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Newsletter of the Woodstock Christian School, Woodstock, Ontario

December 2016 - January 2017

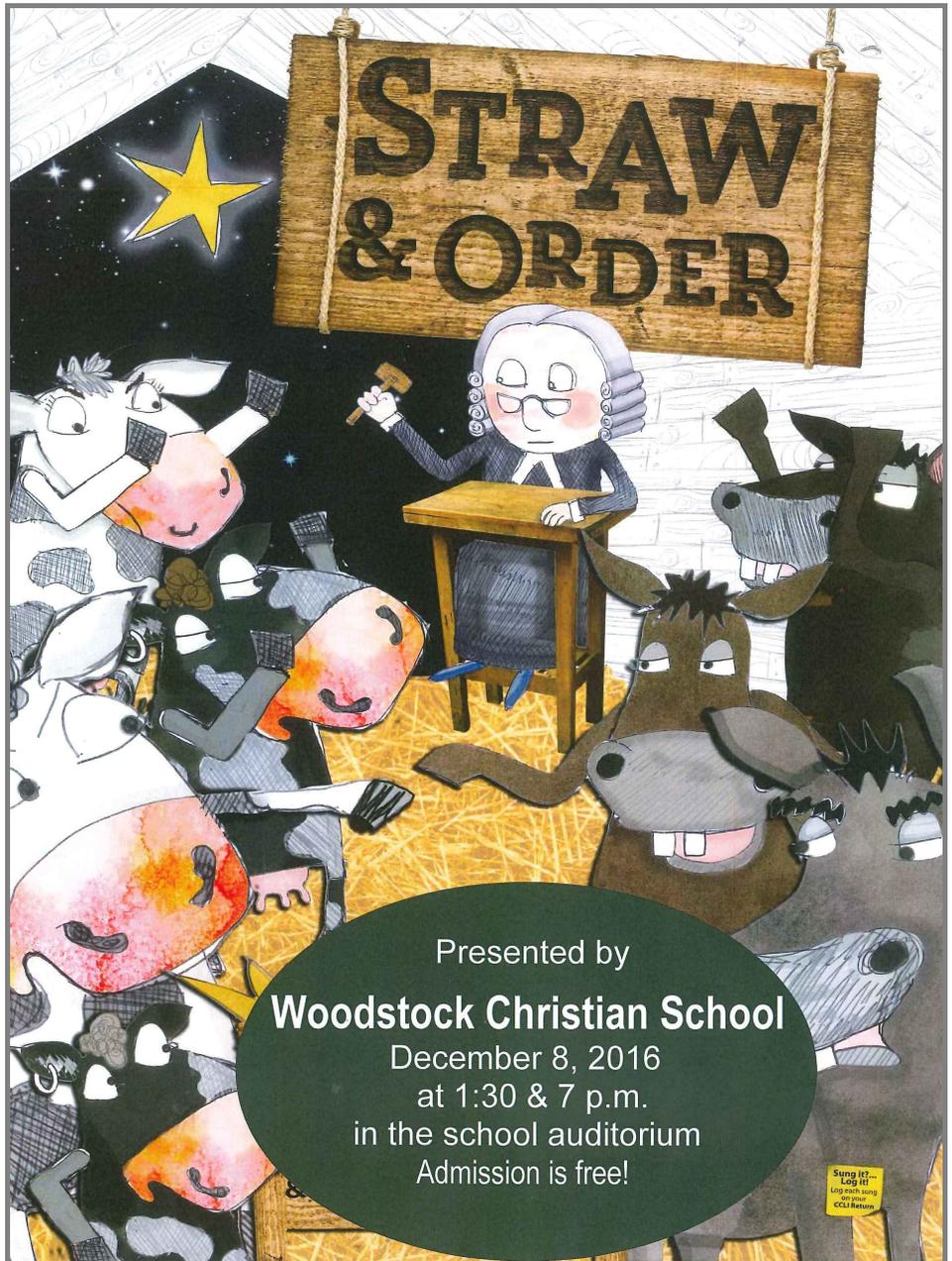


God is Greater

HE IS OVER ALL,
THROUGH ALL,
AND IN ALL.

EPHESIANS 4:6

Faith. Learning. Community.



Presented by
Woodstock Christian School
December 8, 2016
at 1:30 & 7 p.m.
in the school auditorium
Admission is free!

Join the students and staff at Woodstock Christian School
as we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to this world .

Sung it...
Log it!
Use each song
on your
CD's return.

