

March 1, 2021

The Belt of Truth

The first piece of armour Paul discusses is the belt of truth. In Ephesians 6:14, he says, “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist.” Of all of the pieces of the armour of God, you may be wondering why Paul started with the belt. We think of a belt as simply to hold up pants. However, for a Roman soldier, this thick belt did a lot more. It held all the most important weapons at a soldier’s disposal, as well as equipment, ropes, and food rations. A Roman’s belt also had strips of armour hanging from it to protect the lower portions of the body. If a soldier did not have this thick belt secured correctly, if it went crooked, he wagered his own life on the battlefield. Think of it, without a belt, they could not carry a weapon!



So, why does Paul associate the belt of a soldier with truth?

For Christians, God’s Word is truth, and it serves as our foundation. The world we live in teaches that truth is what we make it—that good and bad are relative and that there are no absolutes, only equally valid opinions. But the Bible teaches that truth is God’s Word—and that there are eternal and unchangeable absolutes, uninfluenced by opinions. 2 Timothy 3:16 says, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” If our beliefs are not rooted in God’s Word, we cannot expect to fight battles for Christ.

Just as a belt is worn close to the body, we should hold God’s truth close to us and allow it to surround us. When we remain in His Word, we can distinguish what is true from what is untrue. Keep that belt secure! Know and use God’s truth!

Mrs. Verbeek, Principal



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| Monday | Damen S., Gr. 2B
Korianna S., Gr. 2A
Taylor T., JK |
| Tuesday | Micah D., Gr. 6 |
| Wednesday | Daniel H., Gr. 3
Cooper M., Gr. 1B |
| Thursday | Caden D., Gr. 1A
Riley D., Gr. 1B |
| Friday | Julie N., Grade 8
Aleena S., SK |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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Kindergarten recruitment- Last week, many families registered their children for Junior Kindergarten at Woodstock Christian School. Balloons, photos, registration papers, celebration hats ... can you believe that students registering will be the grad class of 2031? If you know of families who are considering educational choices for their children, tell them about Woodstock Christian. How has God blessed your family and your child(ren)'s learning? How have you experienced community and ways to get involved? Tell your story and pray for and encourage those who are considering enrolment at WCS.

School Health Updated- Southwestern Public Health has provided an updated decision tool for parents revised February 22nd. Parents are reminded to complete the COVID-19 Student Screening Tool before putting students on the bus or bringing them to school. If your child does not pass the morning screening, use the [Parent Decision Tool](#) to determine next steps. SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre: 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

Prayer Corner- Our God is Lord of creation and seasons and time. We are thankful for signs of spring, and for this season of Lent as we remember the events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Praise God for new babies - we celebrate with the Housworth family with the birth of a new baby boy, Emmett - a new brother for Kaleb in JK! For health needs and worries of extended and community families, we offer prayers for healing and strength. Keep on praying for one another. "*Stand firm...and do everything with love*". Prayer team meets this week Wednesday at 9:15am. Reach out to j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca to share requests.

Friday March 5 is a PD day. Students will have the day off and teachers will be preparing second term learning reports, which will be shared with parents on Friday, March 12th. If you wish to discuss second term student learning with your child's teacher, reach out to them to schedule a time to talk via Zoom.

April 23- Please note the change in the WCS calendar. The Friday, April 23rd Bluewater PD day is not taking place and April 23rd will be an in-class at-school day.

The 'TOGETHER'- On Wednesday afternoon, we will be getting outside to play cooperative games. The TOGETHER (The Outdoor Game-day Encouraged To Help Everyone Refresh) event is one that our Grade 8s will be hosting and instructing the classroom cohorts in their playground zones. Games will challenge students to work together to achieve solutions while getting active! Win-win!

Snow Tubing- Parents of students in grade 4 through 8, look for an information/permission form coming home as a follow up to the snow tubing email you received last week about this alternative to Electives. We are keeping an eye on the weather and snow conditions and may be moving the event to an earlier date (Tuesday March 9?) so that we can make this work. Stay tuned! Please read and complete the permission form and return it as soon as possible. All participants are required to wear helmets for this activity. Any questions? Please reach out to principal@woodstockchristian.ca or the front office.

Spring Break- The traditional March break for schools will be postponed until April. Monday, March 15th will be a mid-month BREAK DAY (no classes). Third term will begin on Tuesday, March 16th and continue through to June. WCS will pause for the newly scheduled SPRING BREAK week - Monday, April 12- Friday April 16th.

You don't want to miss this!

