

# INK-LINKS

Newsletter of the Woodstock Christian School, Woodstock, Ontario

June 2019

**WALK  
WITH GOD**

**TALK**

**WITH GOD**

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**WOODSTOCK**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
*Faith. Learning. Community.*

*Woodstock*  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
GRAND FRIENDS DAY

APRIL 25, 2019



## BOARD NEWS

As another school year comes to an end, we are thankful for God's blessings and faithfulness. We are also thankful for you, our community, for your continued support throughout this school year. Whether that support came by volunteering, attendance at an event, prayer for our staff and students or financial support, we are so thankful for you!

The Spring Membership Meeting occurred on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and we had the pleasure of participating in the Celebration of Learning, where we toured various classrooms where teachers and students set up displays to show and share what they have been learning.

We are thankful to Jennifer Bigham, Nathan Huinink, Jason Smith and Julie Vandendool for their time served on the board and pray that the Lord will continue to use them to His glory wherever He leads them next. We welcome Ray Boersma, Sharon Kiers and Patti Reyneveld to the board and thank them for their willingness to serve the Lord in this capacity. Incoming board members will be a part of a new mentorship program for the first 6 months of their term. The purpose of this program is to fully integrate and support new Board members through a formal one-on-one learning relationship with an existing Board member (the "Mentor"). We hope that this will be beneficial to all involved.

The new executive board is as follows:

- Albert Renkema - Chair,
- Tim Bakker -Vice-Chair,
- Michelle Sol - Secretary,
- Sharon Kiers - Treasurer, and
- Patti Reyneveld - Vicar.

The board would like to congratulate the grade 8 graduates of 2019. We wish them God's blessing as they start high school in the fall and continue to serve the Lord.

Your continued prayers for WCS are coveted. As the staff and students take a break during the summer months, we pray for rest, rejuvenation and safety.

Michelle Sol, Secretary

## Upcoming Events

- June 7..... New Student Visit Day
- June 14..... P.A. Day\*
- June 18. Grade 8 Tribute Assembly  
..... Graduation
- June 19..... Board Meeting
- June 21..... Last Day of School
- June 22.. W.C.S. Golf Tournament
- June 24..... Staff Meetings

## Looking Ahead

- September 2..... Labour Day\*
- September 3.. First Day of School  
... Welcome Assembly



### Voucher Program

We are excited to share that over \$10,000 dollars has been raised so far this year through our WCS Voucher Program. Thank you to all who participate in this easy fundraiser for our school. The WCS Voucher Program gives families an opportunity to earn up to 2% towards their own tuition without any costs. If you do not have children in the school, you can direct your funds to another WCS family or directly towards WCS. The process is easy! Come in to the school office, fill out the form, pay by debit, cash, or cheque and we give you your vouchers! If you can't come in, you can send us the form with payment or pay via e-transfer. We can send the vouchers home with a member of your family. You can earn a variety of percentages depending on the vendors. Did you know Crabby Joes gives us 20% back? Mr. Sub gives 10%? Many of your favourite grocery stores give 5%. We have a variety to choose from. Each order makes a difference for our school and costs you nothing! Come in and order today!

**Stock up now before school is out for the summer!**  
**Should you need to make a purchase in July or August we will be open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson: Albert Renkema 519-537-9932 Vice-Chair: Tim Bakker 519-463-9630 Vicar: Patti Reyneveld 519-424-2526

Treasurer: Sharon Kiers 519-539-9212 Secretary: Michelle Sol 519-539-7839

Members at Large: Andrea VanRooyen 226-377-1011 Heather DeBoer 519-842-9284

Wim Duizer 519-467-0230 Cora Kroondijk 519-449-3708 Ray Boersma 519-425-8785

# 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**WOODSTOCK**  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**DATE: Saturday, June 22 (rain or shine)**

**LOCATION: Ingersoll Golf & Country Club**

**TIME: Shotgun Start at 1:00PM**

**FORMAT: Texas Scramble (Best Ball)**

**ONLY \$150 per Golfer  
\$100 for Students**

**Registration includes:**

- 18 holes of Golf
- Power Cart
- Golf Prize
- Full Dinner

Dinner Only Option - \$45

Partial Tax receipt will be issued

## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

- Platinum - \$1000 (includes 4 golfers)
- Gold - \$650 (includes 2 golfers)
- Silver - \$350 (includes 1 golfer)

(Green fees, Power cart, Dinner, and a prize included for each Golfer)

**Company/Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to WCS - memo golf tournament.

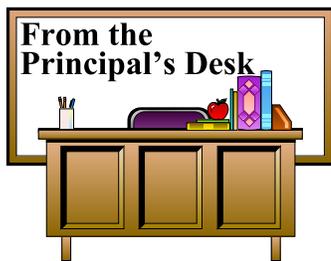
If using Credit Card, please visit or call WCS school office phone: 519-539-1492

**Sponsorship includes:**

*Signage on Course  
Acknowledgment at Dinner  
Newspaper Thank-you*

Please Fax form to 519-539-1893 or  
email [office@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:office@woodstockchristian.ca) or visit

WCS School office at 800 Juliana Dr. (P.O. Box 1597),  
Woodstock, ON N4S 0A8 [www.woodstockchristian.ca](http://www.woodstockchristian.ca)



## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

How are you with directions and finding your way around? Some of us are very fluent, can picture the location of some obscure place, and when asked, can direct others clearly to that location. For others of us, who are more directionally challenged, a series of instructions including north - south, left at the ... simply leads to confusion.

