

W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

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Devotional: Gates of Praise <https://www.dpmuk.org/article/devotional-gates-of-praise>

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

How important it is for each of us to know the way into God's presence! How do we enter His gates? How do we come into His courts? The psalmist points out the way that God has ordained: We enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise. It is only as we come to God with thanksgiving and with praise that we have access into His presence.

The prophet Isaiah likens the presence of God among His people to a city, concerning which he says: *"You will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise"* (Isaiah 60:18). The only way through those walls of Salvation is by the gates of Praise. Unless we learn to approach God with praise, we have no access into His presence. Confronted with this requirement, we are sometimes tempted to look around us at our situation and ask: "But what do I have to thank God for? What do I have to praise Him for?" There may be nothing in our immediate circumstances that appears to give us cause to thank or praise God.

It is just here that the psalmist comes to our help. He gives us three reasons to thank and praise that are not affected by our circumstances: first, the Lord is good; second, His love endures forever; third, His faithfulness continues through all generations. All three are eternal, unchanging facts. If we truly believe them, then we have no alternative but to praise God for them-continually!

Mrs. Karen Poort



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| Monday | - Mackenzie B., Gr.8 |
| | - Mrs. Poort, SK Teacher |
| Wednesday | - Mrs. VanLeeuwen, E.A. |
| Thursday | - Lauryn M., Gr.8 |
| Friday | - Corryn V., Gr.5 |
| Saturday | - Levi B., SK1 |
| Sunday | - Abigail B., JK |
| | - Katelyn B., JK |
| | - Kevin D., SK1 |
| | - Aiden D., Gr.8 |

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 and our community. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through 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.

Chicken: Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. For every box sold, our school earns \$5. This is a simple way to support the school while making purchases you would normally be making at the grocery store. You will find the order form attached to today's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, no later than next **Tuesday, February 4th**. Orders will be available for pickup on **Thursday, February 20th between 3 and 4 pm**. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame, as we will not be storing any orders at the school. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.



Buses for Exam Weeks @ LCH: Please note that London Christian High will not have regular classes or regular busing schedules this Monday or Tuesday. 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). Regular schedules resume on Wednesday.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP): The winter session of MAP testing will begin this 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/. It is important that students are well-rested and well-fed when they come to school so that all systems are 'good to go' for learning.

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.

WCS School Life Candy Day: On Friday, January 31st, WCS School Life is hosting "Candy Day". On Friday, students in grades 3, 4a, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will bring a small treat to share with their younger buddy in grades JK-2. Older buddies will check with younger buddies for any food sensitivities. Thank you for your participation. WCS School Life team

Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball: Students in gr7&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. Tryouts/practices will begin this week, with the boys practising after school on Tuesdays. The Christian Schools tournament will be held on Friday February 14th (which is also a PD day for WCS). Our regular season with the Separate Schools begins February 18th, however, the season may be in jeopardy due to the ongoing teacher's strike/work to rule conditions. We will keep you updated as we receive information from the league. Calendar with practice times and game schedules have been shared.

Boys Junior Basketball: Tomorrow, Tuesday the junior boys basketball team will be making its way to London Christian High to play in our basketball tournament. They will need food and drink for the day, and their gym attire and indoor shoes. A WCS numbered shirt will be supplied at the tournament. Students need to be at WCS by 7:40 a.m. and should be back at around 4:00 p.m. at which time players can be picked up.

Electives: Elective lists will be posted today for the five Wednesdays beginning February 5, 2020. Two groups will be going to Open Sky on alternate weeks because of the popularity of this elective. A waiver will be coming home later this week for the Open Sky groups. The skiing group received a letter and waiver this past Friday because the waivers are due tomorrow, Tuesday, January 28. Please get those in along with payment to Mrs. Mulder on Tuesday (as Mr. Hiemstra is away).

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 highschool choices.

Pancake Breakfast: Students, wear your pajamas and bring your appetite and your favourite 'stuff' to our annual pancake breakfast on Wednesday, February 20th. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Donations will be gladly received for the work of World Renew. World Renew Ministries is a Christian, mission organization serving many needs including community development, disaster response, and education. Education is one of the most powerful tools for reducing poverty. Get comfy, get ready for pancakes, and help us support World Renew's community education programs!

Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis: Welcome to the last week of January. Keep sending those book bags back to school every Wednesday for updating. Your support at home is making a big difference. Thank you! If your child ever forgets to bring his/her book bag back on a Wednesday, send it along on Thursday. We'll be sure to slip in the new books. Have a great week!

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

Friday - Spelling tests

J.K. - Mrs. Westerveld: Welcome to a new week. On Wednesday, we wish Mrs. Van Leeuwen a very Happy Birthday. We are so thankful for her love and care for us in JK. Our show and share this week is something shaped like a rectangle. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Friday - show and share a rectangle.

S.K.1 - Miss Body: Welcome to the last week of January! Where did the month go? 2020 has started well. This Thursday is the Kindergarten registration evening. Please invite family and friends who have a little one starting JK or SK next year. Connecting question: What sport are we learning about in gym? What skill have we been practising? Letters: ee/or con't, z, w. Sight words: one, we, you.