Upcoming Events

December 8. Christmas Tea & Musical
Straw & Order Musical: 7 p.m.
December 20. Board Meeting
December 22. Christmas Chapel
Dec. 23 - Jan.8. Christmas Break
January 9. New Year's Chapel
January 17. Board Meeting
February 2. Theme Chapel
. JK-SK Information Day
February 9. New Registration Day
February 11. Benefit Banquet
February 17. P.D. Day
February 20. Family Day



BOARD NEWS

Greetings from the Board of Directors of Woodstock Christian School. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. As we enter the Advent and Christmas season let us remember and celebrate the birth of Christ!

A big thank you to those who came out to the Fall Membership Meeting. We learned a little more about what is happening at WCS as committees shared their reports and the revised budget for 2016/2017 was approved.

The board recently held their annual retreat at WCS. It was well attended by the board. Ray Hendriks from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools led the board retreat by reviewing the governance model by means of various group activities and discussions. We are thankful for the OACS and the support it is to WCS.

The board continues to meet monthly. We welcome Julie Vandendool to the board. Her name was approved at the recent fall membership meeting. She is replacing Lisa Schaafsma. Her background in finances and previous position on the board will be a great asset for the current board.

Let us remember the birth of Jesus; that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Jolanda Horinga

forward  drive

UPDATE



Thank you to the many volunteers that called to request donations during our "Forward" phone campaign.

This year Woodstock Christian School wanted to create a new look and feel for the annual Fundraising Drive.

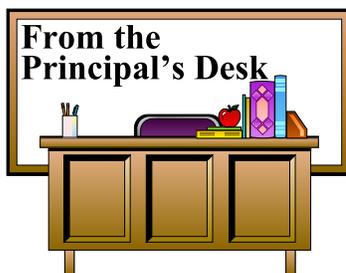
The Forward Drive package, complete with devotions, a calendar and more was mailed out early in October.

To date we have received \$70,000!

Thank you so much for the part you have played in helping us reach our goal!

We ask that you continue to pray with us for the specific needs outlined in the booklet.

Donations are welcome anytime through out the school year as the Drive is intended to increase overall donations for WCS.



School Culture & Character: Hospitality

One morning, recently, there was a knock at my office door by seventh graders who had come to invite me to a lunch in their classroom. Teams of students from their class, along with parent and sibling volunteers, had worked most of the morning to prepare a delicious meal. As I entered their classroom, I saw tables were set and students were seated and waiting with anticipation for the food to arrive from the kitchen. As I took my place among them, I felt glad to be with them. There is nothing quite like being surprised and welcomed, and being among people you love with the expectancy of sharing something promised.

In the past few years, the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools has done some collective soul searching in regards to who we are as Christian schools in Ontario. What makes us distinctive, not only in our philosophy, but in our practice? Through investigation, seminars, visits to and conversations with excellent schools identified as leaders in education, three dimensions of learning were identified, one of which is culture and character. As image-bearers of our Creator God, we are relational. We relate to creation, each other, to God. Daily practices and routines at school are all aimed at developing and encouraging students' Christian character and developing a school and classroom culture that is welcoming, safe, and provides optimal conditions for learning to take place. We aspire to be welcoming schools and classrooms, communities that practice hospitality. We seek not simply to invite people into our school, but into our lives. One of our student leadership teams is focused on greeting guests of the school. Also, each class has designated student

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greeters who will approach classroom visitors and explain what is currently being learned. Though conflict exists and though we stumble, we work at creating a generous, loving, and forgiving culture among our students.

Dictionary definitions of the word hospitality include: the act or practice of one who is hospitable; reception and entertainment of strangers or guests without reward; helpfulness, neighbourliness, and generosity. Being hospitable involves welcome, gladness, and a willingness to set oneself and one's own concerns aside. Hospitality is deeper than entertaining, and includes care, warmth, refreshment, conversation, or food.

Though meals like the one I was blessed to share with the grade seven class are unusual, on a daily basis, at WCS, we do sit around tables to eat and share. To share food and table with others is to share life. In the Bible there are many references to godly and righteous behavior around the idea of welcoming others. Included with this, in both the old and the new testaments, is a consistent exhortation to practice hospitality. Among the many, one Bible verse about hospitality stands out. Hebrews 13:2 commands: Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares (ESV). This verse is incredibly rich. There is underlying warning as well as implicit possibility. Imagine entertaining angels! The biblical stories of Abraham and Mary, of Gideon and Daniel, of the shepherds and Moses all involve some kind of encounter with angels and the sense of God's story unfolding in the lives of ordinary people. As Christians, to understand and practice hospitality is to understand God as both guest and host. As disciples, we are called to be both guest and host. Hospitality is an act of love. There is grace and gratitude involved.

As we enter the season of Advent, a season of hope, promise and expectancy in this time between the comings of Jesus - I pray that you will live out and experience hospitality. May grace, love, and peace be yours in abundance.

