

January 20, 2020

**Growing in Faith**

One of our guiding documents at Woodstock Christian School is the Student Character Profile. In developing this document a few years ago, our desire was to articulate more fully the words in our tagline - FAITH, LEARNING, COMMUNITY. As we partner with you in your child's education, join us in praying for and working together to cultivate, and to model for our children/ students these key characteristics and skills. While GROWING IN FAITH, students will:



- live their lives in thankfulness to God, praising and serving him
- think critically, test the spirits of this age, and show thoughtful discernment
- share their conviction that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world and that God the Father is the creator and keeper of all
- have a sense of wonder for the fallen but beautiful creation
- show basic Biblical literacy, cultivate a Christian worldview that combines intellectual understanding of God's call on their life with the awareness of the need for action through the prompting of the Holy Spirit
- possess a deep understanding of God's grace and a sense of humility about self
- articulate that God created them uniquely as his image-bearers, that God loves them, and has called them serve in this world

C. Verbeek, Principal



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| Wednesday | - Jacob B., SK1<br>- Ayla V., SK1<br>- Mr. Huinink, Bus Driver |
| Thursday  | - Mrs. Meekel, Bus Driver                                      |
| Saturday  | - Dominic C., JK   |

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner:** We know our God is a God of healing and comfort and that He walks with us through our joys and challenges. We thank God for his overflowing blessings and love. We continue to pray for our families. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through [j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca). Pray for families with kindergarten age students who are considering registration at WCS and those who are considering re-enrolment and educational choices for the next school year. Whenever you can, reach out and engage in conversation; ask, encourage and support one another.

**WCS Hockey:** The WCS hockey program will begin on Wednesday, February 5. Practices are Wednesday mornings for 5 weeks, at Woodstock District Community Complex, at 7:00 am. Interested students will bring home an information package this week for parents to read, sign and return to school. Thank you, Mrs. Racicot

**WCS Electives:** Electives begin on Wednesday, February 5, and run for five weeks until March 4, 2020 from approximately 2:10 to 3:30 for our junior and intermediate students. An emailed letter was sent last week. Deadline is today for students selecting their top 3 choices on-line. If you have any questions, or did not receive the emailed letter please let [g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca) know.

**Staff Appreciation Monthly Meals:** This year instead of doing a full week of meals for Staff Appreciation the Community Relations Team has decided to provide 1 meal a month for the staff to enjoy. We are currently looking to fill up the rest of the year. For these meals we would need 4 people signed up to help make 2 main dishes (each feeding about 12-15 ppl) a salad and a dessert. You can check out the sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/RBcqmcv>. If you have any questions please contact Cara Renkema: [crenkema@hotmail.com](mailto:crenkema@hotmail.com) or 519-535-8969. Thank you for being a blessing to our staff!

**Buses for Exam Weeks @ LCH:** Please note that London Christian High will not have regular classes or regular busing schedules this week. There will be no London bus on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. This means that WCS students will board the buses immediately following dismissal at 3:30 pm and will be home 8-10 minutes earlier (weather dependent).

**Measures of Academic Progress (MAP):** The winter session of MAP testing will begin next week. If you are interested in learning more about MAP, speak to your child's teacher or check out their website. [nwea.org/the-map-suite/](http://nwea.org/the-map-suite/)

**Junior Basketball Tournament:** A junior boys and girls basketball tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28. A letter will be coming home this week with a schedule and a request for drivers. Please watch for it if your child is on one of the basketball teams.

**Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball:** Students in gr 7 & 8 have signed up for basketball! Miss Body & Mr. H will be leading the senior girls' team. Mrs. Verbeek & Mr. Derek McKie will be leading the senior boys' team. Practices will begin next week, with the boys practicing after school on Tuesdays. The Christian Schools tournament will be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (which is also a PD day for WCS). Our regular season with the Separate Schools begins February 18<sup>th</sup>. Details about practice times and game schedule will be shared soon.

**Kindergarten Information Evening** will be held on Thursday, January 30 @ 7:45 pm. If you know of someone who is looking for more information on Woodstock Christian School or has a child going to Kindergarten in September, please share with them about this evening.

**Transition to High School:** Are you considering secondary school options for your family? On February 13, 2020 at 7 pm, London Christian High will have an Information Night which will provide a great opportunity to meet with teachers, learn about student services, extra-curriculars, tuition framework, and hear about their program of learning. Students and their parents are most welcome to attend for more information about high school choices.

**Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis:** The Dynaread students in grades 5 and 7 have all settled into their learning and are making great progress towards meeting their ambitious January goals. They know that the more reading they do each day, the quicker their reading skills improve. Have a wonderful week!

Wednesday - Return book bags (gr. 1-3)

Friday - Spelling test

**J.K. - Mrs. Westerveld:** Welcome to a new white week. We love playing outside! We want to wish Dominic a very Happy Birthday on Saturday. May God bless you the whole year through! This week we continue learning about shapes and snow. Our show and share for Friday is something that is square. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

- Pizza Day

Friday - Show and share a square

**S.K.1 - Miss Body:** Welcome back after a wintery weekend. Hope you were able to have some fun in the snow. Continue to pray for health for the WCS community. Martin Luther King Jr had a dream of peace. What is your dream? Connecting question: What did you build with your buddy on Friday? Did you win? Letters: oa, ie, ee/or. Sight words: me, blue, not.

