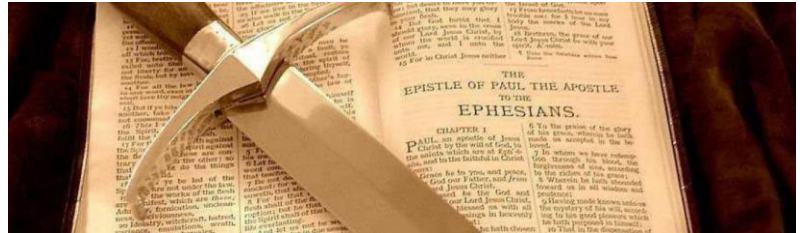


April 6, 2021

Armor of God: Sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:10-18 *Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist ... Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*



To be a Christian is to be a warrior. Our WCS theme verse speaks about standing firm and strong. We can expect that we will encounter difficulties while we stand our ground. Not once, but several times in our passage the apostle Paul tells us—“Stand.” As Christians, we can expect trouble and conflict, so when it comes we need to be armed, skilled, and ready. In preparing the armor of God, Christians may notice something interesting: every piece of armor (with the exception of one) is defensive. The specifically offensive piece of armor is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God - the Bible. The Bible is the supreme weapon that God has given to the Christian. With this weapon we can attack and defend. Do you remember Jesus in the wilderness fighting the adversary? He fights the adversary with Scripture. He quotes from the Old Testament three times: “It is written,” “It is written,” “It is written.” Satan comes with a temptation, Jesus parries the thrust; he takes out his sword, he defends himself with the word of God. All the pieces of the armor come from God, but the sword in particular is God himself, the Holy Spirit, the Word of God. As Christians, we need to learn as much as we can about God’s word. As we wield this sword in our hands, it protects our sincerity and our holiness and our peace. It protects our righteousness, it protects our hope. How do we do this and how do we teach our children/students to do this? We study the Word daily. We read our Bibles, learn verses by memory, and hear sermons preached on the word, all to gain an understanding of Scripture. We ask God to reveal himself, to show us wisdom and understanding. Read the word, hear the word, believe the word, study it, pray it. Be armed and ready.

Carol Verbeek, Principal



Monday
Tuesday

Mr. Schaafsma, Gr. 8 Teacher
Noah R., Gr. 3

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner- I hope you were blessed this Easter weekend and that you also were able to be a blessing to others as you connected with your church families and your extended families. We continue to pray for our families, for strength and wellness for body and mind. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca. Prayer group will be held on Wednesday at 9:15am, everyone is welcome to join!

Spring Break- Next week is Spring Break in Ontario and I am looking forward to April weather during break week for the first time ever! Wishing our WCS families a relaxing and joy-filled week (No packing lunches! No early buses to catch! No homework!). Celebrate the sunshine, spring rain, warm temperatures, budding trees and all the things you CAN do. Thank God for able bodies, the spring season, and the abundance with which He blesses us. Praying that our students and families will be blessed and refreshed by this break. When we resume learning after the break, we will be in the home stretch for the 2020-2021 school year. It is indeed a year to remember!

School Health / COVID- Thank you again, parents for completing the daily screening and keeping your child(ren) (and siblings) home if/when they or anyone in your household is exhibiting symptoms. We appreciate your efforts to keep WCS students, staff, and families well. The most recent [COVID-19 school screening](#) from Public Health is very stringent due to an abundance of caution around the threat of the variants. If you have questions, contact the SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre at 1-800-922-0096 ext 9.

Calendar Changes- Friday April 23 will be an in-class at-school day.

Celebration of Learning- Plan to attend! This year at WCS we are hosting a virtual Celebration of Learning at the end of April. Students will share their learning about space, the parables of Jesus, traffic patterns and superhighways and more! This is an event for every child and every family. Stay tuned for more details. Students are doing some amazing work in their classrooms and we are excited to be able to share virtually with you.

WCS Community Membership Meeting- The spring meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6th. The WCS Board of Directors will provide an update re the details of the membership meeting. 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

Thank you to Madame Pasma for her work with us through the last several months - both as French instructor and as teacher-in-training in grade 7. Thanks also to Mrs Geerlinks, who also completed an education placement with our grade 5&6 class. May God bless you, Amanda and Natalie, as you pursue your career and studies in education.

Springfest pick up day is on Saturday from 10am-3pm on the side of the school gym. If you would like to pay ahead of time, please send your e-transfer to finance@woodstockchristian.ca with the password Springfest. We do have some extra flowers that will be available on pick up day.

Thank you again to everyone for making this another successful event!!!

Uncle Daddy's Pizza forms will be sent home today in backpack mail. Please have orders and payment in for this **Friday April 9**. Pick up day will be the same day as chicken orders which is **Friday April 23**.

Chicken Orders- Thank you for continuing to support WCS through chicken sales! For every box sold, the school makes \$5 and over the past few years, your purchases have raised over \$25,000 for our school! We are not asking you to collect orders necessarily, (though you may of course) but we are simply asking you to purchase through the school what you would normally purchase at the grocery store. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment by **Friday, April 9th**. Orders without payment will not be placed.

