

January 18, 2021

Waiting for ...

We have just come out of the Advent season, a season that marks a period of waiting - remembering the waiting for the Saviour's coming, and waiting for the anticipated return of Jesus to make all things new. We find ourselves in many waiting situations these days, whether that be for curbside pick-up, in the Zoom waiting room, waiting for appointments, for news of new measures, for notice of return to in-person learning. We ask each other what school, work, public health will be like after the pandemic while we wait for it to run its course. We say we 'can't wait' to have students back in the school again. Or 'can't wait' for things to return to normal.

In John 10, Jesus speaks to his audience using examples of sheep and shepherding to convey his message. His listeners are not understanding, not 'getting' the message, so Jesus tries another approach. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy," says Jesus. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus comes to bring life to His people. Jesus is in direct contrast to the thief. He provides. The thief steals. Steals joy, contentment, faith, confidence. There is much living to be done in the waiting. Do not let waiting steal life from you. Life does not pause: words need to be spoken, work needs to be done, decisions need to be made, rest needs to be taken, good news needs to be shared, moments need to be celebrated.

From a Bible commentary, "The Greek word for 'abundance,' *perissos*, has a mathematical meaning and generally denotes a surplus... The abundant life is above all the contented life, in which our contentment is based upon the fact that God is equal to every emergency and is able to supply all our needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus" (Boice, commentary). Abundant life isn't an especially long life. Abundant life isn't an easy, comfortable life. Abundant life is a life of satisfaction and contentment in Jesus. He provides more than we can imagine. - Carol Verbeek

(Resources: enduringword.com/commentary, Bible ESV)



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| Monday | Cody D., 6 |
| Tuesday | Ryan D., 6 |
| Friday | Jacob B., ½B Mr. Huinink, Bus Driver |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner- We thank God for his overflowing blessings and love. We know our God is a God of healing and comfort. We lift up our families who are dealing with the challenges created by the pandemic. We extend condolences to Mrs Schuster with the loss of her grandfather, Mr. Brian Duivesteyn, who is a former JKCS/WCS bus driver. May God comfort and strengthen this family. We praise a good God who provides for us every day in so many ways.

Welcome- We welcome Amanda Pasma to our teaching team at WCS! Mrs Pasma will be teaching Core French for the next months and will be joining the grade 7 classroom later this winter as a teacher-in-training for the intermediate division. Welcome back to Mr G Hiemstra in grade 3. May God continue to bless our teaching and learning at WCS.

Re-enrolment @ WCS- Today in your packets, you will be receiving the WCS Re-enrolment Commitment Form. Please complete this form as soon as possible and return it with next week's packet, or before January 31st. Our Board of Directors and school administration are beginning planning and preparation for the 2021-2022 school year and would appreciate your information in order to make those plans. Please pray for wisdom during this planning process.

Basketball Jerseys- Last March, when school closures were announced, our senior students were in the middle of basketball season. Though some basketball jerseys were returned on the June 2020 exchange day, there are still quite a few jerseys missing. If you were a basketball player (or if your older sibling was), please look around your home, check your closets and return those as soon as possible on our exchange days.

Absent students- If your children are unable to attend classes, please call/email 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 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.

Transition to High School- Are you considering secondary school options for your family? London Christian High is communicating with the families of our 8th grade students to share information about Christian education at the secondary school level, their student support services, extra-curriculars, tuition framework, and about their program of learning. Students and their parents are most welcome to connect with LCH for more information.

From the Library- Greetings from the WCS Library. We are very pleased to see the level of Book Reservations being made weekly going up in number. Some of you are perhaps thinking, can reservations be made just for the pick up day on Monday? Actually you can do it anytime! Also, if you are having trouble logging in, you can email me anytime, even though I am not here at the school everyday. I want to help!

Have you checked the New Book section? Lots of new good reading materials there as well. I can find a way to get books to your door. Just ask!

For this week, ALL those students reserving books on line will have their name go into a draw!

Three lucky students will win a book and you will hear who the winners are next Monday!!

- Mrs. Dieleman

Student Support: Learning Place has been going well! Thanks for all your help with getting your child (ren) logged on at the right times. New learning packets are ready for pick up. Students in grades 1-3 need a small container with at least 20 items for our games this week. Blessings on your week.

JK: Welcome to a new week! We are thankful for two birthdays this week. Happy Birthday to Madelyn who celebrated her birthday on Sunday and to Thys who will turn 5 on Thursday! May God bless you both in all you do this year. We have lots of fun activities planned for this

week. I hope that you all have collected your packages from school. On Wednesday we will do a fun science experiment and on Friday we will have a class trip. (This includes PJs and hot chocolate). Watch for your zoom schedule coming later today. Have a great week.