This year at Woodstock Christian School, our theme is Walk with God - Talk with God. Walking with God is a journey for each of our students, for our staff, and for our families and community. It is about purpose, direction, and partnership for life.

Have you ever begun a walk with someone and along the way realized that you have matched your stepping pattern and pace exactly to theirs? Walking with someone usually requires you to adjust and align your ways with theirs. Noah walked with God. Enoch walked with God. Both are described as righteous. Genesis 6:8-9 states that "Noah found favour in the sight of the LORD. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God". When walking side by side with God, your focus will include Him. When you walk with someone regularly, you come to understand them on a deeper level. You get to know their heart. At WCS, we are showing students God's world and God's ways so "that we may walk in his paths" (Micah 4:2). Walking with God requires aligning your will with God's will.

When you walk with someone, obviously you won't be going in opposite directions. Amos 3:3 asks, "Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?" There must be some kind of arrangement and decision between the walkers about both the journey and the destination. If you walk in different directions you can't listen to each other and you can't share. You won't be able to get to know, enjoy, and understand one another. When we walk with God, we are not just offering ourselves to him. God speaks to his people in Leviticus 26:12 and promises, "I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people". That word 'among' is a rich one. The God of heaven and earth chooses to come and walk among us, his creatures. Wow! We are blessed and honoured by His presence. He knows us by name. We are precious to him.

Walking with God within a community prepares students for life. Students grow in all the dimensions of who God created them to be: academically, socially, physically, spiritually and emotionally. They need knowledge, skills and strategies to navigate life. They will need to learn praise

and gratitude in the good times, and strength, perseverance, prayer, and also praise in the tough times. This year has been a journey for our students. The young ones in kindergarten and primary classes are growing taller and smarter and wiser. The middle ones in the junior grades are learning skills, facts, and strategies. The older students are growing in independence, in awareness, and in knowledge of who they are as children of God. Parents, church, community and school have all walked alongside. We guide toward the path, walk with them for a time, and then send them on their way. We cannot walk the way for them.

As we send our Class of 2019 towards graduation and beyond, we pray that they will continue to discover their purpose, will walk in the light of God's presence, and will be surrounded by a community that supports and guides them in their walk.

Carol Verbeek

## COMMUNITY CORNER

What a busy and fun last couple months we have had at WCS! We enjoyed Christian education week in April. The students enjoyed thanking all the volunteers that help out at our school, showed off their art work during the art walk, enjoyed a picnic lunch with their parents and even had a chance to enjoy a day with their Grand Friends.



At the beginning of May we enjoyed our first ever Celebration of Learning where the students showed off, to family and friends, some projects that they have been working on during the school year. Students have been busy training for Track and Field events, we had about 70 students and parents walk down the streets of Woodstock in the Victoria Day Parade, they presented at Share the Music Day and so much more!

There are always so many exciting things happening at the school and if you want to have a sneak peek at some of the great things that happen weekly at our school, follow us on facebook, instagram or twitter.

Joleen Mulder, Advancement

## TAKE THE TOUR!

Come out any Wednesday morning from 9 a.m.-noon and let us take you on a tour of our school.

If Wednesday mornings do not work for you, please email [admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca) to book your appointment. We will also have tours happening all summer long as we are still taking registrations for the 2019/2020 school year!



## Tribute to Grade Eight Assembly

We hope that you will all join us for our Tribute to Grade 8 Assembly  
on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

All the classes will be participating in celebrating our grade 8 students.  
Together, we will praise God for blessing them and we will celebrate the blessing  
that they have been to us at WCS. See you all there! Refreshments to follow.



The Class of 2019 invites you to attend the  
**GRADUATION PROGRAM**  
on **Tuesday, June 18** in the **Maranatha C.R.C.**  
at **8 p.m.**

We encourage you to help us celebrate this  
milestone in our lives.