(Sources: biblestudytools.com, dictionary.com, biblegateway.com, OACS: Dimensions of Learning)

WELCOME

Speaking of welcomes, we are taking some time this year to welcome and introduce or re-introduce the staff of WCS to our larger community. This month the focus is on four people who work as educational assistants (EAs) - three newer, and one not as new - who are with us for the 2016-2017 school year. We are blessed to have these loving and talented people on staff, to have them supporting learning in the classrooms, and to benefit from their gifts and abilities. Welcome Janet VanderSpek, Helena Barnes, Marjanne Scheltema, and Henriette Hendriks -VanWarby. We are glad to have you on our teaching team!



Janet loves children and has been on staff at Woodstock Christian School for sixteen years. She grew up in Hamilton where she attended Calvin Christian School and Hamilton District Christian Highschool. Janet has also engaged in part-time studies at various community colleges. She earned an Educational Assistant Diploma and a

diploma in Early Childhood Education. Janet and her husband, Neil, live on a farm in Embro, where they raised six children. Janet and Neil also have five grandchildren. When she isn't working in the classroom or library, Janet loves to cook and work in her gardens. Janet is committed to God and her love and compassion for children shine clearly every day.



Helena is the oldest of six siblings and was married to Ryan in 2015. She grew up in Grimsby and attended John Calvin Christian School (Smithville) and Guido de Brès Christian High School. Helena is a 'maker' who loves to read, craft, walk, play games, and volunteer. Helena earned her Practical Nursing Diploma as well as qualifications in Autism and Behavioural Therapy. She worked at Shalom Manor Nursing Home, where she recognized her passion for working with people with behavioural and special needs. She has worked at Christian Horizons and at group homes supporting independent living, as well as a support and respite worker for students with autism. Helena says, *"I love working at a Christian School because I know what a huge impact Christian schooling made on my faith life as I grew up, so it is amazing to be able to support (students) as they grow in both their learning as well as their faith. I love working with the kids at WCS. They are each so beautifully made in His image, and they each bring so much joy to the day. It is such a blessing to work in a Christian environment, with fantastic, supportive co-workers and with children that I support as well as the other children in each class. God is so good! He knows just where we belong, and I love being a part of the W.C.S. community."*



Marjanne works in the Kindergarten-A classroom. She grew up in this area and attended John Knox Christian School, Rehoboth Christian School, and College Avenue Secondary School. Her background includes certificates in hairstyling, medical terminology and as a Personal Support Worker. Marjanne is married to Case and has a daughter who attended JKCS and who is currently in post-secondary studies. Marjanne and her family have provided a foster home for over thirty children through the past 12 years. She loves nurturing children and seeing them learn and grow. Marjanne says, *"I enjoy working at WCS where I have the opportunity to work with other Christians in a positive, Christ-centered environment."*



Henriette, whom we call Yetty, is our EA in Kindergarten-B. She grew up near Mt. Elgin, attended Rehoboth Christian School, and Fanshawe College (Simcoe), where she received a diploma in Early Childhood Education. Yetty is the ninth of twelve children and loves being with children, especially her niece and nephews. When she was a young teen she

already knew she wanted to work with children. In the classroom Yetty enjoys preparing learning activities and helping children as they work. She loves the natural curiosity children have for their world and encourages growth and development in the many different areas of learning. Yetty says, "It is great to work in a school where there is a sense of community, friendship, and companionship that stems from our belief in God and his son Jesus. I am also glad to work in a Christian school as it provides the freedom to praise and worship God through singing and learning about Him." When Yetty is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, her family and friends, as well as reading or baking.

COMMUNITY CORNER



Our Christmas Gift to YOU!

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 are practicing their lines and learning the songs for the upcoming Christmas play "Straw and Order".



This year we have decided to present a funny and adorable Christmas play!

Please join us at the **Christmas Tea on December 8th at 1:30 pm** for a warm treat (refreshments and apple crisp) as well as the matinee performance!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Straw & Order is a children's drama with a twist on the original Christmas story.

In a courtroom in the middle of Bethlehem...

The cows feel pushed out of their stable and they want it back! The donkeys, accused of having invited over a whole host of people, including a baby, deny all charges.

Fed up by their petty squabbles and confused by the nature of the case, Judge Grumps is far from happy. Seeing this, the narrator offers to take him out of the courtroom to witness the night's events firsthand.

As the judge encounters bickering innkeepers, self-important wise men, cool shepherds, dancing sheep and a spectacular angel choir, things become clear. Rushing to the stable, the judge is humbled by the sight of Jesus. What will the judge's verdict be?

Come and watch grades Kindergarten to Four sing and perform this drama on Thursday, December 8th. Students will be performing at our Christmas Tea and again in the evening of December 8th at 7pm. Please come join us!



Take the Tour...