Tuesday - Library

Friday - Theme chapel lead by Gr. 1

S.K.2 - Mrs. Poort: Welcome to another beautiful week. We are beginning our bible unit on Jesus' Miracles. We are continuing our 2nd step unit on Emotional Management. We are beginning our unit on animals in the winter. jolly phonics sounds: /ou/ /oi/ /ue/

Tuesday - guest teacher

- library

Wednesday - s/s an animal that gets ready for winter. (pic or plastic animal)

Friday - Chapel

- Friday fun with both SK classes

Grade 1 - Mrs. VanderPloeg: Welcome to a new week! Grade 1 is leading chapel this Friday! We hope you will join us. Check your emails for an update about what is happening in our classroom!

Monday - Phys. Ed

Tuesday - Library

Thursday - Phys. Ed

Friday - Chapel led by our class! @8:30

- Spelling Test

Grade 2 - Mrs. Horinga: It is another wonderful week of learning in Grade 2. We continue to learn about the miracles of Jesus - he is so powerful! This week we will practice our +5 adding drills, students are really

encouraged to be practising at home to become more efficient in solving basic adding facts. Students continue to work on their poems for our poetry recitation, while we practice in class students are also encouraged to practice extra at home.

Wednesday - library

Friday - Spelling test

- School life event: Candy day

Grade 3 - Mr. G. Hiemstra: Students will continue learning their selected poem for MW. They should know 2/3 of their poem by Thursday. Students have begun our multiplication unit and will be working on a daily drill. We will be covering 2, 5, 10, and 3's this week. We also will begin map testing this week.

Thursday - 2/3 of poem

Friday - Spelling test

Grade 4A - Mrs. VanAndel: Welcome to the last week of January grade 4! On Wednesday, both grade 4's are travelling to The Museum in Kitchener to learn more about light. We will leave school at 9:15 and return around 3:00.

Monday - Devotions: Kaitlyn D.

- Music: recorders

Tuesday - Devotions: Kaitlyn V

- MAP testing: reading

- Bring your gym clothes

Wednesday - Devotions: Kathryn

- Field Study to The Museum in Kitchener

- Library: remember your books

Thursday - Devotions: Kurtis

- Bring your gym clothes

Friday - Theme Chapel led by grade 1

- Spelling test

- Memory work: 2/3 of poem

- Music: recorders

- Candy Day

next Mon. - Devotions: Leah

- Music: recorders

Grade 4B - Mrs. Hickey: Welcome to a new week. Book report pamphlet is due Friday. We are looking forward to studying Light at The Museum in Kitchener. Thank you to all the parents who are helping supervise.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

- Bring science materials for Stop That Sound

Wednesday - Library

- Trip to The Museum in Kitchener

Thursday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)

- Music (recorder)

Friday - Mem. Work: 2 thirds of poem

- Spelling Test: Lesson 19

- Candy Day (school life event)

Next Mon. - Music (recorder)

Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra: Another week has begun and I am excited to be back at school! I really enjoyed taking care of and bonding a lot with my two boys as Abby focussed on returning to work after her maternity leave. I'm especially excited to work on our class's PBL movie project. We are almost finished writing the script for the movie and soon actors will be chosen and rehearsals will commence. Swimming lessons continue each Monday (except Family Day of course). MAP testing sessions are happening again throughout the next few weeks. Electives start on Wednesday, February 5th. I have been away so I will keep you posted on our upcoming speech writing/oral communication assignment. Please always feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns!

Monday - PhysEd: bring gym clothes

Wednesday - Music: bring recorder

Thursday - Music: bring recorder

Friday - PhysEd: bring gym clothes
 - Math quiz: geometry content so far
 - Spelling: Quiz and lesson due
 - Memory Work quiz: Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

Grade 6 - Mrs. Dam: We are praying for a wonderful day for our basketball teams at the tournament tomorrow! May we have a full week of exercising our God-given talents both in and out of our classroom.

Language: Spelling test 13 will be this Weds.

We will be working on the drafting stage of our speech writing this week. Any additional research that students may need to do will need to be done at home.

The dodecahedron book report will be due on Feb.13. Due to the 3-D nature of the final product, I am encouraging students not to take their project home. Class time is provided, but students will need to use their time responsibly.

Math: We have completed our fractions unit and have begun the review. The unit test is scheduled for Thursday.

Our next unit is in the second JUMPMath workbook. We are now at the midway point! Look for the first workbook to come home at the end of this week.

We are continuing to develop speed and proficiency with our multiplication facts. Soon we will be moving on to division facts.

Creation Studies: Unfortunately, Officer Jackson was unable to be with us on Friday. We look forward to her visit this week where she will share valuable information about internet safety with us. In our Canadian communities unit, we are learning about the unique nature of each province and territory this week.

Canadian map and unit vocabulary assignment is now due. Reminders will be emailed for all

assignments not handed in by tomorrow.

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

Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma: We will continue working on our speeches, January Book Report as well as our Science Projects this week. Be sure to be checking Google Classroom for any updates on homework assignments.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

January	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*
	18	Board of Directors Meeting
	19	Prayer Group 8:30 Pancake Breakfast Electives Continue
	21	Grade 1-4 Poetry Meet
	26	Pizza Lunch Electives Continue
	28	SK Vision Screening