Orders will be available for pick up on **Friday, April 23**. We will have two pick up times again: the first will be between 2:50 and 3:10 and the second is between 3:30 and 4 pm. This way we will not be interfering with busses. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during these time frames. Please come to exterior gym door (the one in the parking lot) where we will greet you and deliver your order to your car. Just a reminder that we cannot store your orders at school. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-532-4904 or thesols@yahoo.com

Student Support: Welcome to another great week of learning! The Grade 5 math group wrapped up a tasty decimal fraction unit last week and will be working on money this week. The grade 4s will be learning more about the mystery of the missing ship, the Mary Celeste. Legend writing has been going well with the grade 3 group. The grades one and two groups will continue learning new spelling patterns and reading new stories. Thanks for your support at home with the book bag activities. Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr. 1-4)

Friday: Spelling test

JK: Welcome to a beautiful new Spring week. I hope that everyone had a great weekend celebrating our risen Lord! We are working on our Handprint Holy Week book and will bring them home this week. Show and share this week will be something that is growing. Have a great week and a fun Spring Break.

Wednesday - Burger Day, Library

Friday - Show and share something that is growing.

SK: Welcome back after a beautiful weekend. I pray that you had time to rest and reflect on the death and resurrection of our Lord. This week in SK we will be focusing on presenting out 3D creations to the class. They will later be part of our celebration of learning.

Wednesday: Library

Burger lunch

Thursday: Ladies Bible Study- Ch 7 (PM)

Friday: Spirit wear day!

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a new week. I hope and pray that you all had a wonderful Easter weekend and are ready for a busy week. Happy birthday to Emmett who celebrated over the weekend! We hope and pray that God will be with you always.

Tuesday - See VIP Folder

- Library

Wednesday - Burger Lunch Day

Thursday - Filming of Parable Plays

Friday - Spelling Test Week 21

- Spirit Wear Day

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Alleluia He has Risen! I hope you had a blessed Easter weekend. This week we will continue learning about long vowel teams, this week's focus will be long o patterns. We will finalize our last rehearsals for our plays and plan on recording on Thursday! Please check Seesaw later this week for an announcement about things coming home over the break.

Monday - Library

Wednesday - Burger lunch

Friday - Spelling test

Grade 3: Welcome back from our Easter break! The Lord is alive. He has risen indeed!

Friday: -Spelling Test: List 23

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. It will be busy as we are finishing up some units before heading into spring break. We are excited to build our instruments this week. If you have glue guns we can borrow please send to school tomorrow.

Tuesday - Library exchange

- Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Math Test - Unit 12 - Measurement (study quizzes etc)

Thursday - Science Test- Light and Sound (Study sheet, quiz, and quizlet activities on google classroom)

- French - 1 Cor. 13:1

Friday - Mem. Work - Psalm 24:9-10

- Spelling Test - Lesson 28

- French Quiz - Sports vocab

- Phys. Ed.

Grade 5: I hope you had a great Easter long weekend with your family. Much learning is happening in grade 5 this week: Our health unit continues (puberty); our celebration of the learning project is coming to a close. Stay tuned via Google Classroom for updates regarding homework.

Grade5/6: Welcome back to another week of learning grades 5 and 6! I hope you enjoyed your Easter weekend! We serve a risen Saviour! Hallelujah! Your March book report is due on Thursday. Go to the reading google classroom for the Screencastify link. I am looking forward to listening to your presentation!

Tuesday -French

Wednesday -Phys. Ed.

-Library - remember your books

Thursday -French

-Music

-VIP

Friday -French

-Paperless Day

-March's book report talk is due today

-Memory work - Ephesians 6: 13-16

-Spelling tests

-Phys. Ed.

next week April Break - enjoy!

Grade 7: This is Mrs. Pasma's final week of her teaching practicum at WCS. We thank her for sharing her gifts with us and pray for God's blessing over her career in teaching.

Tuesday -BMW: Romans 6:10-11

Wednesday -ukulele, PBL 401 create group Prezi,
LA: Creative Writing Piece for *The Giver*

Thursday -Math G13-18 Quiz

Friday -PBL 401 complete group Prezi,
BMW Rom 6:10-11

Enjoy your April Break!

Grade 8: I hope you all were able to celebrate Easter weekend in your own special way. Thank-you, again for the wonderful birthday surprise on Thursday, I truly appreciated it.

Tuesday - French

Wednesday - PBL: 401, why here?, French
-Memory Work Quiz, Burger Lunch

Thursday - Music, Phys. Ed., French, Art

Friday - PBL: 401, why here?, French

Upcoming Events

April

- 7 Staff Meeting 7:30am
Prayer Circle 9:15am
Burger Lunch Day
- 8 K is for Kindergarten (3rd session)
- 10 Springfest Pick Up Day
- 10-17 Amazing Race
- 13 Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- 21 Sub Sandwich Lunch
- 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
- 5 Staff Meeting 7:30am
Prayer Circle 9:15am
Burger Lunch Day
- 6 WCS Community Membership Meeting