Come, tour with us while classes are in session! Meet our teachers and principal and find out what we have to offer your family. For more information find us online at: woodstockchristian.ca

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JK to Grade 8.*



CHRISTMAS CAROL SING:

December 22nd at 8:30 am we will host our annual Christmas Carol Assembly! This will be led by Concert Band and Kindergarten! We look forward to singing with you! Refreshments to follow!!

Save the date: Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 @ 7:30 pm. W.C.S. is hosting an **Information Evening** for all parents considering the option of Christian Education for their child. Highlights of the evening include testimonials from our current students, a Day in the Life of a WCS student video and a school tour.

W C S B E N E F I T B A N Q U E T

SAT FEB 11, 2017

Doors open at 5:45pm

Dinner served at 6:30

Program to follow at 7:30

**WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
(800 Juliana Dr. Woodstock)**

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EARLYBIRD ~ \$50 (BEFORE JANUARY 23RD)

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OR ONLINE VISIT BIT.LY/WCSBB2017**

FUNDRAISING

WCS fundraising is in full swing for 2016-2017. There are many individuals and their teams who have already focused and worked hard behind the scenes this fall. A big thank you to them all.

The fall began with a **Movie Night** in October. **Chicken Sales** are always ongoing, and most recently we held our **Winterfest Auction**. Thank-you so much for your participation in these events. Community building, talents, fun and funds have been outstanding. Your participation and generosity for WCS is received with much thanks and gratefulness. Fundraising continues with more awesome events:

- February 17, 2017 - The **Benefit Banquet**, "Come and Walk the Red Carpet", featuring Trevor Dick, violinist. If you have not attended one in the last two years, come and join us for a beautiful evening of dinner and music. Please see the flyer for more information.
- April 1, 2017 - Our annual **Springfest** brings the whole family and friends together for a day of fun, food, fellowship and for the silent and live auctions.
- June 24, 2017 - Our annual **WCS Golf Tournament** will be held in Ingersoll. There is an urgent need for some to organize this event. There are a lot of things in place but we needed some to "own" this event. Please contact Evelyn for more information.

As the board rep for fundraising, I'm always amazed and so thankful for the support of so many. Over all, we give thanks to our God for blessing us with so much for WCS.

Evelyn Tilstra, Fundraising Rep for the WCS Board

BENEFIT BANQUET

Woodstock Christian School presents its annual Benefit Banquet on Saturday February 11th, 2017. Come and Walk the Red Carpet to this amazing event!! Enjoy a Buffet dinner, catered by the famous chef Jed Lau! There will be door prizes, professional photos, and entertainment by the amazing Trevor Dick Band!! (check out his music at www.trevordick.com)

Trevor Dick is a popular electric and acoustic violinist. His playing evokes images of Jean Luc Ponty, Hugh Marsh, Mark O'Connor and Mark Wood (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) all melded together. With such amazing versatility on his instruments, including the five-string electric violin, Trevor is a master at reaching any audience. He is mainly known as a solo artist, but has also played and toured with Paul Coleman (Newsboys), Robin Mark, Lynda Randal (Gaithers), Carolyn Arends, Amanda Falk and Geoff Moore.

Since 2005, Trevor has acted as a Compassion Canada artist and actively promotes the cause of child poverty at his concerts. He and his band have been featured on national television programming such as 100 Huntley Street, Living Truth, and the Wav. File. As one audience goer commented: "listening to your music last night was the most soul-provoking experience ... your [concert] brought tears to my eyes ... thank you so much for sharing your gift of music." Patricia Paddey, a Canadian freelance journalist states: "[Trevor's] flying bow stirs hearts and ... when he creates his music ... the impact on his audience is profound."

Seats are limited so don't delay!!

Woodstock Christian School

presents...



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

What a wonderful night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising! God has blessed us with an amazing supportive community! We had set our goal at \$70,000 again this year but weren't sure if we would reach that 2 years in a row. But with our matching donation, we are excited to say the event was able to raise over **\$73,000** for our school!!

What a wonderful positive impact this will have in the lives of our students! We feel so blessed and thank God for a wonderful night!

We would like to thank all those who made this event a success: all who came to the event and purchased items and those who made general donations, all the donors, the canvassers, those who contributed to the classroom gift baskets and put them together, the auctioneers, floor help, the kitchen help, set up and clean up help, Lucille, those on the committee, and everyone who upheld this event in prayer. Your support made this 21st annual Winterfest auction an enjoyable and tremendously successful event!

If you missed it, please plan on coming to next year's event!!!

Earn 2% CASH BACK!!!



Shop where you always shop and buy what you normally buy!!!

You get the full value of the card, and the school receives between a 5% and 20% discount, depending on the company.