Tuesday - All school devotions

- Library

Wednesday - Pizza lunch

**S.K.2 - Mrs. Poort:** Last week we welcomed Miss K to our classroom. She will be finishing completing her last ECE placement in our school on Wednesdays and in another area of our school on Thursdays. We continue to read our sight word book "We make a snowman". Last Friday students were very happy to read it to our buddies. It will be coming home on Friday this week, be sure to ask your child to read it to you.

Sounds books are getting more sounds added to them this week. If you still have one at home please send it in. sight words: in, to, it. Sounds: /sh/, /th/, /z/

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Pizza Lunch

- Miss K

Friday - Celebrate Mrs. Poort Birthday

**Grade 1 - Mrs. VanderPloeg:** Welcome to a new week! Check your emails for an update about what is happening in Grade One!

Monday - Phys. Ed

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Show&Share: Emily, Nathaniel H & Stephen

- Pizza Lunch

Thursday - Phys. Ed

Friday - Spelling Test

- Flashlight Friday

**Grade 2 - Mrs. Horinga:** We are very busy in Grade 2! We are learning about the miracles of Jesus and retelling the stories as news reporters. We have been expanding our vocabulary during our poetry writing unit. In math we are working on speed and accuracy of basic adding facts, this week focussing on +4s, as well as focussing on what makes 10. We have enjoyed learning about Global communities and we are now moving on to a unit about Air and Water. We will be working on our poems this week. Extra practice at home is also a good idea - the goal is to have 1/3 memorized by the end of this week. Lots of great learning happening!

Wednesday - Pizza lunch

- Library

Friday - Books and Blankets

- Spelling Test g or j

**Grade 3 - Mr. G. Hiemstra:** Students have chosen their poems for the Poetry Meet. Please chunk the poem in 3 approximately equal sections as they learn to memorize the first part this week. They have 3 weeks to do memorize their poems.

Thursday - ? of poem

Friday - Spelling Test

**Grade 4A - Mrs. VanAniel:** Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! Keep reading your January book. The brochure on your January book is due next week Friday!

Monday - Devotions: Hailey

- Music

Tuesday - All school devotions

- French vocabulary quiz

- Bring gym clothes

Wednesday - Devotions: Isaiah

- Pizza lunch

- Library: remember books

Thursday - Devotions: Jasmine

- Bring gym clothes

Friday - Devotions: Josiah

- Spelling test

- Memory work: first third of poem

- Buddies

**Grade 4B - Mrs. Hickey:** Welcome to a new week. We will be memorizing the poem chosen for the next 3 weeks. January book report is due next week Friday.

Tuesday - French vocabulary quiz  
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

Wednesday - Library  
- Pizza Lunch

Thursday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)  
- Music (bring recorder)

Friday - Mem. Work: 1 third of the poem  
- Spelling Test: Lesson 17

Next Mon. - Music (bring recorder)

**Grade 5 - Mrs. H. Ysselstein:** Welcome to a new week, Grade 5. May you continue to walk close to God as you learn, play and discover the amazing intricacies of His creation. The students had a writing marathon the past two weeks and have created some amazing short stories - they will editing them this week.

Monday - swimming

Tuesday - All school devotions: parents are welcome

Wednesday - Pizza Day

Thursday - Science Quiz on the heart (postponed from last week)  
- Bible Quiz on the first 4 chapters of Daniel

Friday - Memory Work Daniel 4: 3  
- Spelling Test Lesson 19

Next Mon. - Mr. H returns

Next Tues. - Jr. Basketball tournament

**Grade 6 - Mrs. Dam:** Welcome to a new week. I hope everyone enjoyed the snowy weekend. Praying for a great week of learning together! Please remember to sign and return the math tests from last week. Although students did VERY well overall, signatures let me know that parents have seen tests. Remember to send in elective forms if you haven't already.

**Language:** There will be no spelling test this week as we are also learning vocabulary in creation studies related to Canadian communities. The lesson 13 spelling test will be Weds. Jan. 29. Students have been working hard on research for their speeches. This week we will begin the drafting process. Students have received their next book report assignment. The "Dodecahedron Book Report". Due date will be mid February.

**Math:** Students have been working hard with fractions. I anticipate we will finish the unit this week and have a unit test next week Tuesday.

**Creation Studies:** We are at the beginning of a new

unit of study on Canadian communities and what it means to be Canadian. Students may be coming home with questions about their family's history here in Canada.

**Health:** Students had many interesting questions in response to Officer Jackson's presentation on drugs and abused substances. We will be doing some follow up work in class this week, but I also invite parents to talk with your child about this important topic.

Tuesday - Unit Bible Test. Study the review sheet we completed last week  
- Psalm is due

Thursday - Memory Work: John 1: 12

**Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:** Please refer daily to Google Classroom for grade 7 homework, assignments and tests.

**Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma:** This week we will begin our Science Projects with the Grade 7 class. We will also continue with speeches and our January book reports. It is Pizza Day on Wednesday. Please keep up to date with homework and assignments in the Google Classroom.

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January	21	Board of Directors Meeting
	22	Pizza Lunch
	27	MAP Testing begins
	28	Junior Basketball Tournament
	30	Kindergarten Information Evening
	31	Theme Chapel - Overflowing with Thankfulness
February	5	Staff Meeting 7:15 Prayer Group 8:30 Sub Lunch Kindergarten Registration Day
	7	Dental Screening for JK, SK, Gr.2 + 7
	12	Electives Begin
	14	P.D. Day*
		Sr. Basketball Tournament
	17	Family Day*