## GRADUATES OF 2019

Malachi Bohner  
Ashley Butler  
Heeyeon Choi  
Matthew Choi  
Quinton Hardman  
Amber Huinink  
Hayden Koopman  
Julian Makkink

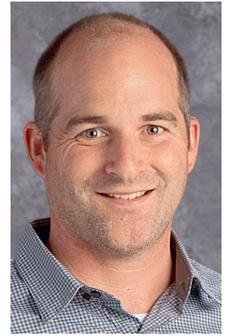
Brennan Meijer  
Paige Moelker  
Jana Overzet  
Brynn Paluska  
Franklin Robinson  
Allyson Schaafsma  
Nathan Sikma  
Liam Smith

Eric Streutker  
Matthew Takacs  
Katie Vance  
Alex VanderHoek  
Brandon Vanderkooi  
Owen VanRooyen  
Elliot Yu



## PROJECT-BASED LEARNING IN GRADE 8

One of the current trends in education over the past number of years has been the practice of Project-Based Learning. As an educator I have had the privilege of not only being trained in this practice, but also watching in action as I have implemented my training in our classroom. “In Project Based Learning (PBL), teachers make learning come alive for students.



Students work on a project over an extended period of time – from a week up to a semester – that engages them in solving a real-world problem or answering a complex question. They demonstrate their knowledge and skills by

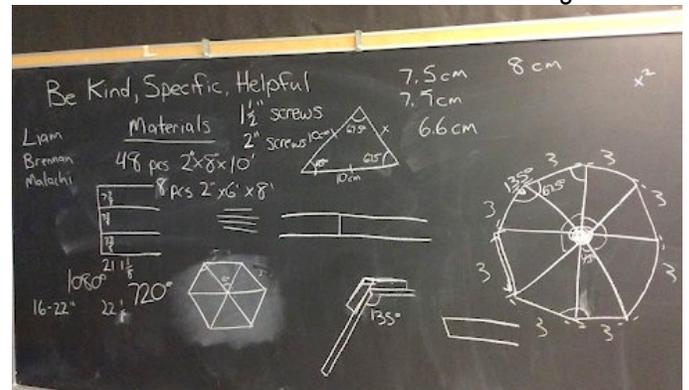
developing a public product or presentation for a real audience.” (taken from <https://www.pblworks.org/what-is-pbl>). In my experience with PBL at the elementary school level, I have developed an eight step process for students to follow to complete PBL projects. The steps are as follows: 1) Entry Event, 2) Driving Question, 3) Brainstorming, 4) Collaboration/Negotiation, 5) Building/Researching 6) Critiquing 7) Making Revisions 8) Presenting to an Authentic Audience.

On the first day of school this year our grade eight class was introduced to PBL and we launched into our first project. The driving question for our PBL was, “How can we build a Gaga Pit, that will last for a long time on our school property?” Students were also informed that they had to accomplish the task in just two weeks. I would like to share with you some pictures of the Gaga Ball Project PBL.

The Finished Gaga Ball Pit



Brainstorming - Students designed the Gaga Pit, decided on materials and created a budget



Collaboration/Negotiation - Students had to ‘sell’ the idea of the Gaga Ball Pit to Mrs. Verbeek in order to secure funding.



Building/Researching - Students had to purchase materials and implement their design.





Present to an Authentic Audience - Students shared their work and did a school wide demonstration of the Gaga Ball Project.



# WCS VOUCHER PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rewards to:**

Your own tuition account     Other family: \_\_\_\_\_     TAF     WCS

Store	% earned	Quantity	x	Value	=	Dollar Amount	Totals
<b>Food Basics / A&amp;P / Dominion / Ultra Food &amp; Drug</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$50	=		
			x	\$100	=		
<b>Zehrs / Loblaws / Independent / No Frills</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
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<b>IGA / Sobeyes / Knechtel / Food Town / Price Chopper / Foodland</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
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<b>Walmart</b>  <span style="float: right;"><i>Gift Cards</i></span>	2.0%		x	\$25	=		
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<b>M &amp; M Meat Shops</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
<b>Norwich Deli</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
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<b>Boston Pizza</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	7.0%		x	\$25	=		
<b>Crabby Joes</b>  <i>Vouchers</i>	20.0%		x	\$10	=		
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<b>Kelseys/Swiss Chalet/Montana's</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
<b>Mr.Sub</b>  <i>Vouchers</i>	10.0%		x	\$5	=		
<b>Tim Hortons</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$5	=		
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<b>Wendy's</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.0%		x	\$10	=		
<b>AMAZON.ca</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	2.0%		x	\$25	=		
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<b>Home Hardware / Furniture / Building Centre</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	4.0%		x	\$25	=		
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<b>Canadian Tire</b> (Store, Gas Bar, and Auto Repairs and you still receive Canadian Tire money!)  <i>Gift Cards</i>	4.0%		x	\$25	=		
			x	\$100	=		
<b>Steve's Automotive</b> Juliana Drive, Woodstock  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$50	=		
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<b>Indigo / Chapters / Coles</b> (in store & online)  <i>Gift Cards</i>	8.0%		x	\$25	=		
<b>Giant Tiger</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.5%		x	\$25	=		
<b>Mark's Work Warehouse</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	7.0%		x	\$25	=		
<b>Shoppers Drug Mart</b> (all Store Purchases & Prescriptions)  <i>Gift Cards</i>	5.0%		x	\$25	=		
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<b>Staples Business Depot</b>  <i>Gift Cards</i>	3.0%		x	\$25	=		
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