Ways to order:

- 1: Come into the school office.
- 2: Send form and payment to school with your child. It will be filled and sent home in a sealed envelope.
- 3: Recurring monthly orders are sent home at the beginning of the month. Payment is taken from your bank account.



VOUCHER PROGRAM

Woodstock Christian School would like to extend sincere thanks to the following businesses for their generous donations to our Winter Fest 2016 Auction that was held on November 18th. We truly appreciate your outstanding support.

- ABS Canada, Phil Wait
 Adventures on Wonderland
 Agri-Plus, Norwich, Mark Vanlttersum
 Al's Tirecraft, Burgessville
 Albert's Burner Service
 Anderson's Appliances & Mattress
 Angling Outfitters
 Art Gallery of Ontario
 Bath Expert, Springfield
 Battlefield Equipment Rentals
 Bigham the Mover
 Bird Kingdom
 Bobcat of Brantford
 Boston Pizza, Woodstock
 Bulk Barn, Woodstock
 Burgessville Grain & Feed
 C & D Lanes
 Children's Museum, London
 Clovermead Family Farm
 Coffee Culture
 Corner Farm Market
 Cottage Gardens Floral & Gifts
 Country Side Camp & Conference Centre
 Coyles Country Store
 Crabby Joes, Woodstock
 Creekside Golf
 Cycle One
 Dean's Feed Mill
 DeJong Enterprises Inc.
 DeVor Hoof Care
 Dey's Equipment Centre
 Different Seasons Landscaping
 Di-Namic Travel and Cruise Centre, Diane VanMeer
 Dodsley Propane
 Domino's Pizza, Woodstock
 Dortmans Bros. Barn Equipment
 Dow Seeds, Art Heidbuurt
 Drayton Entertainment
 Driannah Green Dairy
 Dwayne Bulthuis, Royal LePage (burkeit.ca)
 Dwell Urban Boutique
 East Park, London
 East Side Marios, Woodstock
 EB Clothing Ltd.
 Elgin Feeds, Wilf Saarloos
 Embro Farms Systems
 Floral Buds & Design
 Floral Occasions
 Foris Signs
 Funnell Insurance Group, Adam Funnell
 G & L Printing
 G. J. Farm Equipment
 Genex-CRI, Hans Brus
 Getty Music
 Giant Tiger, Woodstock
 Goodlife Fitness, Woodstock
 Grand Valley Fortifiers
 Greener Pastures ECO Farm
 Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese
 H.A. Benjamins Contracting
 Haight's Garden Centre
 Hair by Tansy
 Heritage Pancake House
 Holiday Inn Express, Woodstock
 Holstein Journal
 Home Hardware Building Centre, Woodstock
 Hudson's Furniture Ltd.
 Huron Tractor, Thamesford
 Ingersoll Home Centre
 Ingersoll Rent-All
 Ingersoll Tirecraft
 insideU, Norwich
 insideU, Woodstock
 Jakeman's Maple Products
 Jesse's Deli, Woodstock
 Kaylia, A Boutique for Women
 Kelsey's, Woodstock
 Kidtastic Adventures Indoor Playground & Party Centre
 Koch's Home Furnishings
 Laser Quest, London
 Lendvay Building Products
 Leon's Furniture, Woodstock
 Liquidation City, Norwich
 Long & McQuade Musical Instruments
 Lubricare, Woodstock
 M & J Tirecraft, Tillsonburg
 Magnolia Gallery
 Maizex Seeds, Albert Renkema
 Marine Land
 Marklane Farms
 Maya Health Food Centre
 McDonalds, Dundas St.
 McFarlan Rowlands Insurance, Keith Crawford & Dale Hunter
 McKim's Home Hardware
 Merrifield Book Shop
 Meyers Greenhouses
 Midas Auto Service, Woodstock
 Miedema Meats
 Miss Woodstock Restaurant
 Montana's, Woodstock
 Morrows of Drumbo
 Mostly Roses
 My Perfect Princess Party, London
 Mystery Escape Rooms, London
 Nature Feed Centre, Burgessville
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 Nieuwland Feed & Supply, Art & Scott Nieuwland
 Norwich Auto Parts
 Norwich Deli and Bakery
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 Oxford Hydraulics Centre
 Oxford Insta-Shade
 Oxford Optometry, Sarah Andreasen
 Oxford Sand & Gravel
 Oxford Source for Sports
 P. Stam Bakery
 P.C. Options
 Patina's Gifts
 Pedal Power
 Performance Dairy, Embro
 Picard's Peanuts
 Pizza Hut, Woodstock
 Premier Equipment, Courtland
 Premier Equipment, Tavistock
 Pro Electric
 Quality Hotel & Suites, Woodstock
 RBC Private Banking, Rick Buckley
 Red Thistle Inc.
 Reids Candy & Nut Shop
 Reptilia
 Reyneveld & Sons Roofing
 Rick's Carpet, Norwich
 Roberts Ladies Wear, Ingersoll
 Royal Ontario Museum
 Sacwall Flooring
 SB Photography & Floral Design
 Schaus Decorating
 Scheps Bakery
 Shear Extasy Hair Studio
 Shoppers Drug Mart, 333 Dundas St.
 Shoppers Drug Mart, 959 Dundas St.
 Shoppers Drug Mart, Norwich
 Sight & Sound Theatre Lancaster, PA
 Skip-Pol Farms
 Skyzone Trampoline Park, Kitchener
 Smith's Flowers Ltd.
 Sol Home Solutions
 Southside Group
 Staples, Woodstock
 Step and Style, Norwich
 Steve's Automotive
 Stratford Farm Equipment, Woodstock, Len Brown
 Stubbe's Redi Mix
 Swiss Chalet, Woodstock
 Symons, Wearn & Smith Chartered Accountants
 The Brown Eyed Baker
 The Christi an Supplier
 The Grand Theatre London
 The Hallmark Shoppe, Woodstock
 The Little Book Shoppe
 The Main Attraction
 The Moving Hand
 The Mufflerman Woodstock
 The Olde Bakery Café
 The Village Market
 The Wooden Pearl
 Thornton Sand & Gravel
 Tilstra Plumbing
 Tim Hortons, Ingersoll
 Toromont CAT, Chuck Guernsey
 Toronto & Region Conservation, Black Creek Pioneer Village
 Toronto Blue Jays
 Toronto Maple Leafs
 Toronto Zoo
 Total Rentals, Woodstock
 Tremblett's Independent Grocery Store
 TSC, Woodstock
 TVH Contracting
 Union Burger, Woodstock
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 VanLagen Farms, Matt VanLagen
 VanRooyen Earthmoving Ltd.
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 Whitelaw Automotive
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 Woodstone Precision Cabinetry
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Please accept our sincere apologies if your business was not printed in this list. It was our fullest intention to have remembered every business that sent a donation. Your business is still greatly appreciated.

