

February 8, 2021

A Village...

Every day, it becomes more evident that it takes a village to raise a child. Families depend on neighbours, extended family, and church communities to partner with them in nurturing their children. God created us to live in relationship. The last few months it has been hard to do this, but in due time we will be back to seeing people and oh, how we will enjoy everyone's presence so much more!

Next week, we will be hosting an Information Evening for prospective families and it again struck me that the school community is part of the 'village' that nurtures and supports our children. As parents wonder whether WCS will be the school for their children, they will have a chance to listen to and learn about all the things that WCS has to offer and how we will be part of their village. Over and over again, I think how blessed we are to have such a great community and school that we can be a part of every day.

We pledge to honour each child as a child of God to develop the gifts that they have been given, to treat them with respect and dignity, to provide a safe, nurturing environment and to help them grow closer to God in all their learning. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family's village.

Joleen Mulder



Monday	Adelaide V., JK
Tuesday	Asher B., Grade 3
Wednesday	Jenna H., Grade 2
Saturday	Noah E., JK

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

School Health- Here is a note from our local Public Health Unit to be shared with parents in the Woodstock Christian School community. Please check the *Decision Tool* and read carefully as some items and procedures re student screening and safety procedures have been revised and updated.

Last week, primary and secondary school students in the Southwestern Public Health region returned to in-person learning at their schools. We, at Southwest Public Health, have heard from many parents that knowing when their kids should be tested, when they should stay home, and when they need to isolate is very confusing. We've tried to make a complicated set of decisions a bit easier with an updated [Parent Decision Tool](#) (revised February 5th). EACH DAY complete the COVID-19 Student Screening Tool before school <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

If you need to reach out to us to have your questions answered, we can be reached at the SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre: 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

Prayer Corner- With Family Day on the horizon, we thank God for his provision and care that is provided through our families. What significant relationships we have with parents, children, siblings and extended family! I pray that you are blessed through these relationships. We recognize that in our sinful and broken world, there can be tensions and conflict in these primary relationships as well. Reach out to your pastor, a family support service, a counselor if you have concerns or need support.

We pray for our families as they experience the joys and challenges of this season of life. Please pray for our Board and committees as they begin planning for the next school year. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

Kindergarten recruitment- Families with kindergarten age students are considering school registration at this time of year. Pray for and encourage those who are considering enrolment at WCS. Our kindergarten information event is taking place on February 18th. If you know of families with children ready for kindergarten, steer them towards this event or connect them with Mrs. Mulder in the front office.

Long weekend- Please note that Friday, February 12th is a PD day as scheduled on our 2020-21 calendar and that there will be no classes for students. Teachers will be meeting to discuss learning and curriculum matters and to make plans for our spring Celebration of Learning. Monday, February 15th is FAMILY DAY in Ontario. Blessings for this holiday and the opportunity to celebrate God's gift of family!

MAP testing- Our winter round of MAP testing is in week 2.

From the Financial Administrator: Please note that tomorrow, Tuesday February 9th, the tax receipts for the year ending December 31, 2020 will be coming home with your children. Please make sure to look for it in their backpack. If you have any questions regarding the receipt please contact me at finance@woodstockchristian.ca.

Pizza Day- We have added 2 pizza days to our Lunch Box Order menu. Our first pizza day will be held on Friday February 26 and the second on Friday March 12. This will give you a chance to some of your January credit up, or if you have never ordered yet and would like to try pizza day you are welcome to order. Pizza Day will be from Dominoes and slices are \$2.00 each. The instructions for lunch box orders are in the attachment part of the parent link email.

Uncle Daddy's Pizza forms will be sent home today in backpack mail. Please have orders and payment in for this Thursday February 11. Pick up day will be the same day as chicken orders which is Friday February 26.

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 tomorrow, February 9th. Orders without payment will not be placed.

Orders will be available for pick up on **Friday, February 26th**. 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

LAST DAY to Apply: From the Ontario Ministry of Education: Supports for Students and Families

Financial support is available for families during this temporary remote learning period through the Support for Learners program. Starting on January 11, 2021, an expanded Support for Learners program is providing:

- \$200 for each child/youth up to grade 12, and;
- \$250 for each child/youth up to age 21 with special needs.

Applications will be open until February 8, 2021. Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-learners> for more details.

Student Support: Welcome back after the surprise long weekend! I hope you all enjoyed the break from school. The grade 5 math group will continue with our algebra unit this week. Extra practice at home may be needed to solidify learning. Due to the missed classes on Friday, the grade ones had their spelling test today. No new spelling list is coming home this week. Keep reading every night at home with your child(ren). Book bags (grade 1-3) need to be returned each Wednesday. Remember to write down how many minutes they have read each night and sign the weekly form. Students are always excited to see how many "Learning Place Dollars" they have earned in the hopes they have enough to purchase a prize from my treasure box! Have a wonderful week.

JK: Welcome to a new week in JK. We have many fun things planned for this week. Please look at Seesaw for updates for this week.