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Complete the challenges any time before April 17, 2021 for your chance to win a family night out at:

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SOCIAL BOWL

Daytime Cleaning- Woodstock Christian School is seeking someone for third term to provide cleaning services within the school day (approx. 2 hours with flexibility of time). This service would also entail laundering services. If you are interested or seeking more information please email the vice principal at g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca

Bazaar Bottles- It is that time of year again, where we are in the planning stages of Springfest. This year it will be online, but we still plan on making bazaar bottles! We are asking the students to get on their creative hat, and we will have a 1 st, 2nd, and 3rd place bottle again! This is always a highlight for the students, and they love to walk through the front lobby and check out each others bottles. Here is a video with instructions on how to make your own bazaar bottle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5acCLO3kXJU&feature=youtu.be>

Student Support: Hi parents! The end of term 2 is quickly approaching. Much progress has been made over the past few months, and I am excited to finish reading and spelling assessments. Results will be discussed and celebrated on the upcoming report cards. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about your child's program or progress

(t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca). Have a great week!

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr 1-3)

Thursday: Spelling test (gr. 1)

while Grade 2 finishes up a unit on measurement. Please check Seesaw for activities to complete this week.

Monday - Library

Wednesday - Burger lunch

- Outdoor play afternoon - hosted by Grade 8 - dress appropriately.

Thursday - Spelling test

Friday - PA Day - No school

JK: March is here! We have a fun filled week this week in JK. Please keep an eye on seesaw for updates.

SK: Welcome to March. Did it come in like a lion or a lamb? What do you think?

What's happening in SK?

Letter: review Sight words: review **Math:** position words

Bible: Moses

Wednesday: Library

Burger lunch

Outdoor games hosted by Gr8 (pm)

Friday: No Classes (report card writing)

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a brand new week. Happy birthday to Korianna and Caden who both are celebrating this week! We hope and pray that God will continue to bless and keep you both always. This week we are wrapping up our look at healthy eating and will be starting a brand new science unit.

Monday - VIP Folders come Home
- Healthy Eating Assignment Due
- Library Day

Tuesday - Return VIP Folders

Wednesday - Winter Carnival

Thursday - Spelling Test Week 16

Friday - P.A. Day (No School)

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Seriously the first week of March! Where is time going. March calendar and newsletter is coming home today in message bags. This week our spelling pattern will focus on sp/sn/st. We will continue learning about the parables of Jesus as we work toward our Celebration of Learning project. In math grade 1 will begin a unit on counting strategies (skip counting),

Grade 3: This week we are researching some animals for our legend study. We will continue with our multiplication drills with 3's and 4's and will mix them up along with 2's. Students are able to practice their drills at multiplication.com. We will have a test on Wednesday on tally charts and line plots as well as telling time. Telling time is in our new Jump Math book and students can review the work they have been doing. A line plot example will be sent home for review as this was from our last book which remains at school. Students are able to bring in bazaar bottles anytime. There will not be any spelling test this week.

Wednesday: Math test

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. Please return the permission slip for St. Mary's River Valley. Next week the students will perform their poem in front of their class. A video will be sent of each student to their family to see. AR is due today for February. A new book needs to be chosen to read for the month of March.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

- Library exchange

Thursday - Spelling Test - Lesson 22

- Memory Work - Entire Poem

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week and month! We have many things planned for this week. Keep an eye out on emails for updates. Have a great week!

Grade5/6: Welcome to a new week and a new month! It is March already! Happy birthday to Micah! The book bag book reports are due on Thursday.	11	Grades 4-8 go tubing
	12	Pizza Lunch
		Report Cards Go Home
Monday -Music with Mrs. Martin	15	No classes
Tuesday -Happy birthday Micah!	22	Rock Your Socks
	22-27	Springfest Online
Wednesday -Gym	24	Sub Lunch
	25	K is for Kindergarten (1 st session)
Thursday -Spelling test		
		-Book report due
		-Memory work - Acts 2: 1,2
		-French with Mrs. Pasma
		-Music with Mrs. Martin
Friday -No school - Report card writing day		

Grade 7: We welcome Mrs. Pasma to our learning community. She is a Redeemer Ed student completing her final practicum.

Monday	- PBL 401 research Geography concepts
	-Rehearse "Volunteer Program" introductions
	-Begin memorizing informative speeches
	-Present Graphic novel book reports
	-Math quiz PDM7.6-8
Wednesday	-PBL 401 expert groups teach Geography concepts
	-Present informative speeches
	-Math quiz PDM7.9-13
	-French presentations (Mme Pasma)
Thursday	-Present informative speeches
	-Math quiz PDM7.14-16
Friday	-Students should sleep in!

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school and the month of March. Grade 8 Students will be presenting their Demonstrative Speeches today and tomorrow. We will be hosting an all-school Outdoor Activity day on Wednesday as part of our Phys. Ed. learning.

Monday	- Demonstrative Speech Presentations
	- Music
Tuesday	- Demonstrative Speech Presentations
	- French
Wednesday	- All-school Outdoor Activity Day,
	-Burger Lunch
Thursday	- Music, French
Friday	- No School (Second Term Report Card Preparation)

Upcoming Events

March

3	Staff Meeting 730am Prayer Circle 9:15am Burger Lunch Day
5	Report Card Writing (no classes)
10	Teacher PLC- 3:30pm