The Role of the Executor

The deceased's Will is the legally binding expression of that person's wishes for the distribution of his or her property. Your responsibility as executor or executrix is to administer the estate and carry out those wishes. As executor/executrix, you control all aspects of the estate's administration. This extends from identifying and protecting the deceased's assets, to distributing them to the beneficiaries. In your role, you are legally accountable to the beneficiaries.

1. Immediate Issues

There may be many things that require your immediate attention. These might include finding and reviewing the most recent Will, arranging the funeral and determining if any family members have immediate financial needs.

2. Protecting the Estate

Your role includes identifying the deceased's assets and protecting them until final distribution. For example, you may need to arrange for the care of any vacant property, arrange for safe custody of personal valuables and important documents, cancel club memberships, health insurance, subscriptions, credit cards, etc. and ensure adequate property insurance exists.

3. Valuing the Estate

Once the estate has been identified, it needs to be valued. This may include developing a full valuation of household goods, furniture, artwork, automobiles and other personal effects, determining benefits due under insurance policies and pension plans, and preparing a detailed inventory of assets and liabilities.

4. Tax Issues

While neither the federal nor the provincial government imposes direct death duties, there are several tax issues that arise when a person dies. As a result, you will need to determine capital gains at the date of death, make the various elections permitted under federal and provincial laws, prepare and file final income tax returns and request clearance certificates.

5. Administration and Distribution

In addition, you will be required to clear the estate and distribute the assets. This may include arranging for probate of the Will, if necessary and settling all claims and debts, investing surplus cash and managing the investments to ensure that enough money is available to pay income tax and other liabilities. You should deliver personal property which was bequeathed, discharge any bank or private loans, mortgages or other liabilities, pay any legacies and other bequests, and then distribute the assets to the beneficiaries. They will also require a full accounting of the estate's administration.



The Role of Executor...cont'd

Who Should Be Your Executor?

There are several things to consider when pondering the question of whom you should choose as executor or executrix. Your personal situation may have some effect on your decision, but your executor should be someone who:

- Shares your faith, is trustworthy and agrees with your wishes.
- Has the capabilities to perform the duties required. A professional executor should be considered in complex estate situations.
- Is likely to outlive you.
- Is geographically close to you so that duties may be performed without inconvenience or delay.
- Is impartial, so if you anticipate controversy, choose someone other than a family member.
- Whom you have spoken with about taking on this responsibility.

Executor's Compensation

Although most family members and close friends may choose not to be compensated, the law allows these people to charge for their services. The usual percentages are approximately 5% of the value of the estate (2.5% of capital receipts, 2.5% of capital disbursements, 2.5% of income receipts, 2.5 % of income disbursements and 0.2% as a yearly care and management fee).