SK: Welcome to a new week of fun and learning. I love how they go hand and hand. Although it is cold, it is so wonderful to see the sun shining.
What's happening in SK?

- Letter:** - ng
- Sight word:** - can
- Math:** - shapes
- Bible:** - Moses
- Theme:** - How are snowflakes made?
- Wednesday:** -Whole school devotions
-Library
- Friday:** -PD Day: No classes

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): I hope everyone enjoyed their snow day on Friday! Happy birthday goes to Jenna who celebrates this week! We hope and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always. This week we are excited to celebrate Valentine's Day as well as 100 Masked Days of School! Thursday will be filled with various activities surrounding these two themes.

- Monday** - VIP Folders come home
- Tuesday** - Return VIP Folders
- ABSOLUTE LAST CALL FOR VALENTINES
- Wednesday** - Spelling Test Week 14 (rescheduled from Friday's snow day)
- Thursday** - Valentine's Day and 100s Day!
- Friday** - P.D. Day (No School)
- Monday** - Family Day

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): We had a great first week back last week. It is so nice to be with each other in person! This week we have lots of activities on the go - MAP tests, Valentines, 100 day and a PD day so there will be no spelling test this week. We will be focusing on our Word Wall/High frequency words in class. Both grades continue to work on Adding and Subtraction in Math. We are also continuing with the Miracles of Jesus' in our Bible studies. It's a short but busy week so rest up!

- Monday** - Valentines should be in at school to begin quarantine
- Tuesday** - MAP testing
- Wednesday** - MAP testing
- Thursday** - Valentines / 100 Day Celebrations
- Friday** - PD Day - No school
- Monday** - Family Day- No School
- Tuesday** - Library Day

Grade 3: This week we have a busy week as we continue to work on map testing. On Thursday we will pass out our Valentine cards (if we have those). Please see the email I sent on Thursday regarding Valentines. Remember to dress warmly for our outdoor times. Except for today, there will be no spelling test because of the short week. Test will be the following week.
Today: Spelling test: contractions

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. We have completed one MAP test and will continue with one more this week. We are starting a new novel called "Underground to Canada" by Barbara Smucker. We will focus on poetry this month. Students will choose a 32-52-line poem by the end of the week to memorize for the next 3 weeks. A copy of the poem will be sent home with each student. Remember to have your Valentine's in by Tuesday.

- Tuesday** - Phys. Ed.
- Thursday** - Spelling Test - Lesson 20
- French Quiz
- Share Valentines

Grade 5: A short week ahead, but much learning to happen. Our priorities this week: several quizzes happening today, book report projects (due tomorrow), MAP testing continues, and a culminating short story project beginning tomorrow. Regarding Valentine's Day: Grade 5 will have a short valentine's day celebration on Tuesday, February 16th. Students may bring in pre-packaged treats/candy and little cards; no homemade sugar cookies (sadly) or baked treats. Please have your child bring it in by Thursday, February 11th so that it can quarantine for 72 hours. A reminder to have your child check Google Classroom to read the homework list, each day.

Grade5/6: Welcome to a new week of learning grades 5 and 6! This week is a short week of school. The teachers have a PD Day on Friday. Our February book report sheet is coming home today. It is due on March 4. Any students who have not finished their Castle in the Attic assignment will be taking it home to complete and return to school on Tuesday, February 16.

- Monday** -Music with Mrs. Martin
-French
- Tuesday** -French with Mrs. Pasma
-Reading projects come home today if not yet completed.
- Wednesday** -Library - remember your books

- Thursday** -Phys. Ed.
-Math test on fractions - grade 6
-Music with Mrs. Martin
- Monday** -Memory work - Matthew 28: 18 - 20
-Family Day - enjoy your day off with your family
- Tuesday** -Castle in the Attic final activity due.

Grade 7: On Thursday we will have a Valentine's Day Celebration! Please bring a treat to share with your peers. Valentine's must be brought to school on Tuesday.

- Tuesday:** -Math Quiz ME7.22-25
- Wednesday:** -Characteristics of Short Stories Quiz,
-History Inquiry Projects Quiz
- Thursday:** -**BMW** is Acts 17:24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands."

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school. This week we will wrap up MAP Testing, begin Short Story Presentations as well as Speech Writing. A number of students still need to hand in work from our Remote Learning period for assessment, please be diligent in getting this work completed.

- Monday** - Phys. Ed. and Music
- Tuesday** - French
- Wednesday** - Phys. Ed.
- Thursday** - Phys. Ed., French and Music
- Friday** - No School (PD Day)

Upcoming Events

February

- 9 Board Retreat
- 10 Whole School Devotions
- 12 PD Day (no classes)
- 15 Family Day (no classes)
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 17 Whole School Devotions
- 18 Kindergarten Information Evening
- 25 Kindergarten Registration Day
- 26 Poetry Meet (1-4)
Pizza Day

March

- 3 Staff Meeting 730am
Prayer Circle 9:15am
Burger Lunch Day