthew! Our newest teenager! (April 18) I am excited to be your full-time teacher once again. Thank you for helping 'train up' Mrs. Pasma into the teacher God will have her be! Our 'newest' daily learning schedule has been posted in Homeroom in the Google Classroom. Completing PBL 401 video recordings (Prezi into Screencastify) is this week's focus. Please keep your schoolwork organized and in one location. You will return assignments to school every Monday to be marked. See you tomorrow morning at 8:00 am!

Grade 8: Greetings Grade 8 students and parents! I hope you were able to enjoy Spring Break last week. As we switch to Remote Learning my prayer is that the transition will go smooth for you and your family. An email will be sent home later today outlining our Remote Learning Schedule and expectations around communication etc. If you have any questions, feel free to connect with me.

Tuesday - French (Offline)

Wednesday - All School Devotions, French (Online)

Thursday - Music

Friday - French (Online)

Upcoming Events

April

- 23 Normal School day- PD day cancelled.
- 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- 28 Whole School Devotions
- 29 Celebration of Learning

May

- 3 Map Testing Begins
- 6 WCS Community Membership Meeting
- 12 Whole School Devotions
Staff meeting (grad focus)
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting
Track and Field Day
- 20 Ascension/Pentecost Chapel by Grades 1/2B