This guideline is generally followed but in the case of conflict or pressure from the beneficiaries, the courts will establish a "fair and reasonable compensation". A judge will consider the size of the estate, the duties involved with its care, the time required to perform those duties, the skill and ability necessary to do so and the success of the administration of the affairs of the estate. CSS will establish an endowment fund for any of its partner organizations or for their supporters as a 'family foundation' style Donor Advised Fund. When donors make gifts to such a fund, CSS handles the paperwork, CRA reporting and issues any tax receipts.





GRADE 6 - MR. G. HIEMSTRA

C.S. Lewis, the Perfect Paragraph, and the Perfect Plan

Presently students in grade six are reading a fantasy novel by C.S. Lewis, "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader". This book contains the same characters that we grew accustomed to in his earlier work of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe", notably Aslan, who helps guide the characters out of particularly perilous situations. As we approach the Christmas season we are reminded of God's salvation plan, a perfect plan that gave us a way out of our perilous situation of sin.

C. S. Lewis in his essays on theology and ethics found in the published work of "God in the Dock" had a thing to say about the varied meaning of Christmas in an essay entitled "What Christmas Means to Me". His view of

Christmas, though it is a Christian celebration, is that it is a "nuisance" or a "commercial racket" of gift-giving. He says: *"For after all, during the racket we still have all our ordinary and necessary shopping to do, and the racket trebles the labour of it. We are told that the whole dreary business must go on because it is good for trade. It is in fact merely one annual symptom of that lunatic condition of our country, and indeed of the world, in which everyone lives by persuading everyone else to buy things."*

I asked the students in grade six to write a paragraph about the meaning of Christmas after reading parts of C.S. Lewis' essay with them. Their view of Christmas has a much more positive tone as they do enjoy receiving gifts. As part of their Patterned Writing Class, students have been taught to write a five sentence paragraph, or what is called a "perfect paragraph" which contains a topic sentence that is indented, three detailed sentences, and a concluding sentence. What you read here are many of their paragraphs of what Christmas means to them. What does Christmas mean to you? Do you share a similar view as C. S. Lewis? Do you share similar thoughts as these students? Before you read them, I just want to take a moment and wish you a blessed Christmas. Have a Blessed Christmas!

Kid's Corner

I enjoy Christmas for many reasons but these are my three favorite. My first is the look on my family's faces when they see the gift I gave them. The next reason is family time; I see extended family I don't normally see and visit with them. The final reason is the lit up tree; it's amazing. All in all I really love Christmas. *By Matthew T.*

What does Christmas mean to me? To many people Christmas is all about presents and toys. To me Christmas is about celebrating Jesus' birth. Another thing is spending time with family. Christmas is great! *By Owen V.*

There are a few things Christmas means to me. First and most important to me is God sent Jesus as a baby, to later die on the cross to save us from our sins. Secondly, I think Christmas means that we can spend more time with my family. Finally, I think Christmas means you get presents, I do like presents like most other kids but some people think it's just a waste of time; I think differently, I think it is a symbol of Jesus from God to save us from our sins. I sure do enjoy Christmas especially because it's Jesus' birthday! *By Nathan S.*

I am writing a paragraph about what Christmas means to me as you can see. Christmas is important to me because it is celebrating Jesus's birthday. It is also

important because I can buy gifts for people and receive them. But the third and final reason why Christmas is important is that it puts a smile on someone's face. Christmas is an important holiday. *By Brynn P.*

Christmas means a lot to me. Christmas means gift giving; I love to give because it's fun to see their faces. Also Christmas means family time; I love this because it's fun. Also Christmas means Jesus being born. I love Christmas time. *By Allyson S.*

This is what Christmas means to me. Christmas is the story of Jesus being born; that is the first thing that comes to mind. It also means spending time with family and friends. I also think of the joy of opening presents. I love Christmas. *By Eric S.*

There are many reasons what Christmas means to me. One of them is that it's Jesus' birthday. Another reason is when you give others presents because it's fun to watch their surprised faces. The last reason is it is one really fun and a good holiday for Christians. Those are three reasons what Christmas means to me. *By Alex V.*

Christmas means a lot to me. Christmas means a lot to me because Jesus was born on that day. It also means a lot to me because I love decorating my house for Christmas. And I also like the presents I get. That is what Christmas means to me.

By Hayden K.



