

January 4, 2020

A New Year

Here we are in a brand new year - with brand new opportunities to learn more about God, about the world, about the people around us, and about ourselves. We have a God who loves us - a God who makes and keeps his promises to us and to the world. We've just come through the celebrations of Christmas - Jesus' birthday - and reminders that all of those prophecies and teachings in the Old Testament Bible really did come true.

What does God have in store for us this year? What will happen this year in our families, in our community, in world events? We have come through a rough year and though life continues to be unsettled, we can be assured that good things are happening and will happen - that we will be blessed. We also know that disappointing, sad and hurtful things will happen. Our school theme this year is "STAND FIRM". The words of 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "*Be on your guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love*" continue to be so relevant and inspiring.

In everything, we will keep praising God, encouraging each other, and praying for those in our community - those who know Jesus and those who don't. We will pray that God will also use us to do his work - to love and serve others. We will stand firm in our faith in our Lord.

Last year is past, but not forgotten. Take what wisdom you've gathered last year, learn from it, and keep growing in knowledge and in understanding and in wisdom. May God bless you and guide you as you walk with Him in 2021.



Sunday	Julia K., Gr. 8
Monday	Jeremy B., Gr. 7
Tuesday	Lydia F., Gr. 5B
Wednesday	Markus F., Gr. 4
	Peter S., Gr. 4
Friday	Ezra B., SK

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Welcome Back- Welcome back to school, students, teachers, and parents, for the winter of the 2020-2021 school year. Even though we need to wait a little for in-person learning, it is good to get back into the school routine after Christmas break. Watch for information from your children's teachers about schedules and information to make this week of Remote Learning a success. We had a good day of prep, discussion, and workshop time today and we are ready to go. Blessings for your week.

Prayer Corner- I pray that you were blessed with your 'different than usual' Christmas celebrations. As we begin 2021, may we experience and share God's love and grace within and beyond our community. We thank God for his overflowing blessings and for the time of renewal and refreshment we had through the break. Reach out to support and bless and pray for one another. Please continue to pray for healing, strength and good health for all those in our families with wellness needs.

Christmas Thanks- For all of you who blessed our staff with cards, flowers, candles, gifts, candy, chocolate, and other gifts and treats, a big THANK YOU. It is good to partner with you as we grow our children in the knowledge of God and his creation. Thank you for showing your love through gifts and words of encouragement and appreciation.

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Student Support: Wishing you all God's blessings in the year ahead. I'm excited to meet with your child(ren) in the comfort of your homes this week! Look for an email sent home this morning with more details about our remote Student Support program.

JK: Welcome back to learning and to 2021! I pray that you all had a wonderful holiday. I look forward to 'seeing' you all tomorrow. I pray that God will bless us with an amazing year together!

Tuesday Happy birthday Lydia!!!!
Welcome back chapel lead by grade 7
French with Mrs. Sikma
Wednesday Music with Mrs. Martin
Thursday Art
Music with Mrs. Martin
Friday Spelling test lesson 13
French with Mrs. Sikma

SK: Welcome back and Happy New Year! Although returning to school is remote, we are praying that we will be face to face soon. A schedule was emailed on the weekend for Tuesday remote learning- be sure to check it out. Today is package pick up 1-4:30.

What's happening in SK?

Letters: l, f, b Sight words: help, find, come
Theme: Winter (clothes, activities)
Tuesday: Remote learning
New Year Chapel- Gr 7
Wednesday: Remote learning
Friday: Remote learning
Happy Birthday Ezra!

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome back to school! Be sure to check out Seesaw for an update about what's happening this week!

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Welcome to our first week of Learning for 2021! Parents you will have received an e-mail from me today regarding Remote Learning. Please read through it carefully and be sure your child has all they need to begin our time together on Tuesday morning. Please keep watch on Seesaw for other announcements or adjustments as the week progresses.

Grade 3: Happy New Year! This week we will be remote with a number of lessons planned. We will review the metric system and continue with our metric unit. Perhaps you can count out how many times it takes for you to walk the perimeter of your yard in 15 minutes. That would be about a km. We will continue our book study, Chocolate Fever. Look for an email coming today about a schedule for this week. Our "normal" spelling test will not be on Friday but will be on Monday next week. Today a packet is available for our work this week, and more will be explained tomorrow at our meet time in the morning using the link from Google Classroom.

Grade 4: Happy new Year and welcome to a new week. We will continue mastering the times tables by doing mixed practice sheets daily. In Social Studies we are studying Canada. Practice the places of Canada and be ready for a quiz on Friday. No memory work this week. See Google Classroom for more details.

Tuesday - New Year's chapel hosted by grade 7
- Phys. Ed.
Friday - Spelling Test - Lesson 14
- Capitals of Canada Quiz
- Phys. Ed.

Grade 5: Welcome to a new and different week of school! I'm feeling prepared and positive about it: I think it will all work out well if students come in with a good attitude and if technology cooperates. I hope and pray that remote learning goes well for your family this week. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We'll be using our workbooks and the materials sent home today. A reminder that I'll post the homework on Google Classroom (Gr. 5 Homeroom) at around 4:00 each day (as usual) We can do this!

Grade5/6: Welcome back to learning and to 2021! I pray that you all had a wonderful holiday. I look forward to 'seeing' you all tomorrow. I pray that God will bless us with an amazing year together!

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Grade 7: Welcome to 2021! Happy Birthday to Jeremy! (Jan. 4) May you be blessed with God's love and care as you turn 13! I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday morning in Google Meet. Please have a novel with you at all times this week while you are working. I have posted your schedule in Google Classroom. Minor adjustments might be made throughout the week. I will be present in Google Meet each day at 8:00-8:30am and 3:20-4:00pm each day for individual meeting times. Connect with me if you have questions/concerns.

Grade 8: Welcome to the year 2021! I hope you all had a great Christmas break. As we pivot to Remote Learning this week, please check your email for a message sent earlier today outlining expectations for Grade 8. We will begin our Remote Learning classes tomorrow by using the Google Meet in our Google Classroom at 8:40 am. See you then!

Upcoming Events

January

- 4 New Year Chapel hosted by Grade 7
- 6 Staff Meeting 730am
Prayer Circle 9:15am
Burger Lunch
- 13 Staff PLC session 3:30pm
- 19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 20 Whole School Devotions
Sub Sandwich Lunch
- 25 MAP testing begins
- 28 Kindergarten Information Evening
- 29 Theme Chapel hosted by Grade 1/2A