Tuesday - Celebrate Madelyn

Wednesday - Science experiment

Friday - Virtual class trip, pjs and hot chocolate, show and share something that you built or made. Be prepared to tell how you built it and why you are proud of this piece.

SK: Welcome to our third week of online learning. I am looking forward to another week of fun, learning and connecting with you on zoom. Please be sure to check out the video on SeeSaw as to what is coming home, returning and staying. Parents, you are doing a great job keep it up! What's happening in SK?

Letters - ie, ee, or

Sight words - blue, not, one

Math - shapes

Bible - Moses

Theme - Snowmen

Friday - Get your Purple on. School Spirit Wear day.
Dismissal at 1:05

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a brand new week. A huge happy birthday goes out to Ayla who celebrates on Friday. We hope and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you. Thank you to all for the condolences, it truly means a lot to myself and my family knowing that you are lifting us up in prayer during this difficult time. Please check Seesaw for some updates for the week.

Tuesday - Outdoor gym at 2:35

Thursday - Outdoor gym at 2:35

Friday - Spelling test week 12

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Welcome to Remote Learning week #3.

An email was sent out Sunday with the details of our week.

Monday - Package exchange and new package pickup - see Seesaw for list of things to return.

Tuesday - No Zoom meeting till 11:45 - check Seesaw for a list of things to do for the morning.

Friday - Get your purple on - School Spirit day!
- Whole school early dismissal - 1:05

Grade 3: This week we will begin a math unit of multiplication and will begin a new novel study of Sarah, Plain and Tall.

Our weekly spelling test will occur on Friday. Have a great week!

Friday - Spelling Test: Unit 16 words

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. We will start a research project on a Canadian province/territory this week. Books were sent home already and website suggestions will be available on google classroom. Spelling test results must be done on Fridays and students will create their lists on Tuesdays.

Wednesday - Bible Test - Unit 6 - Samuel (study sheets sent home last week)

Thursday - Math Test - Unit 7 - Division (see 2 quizzes, one sent home, one on Kami)

Friday - Spelling Test - Lesson 16 (send results in)
- School Spirit day- Wear WCS clothing and/or purple
- Early dismissal (1:05 pm)

Grade 5: Welcome to another week of remote learning! I hope all is going well at home. We've had a great start to remote learning; students in Grade 5 are in a strong routine and are quite engaged. Thanks for your patience and flexibility as we continue to adapt to this style of learning. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. A reminder for your child to check the homework list (Google Classroom>Homeroom) and insert pics of their work each day after school. Have a great week!

Grade5/6: Welcome to the third week of on-line learning grades 5 and 6! A study sheet for the Bible test is in the package of material picked up at school today. Remember you can still check books out of the library. Check out the WCS website. Happy birthday to Cody and Ryan this week! Enjoy your special day!!

Monday - Happy birthday, Cody!!!!

We have a day filled with lots of learning!

Tuesday - Happy birthday, Ryan!!!

French with Mrs. Pasma

Wednesday - Music with Mrs. Martin

Thursday - Bible test on the unit - Jesus' Death Art

Music with Mrs. Martin

French with Mrs. Pasma

Friday - Spelling test - words are in the spelling google classroom

Wear PURPLE WCS shirts today!

Memory work - 1 Corinthians 15:20 - in the Bible google classroom

Grade 7: Thank you for organizing and returning student work for marking and assessment. This week students will present ecosystem projects on Monday. Students will plan and prepare a WCS Student Life event: teaching origami to Grades K to 8. The event will occur live through Google Meet in the week Jan 25 to 29. Students are enjoying French classes with their new French teacher, Mme Pasma.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of Remote Learning. I continue to be impressed with the resiliency of the Grade 8 students. They have been working hard and sticking with our Remote Learning despite 'glitchy' internet at times. Keep up the great work.

Here is an overview of our learning this week:

Monday - Math Review, Science - Organisms, LA - Spelling/Short Story Project

Tuesday - Math Review, History - Historical Thinking Concepts, Art - Introduction to Group of Seven, LA - Spelling/Short Story Project

Wednesday - Math - Measurement Unit Test, Science - Unicellular Organisms, Bible - Following Jesus, LA - Spelling/Short Story Project

Thursday - Number Sense Lesson 1 - Integers, Art - Group of Seven, LA - Spelling/Short Story Project

Friday - Math NS - Lesson 2 - Integers, LA - Weekly Spelling Sentences, Bible - Following Jesus.

Upcoming Events

January

- 19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 20 Whole School Devotions
- 29 Postponed: Theme Chapel hosted by Grade 1/2A

February

- 3 Staff Meeting 730am
- 10 Whole School Devotions
- 18 Kindergarten Information Evening