I love everything about Christmas. I like Christmas because that was the night Jesus was born. Christmas you give and receive presents. I think Christmas is a really fun holiday. Christmas is fun. *By Ashley B.*

Christmas is great. It is the day of Jesus' birth, where you give and receive. There is also always a big dinner that is delicious. Christmas I think is the best time of year with all the gifts, food, and celebration of Jesus's birth. Christmas is I think the best holiday of the year. *By Brennan M.*

What Christmas means to me. I think Christmas means that you get to spend time with your family. Christmas is also not about the presents. Christmas is about Jesus being born. That's what Christmas means to me. *By Katie V.*

I love Christmas Day. I can get my new present. I also can get much family time. But I have to remind myself that this is not time of fun but time of Jesus' birth. I hope every day is Christmas Day. *By Chris K.*

GRADE 3 - MRS. J. HICKEY

Grade 3 spends time writing independently almost every day. Much of their work reflects what they have been learning about or what is interesting to them. We study Marjorie Sharmat's "Nate the Great" series in literature and focus on soccer in Phys. Ed. We talk about friends and about special days that are coming up. Each topic is sparked by something that students can connect with. Below are some examples of grade 3 writing pieces that reflect their learning.



Nate solves cases
An 8 year old detective
Tries to solve cases
Eats pancakes

Tries to leave a note for his mom
Has a dog named Sludge
Eats on the job

Goes undercover
Real detective
Excellent at cases
Asks questions
Tells things

By Branson and Cole

Nate solves mysteries
Always looks for clues
There are 40 books
Eats pancakes

The mysteries could happen
Has weird mysteries
Everyone likes pancakes

Great at solving mysteries
Really funny
Every time Nate leaves a note
Ate breakfast
The mysteries are always solved

By Emma

Soccer ball
Only one team scores at once
Cool and fun
Counts to win
Everybody gets to play
Remember the rules

By Josiah

Fantastic
Realistic
Inspiring
Excellent
Neat
Do good stuff
Sleepovers

By Lydia

Friendly to each other
Remember each other
Imagine things
Excellent friends
Noisy
Discover things
Super friends

By Alexis

Sunny day
Owesome to play
Can be hurt
Cold days are not good
Excellent to play
Ready to play

By Justin

Nate is a detective
Always solves the cases
Travels to someone who needs help
Ends with a happy ending

Tries to solve cases
He has a dog
Expert detective

Great at solving cases
Reading from his notebook
Eats pancakes
Afraid of big dogs
Try to solve mysteries

By Patrick

Remember about all the soldiers
End of wars are good
Many people fight
Entire year of fighting is sad
Mail letters to families in war
Bad to have wars
Everyone fights
Remember other countries in war
Always on November 11th
Nations fight
Canada is a free country
Every soldier fights

Day after day armies fight
Armies fight
You get sad when someone dies

By Megan



Learning in Grade 1A



Learning in Grade 7

WCS VOUCHER PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Rewards to:

Your own tuition account Other family: _____ TAF WCS

Store	% earned	Quantity	x	Value	=	Dollar Amount	Totals
Food Basics / A&P / Dominion / Ultra Food & Drug <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Zehrs / Loblaws / Independent / No Frills <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
			x	\$250	=		
IGA / Sobeyes / Knechtel / Food Town / Price Chopper / Foodland <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Walmart <i>NEW! Gift Cards</i>	2.0%		x	\$25	=		
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M & M Meat Shops <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
Norwich Deli <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
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Boston Pizza <i>Gift Cards</i>	7.0%		x	\$25	=		
Crabby Joes <i>Vouchers</i>	20.0%		x	\$10	=		
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Kelseys/Swiss Chalet/Montana's <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
Mr.Sub <i>Vouchers</i>	10.0%		x	\$5	=		
Tim Hortons <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$5	=		
			x	\$10	=		
			x	\$25	=		
Wendy's <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.0%		x	\$10	=		
AMAZON.ca NEW!!! <i>Gift Cards</i>	2.0%		x	\$50	=		
Allen Lumber (Castle Building Centres) <i>Gift Cards</i>	10.0%		x	\$50	=		
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Home Hardware / Furniture / Building Centre <i>Gift Cards</i>	4.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
Canadian Tire (Store, Gas Bar, and Auto Repairs and you still receive Canadian Tire money!) <i>Gift Cards</i>	4.0%		x	\$25	=		
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Steve's Automotive Juliana Drive, Woodstock <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$50	=		
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Indigo / Chapters / Coles (in store & online) <i>Gift Cards</i>	8.0%		x	\$25	=		
Giant Tiger <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.5%		x	\$25	=		
Mark's Work Warehouse <i>Gift Cards</i>	7.0%		x	\$25	=		
Payless Shoe Stores <i>Gift Cards</i>	10.0%		x	\$25	=		
Shoppers Drug Mart (all Store Purchases & Prescriptions) <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
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Staples Business Depot <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.0%		x	\$25	=		
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Winners <i>Gift Cards</i>	8.0%		x	\$25	=		
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