

March 16, 2021

In the earliest words of Scripture, God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth" (Genesis 1:26 MSG).

Embedded in these words is the most wonderful of promises: God made us to reflect his image...

Sin has distorted this image, but it has not destroyed it. Our moral purity has been tainted. Our intellect is polluted by foolish ideas. We have fallen prey to the elixir of self-promotion rather than God-promotion. The image of God is sometimes difficult to discern. But do not think for a moment that God has rescinded his promise or altered his plan. He still creates people in his image to bear his likeness and reflect his glory.

Pop psychology is wrong when it tells you to look inside yourself and find your value. The magazines are wrong when they suggest you are only as good as you are thin, muscular, pimple-free, or perfumed. The movies mislead you when they imply that your value increases as your stamina, intelligence, or net worth does. Religious leaders lie when they urge you to grade your significance according to your church attendance, self-discipline, or spirituality.

According to the Bible you are good simply because God made you in his image. Period. He cherishes you because you bear a semblance to him. And you will only be satisfied when you engage in your role as an image-bearer of God. Such was the view of King David. "As for me, I will see your face in righteousness. I shall be satisfied when I awake in your likeness" (Psalm 17:15)."

Elizabeth Martin, Music Teacher



Monday	Sarah D., Gr. 5
Saturday	John R., Gr. 5 Wesley V., SK
Sunday	Mr. H., Gr. 5 Teacher Kurtis Y., Grade 5

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner- We welcome spring and the small signs of a fresh new season. In this season of Lent, we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, remembering the journey to the cross and the events leading to Good Friday and Easter. For health needs and concerns of extended and community families, we offer prayers for strength and peace. Keep on praying for one another. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca. Prayer team will be meeting tomorrow at 9:15am. Please join us!

Snow Tubing- We were so blessed to have a wonderful day together on the slopes of River Valley Tube course last Tuesday! We enjoyed warm temperatures, sunshine, outdoor picnics, fellowship, and so much fun!

Kindergarten recruitment- 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 encourage and pray for those who are considering enrolment at WCS.

School Health- Watch for a parent email about updated symptom screening criteria and sibling/household isolation information. Thank you, parents for completing the daily screening and keeping home your children if/when they exhibit symptoms. We appreciate your efforts to keep WCS students, staff, and families well. More stringent screening has come through from Public Health and if a student is exhibiting symptoms, household members must stay home until testing indicates negative results, or follow the instructions provided by your health care professional, or by SW Public Health. [COVID-19 school screening](#) If you have questions, contact the SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre: 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

Calendar Changes- The traditional March break for schools has been postponed until April. WCS will pause for the newly scheduled SPRING BREAK week - Monday, April 12- Friday April 16th. Also, **April 23** has changed ... the Bluewater PD day is not taking place. It will be an in-class at-school day.

Celebration of Learning- Plan to attend! This year at WCS we are hosting a virtual Celebration of Learning at the end of April. This is an event for every child and every family! This Celebration will be a showcase of the learning that is happening throughout WCS. Stay tuned for more details in coming weeks.

Wee Creations Christian Preschool is accepting registrations for September 2021.

Our classroom is located within the Woodstock Christian school and we have our own fenced playground. We are planning to offer classes Monday to Friday mornings plus Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Morning class runs 9:00-11:30 and afternoon class runs 12:30-3:00.

This program is for children aged 2.5 - 5 years. We are a licensed program.

You can ask Joleen to send a package home with your elementary students or ask for one at the door.

Any questions can be directed to janet@weecreations.ca. Check our website www.WeCreations.ca

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 desire more information please email the vice principal at g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca

Wacky Sock Day - On *Monday March 22* we will be having Wacky Sock Day. We are having Wacky Sock day to bring awareness to Down Syndrome. Down Syndrome is not a sickness, people are just born with it . There are about 3,000 babies born with Down Syndrome each year.

So look through your drawer and remember to wear your Wacky Socks on Monday March 22.

From Grade 1/2B

We need you! We are offering chili and stamppot meals for sale at Springfest, and we need some help in the kitchen. Friday morning we'll be peeling and preparing potatoes, making gravy, and making chili. Saturday morning we'll be cooking the potatoes and boxing up the food for takeout. We will be wearing masks. Please email Cora Kroondijk at bckroondijk@gmail.com or the office if you can give a few hours of your time. Thank you.

BAKING HELP! We are looking for some volunteers to send in some baked cookies into the school for Springfest. We are going to be selling these at our online Springfest event. Please note, that the baked goods do need to quarantine for 72 hours and will need to be in the school for April 7. If you are able to help with this, please email office@woodstockchristian.ca so we can track how many baked goods will be coming in.

SIGN UP NOW for the Springfest 2021 virtual fundraiser. Click on the following link to view our online catalog and see the great things that are for sale! [charityauction.bid/WCSspringfest](#) More things will be added daily, so be sure to check back in and see what has been added.

Student Support: Welcome to term 3! Praying the students will have a great finish to the school year. This week the grade 5 math group will be wrapping up the fractions unit with a test on Wednesday. Our review sheets are posted in the Google classroom. Some grade 4 students took home book bags last week. Please encourage them to read daily and to return their book bag every Wednesday. Record minutes read on the calendar provided. Have a great week.

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr 1-4)
Fractions test (gr. 5)

Friday: Spelling test (gr. 1 & 3)

JK: Welcome to a new week. This week is Staycation week at school. Wear sunglasses, hats, sandals....anything that looks like you are on vacation. We will have fun!!!! Thanks to all those who brought treats for Franklin. Keep them coming. This is our last week to bring in bazaar bottles. We will have show and share on Tuesday since we missed it on Friday. Bring in things that you found outside. Have a great week.

Tuesday - Show and share - something that you found outside.

Wednesday - Library

SK: Welcome to a new week. It's STAY-CATION week. Throughout the week wear destination t-shirts, sunglasses ect. We will enjoy the sun together.

What's happening in SK:

Letters: sh, th Sight words: here, down Math 3D Bible: Jelly Beans for Jesus

Tuesday: Stay-cation (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)

Wednesday: All School Devotions
Library

Thursday: Ladies Bible Study (PM)

Friday: Happy Birthday Ayva-Rose!

Saturday: Happy Birthday Wesley!

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to third term! The school year is flying by! This week is our staycation week - what will you bring to remind you of vacation? Both grades will be beginning a new unit in math this week so be sure to check Seesaw for updates and how you can help at home. Thank you to those who have signed and returned report card envelopes. If you have not yet done so, please send in this week as I need the envelopes for final report cards.

Tuesday - VIP Folders

Wednesday - Return VIP Folders and Report Card Envelopes

Friday - Spelling Test Week 18

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): It is Stay-cation week.. check Seesaw for more details. Also check Seesaw for a photo of some left behind hats... do they belong to your child? This week we will continue working at writing our plays about the parables of Jesus. In math, we continue to focus on skip counting both forward and backward. Please be sure to sign and return your child's report card envelope as soon as possible.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Staycation day 2

Thursday - Staycation day 3

Friday - Staycation day 4
- spelling test

Grade 3: We have begun writing our legend and will begin improving/editing our story this week. Our multiplication drill work will continue, usually mixing up the 2's, 3's, and 4's as we still need a lot more practice with these before we move to larger numbers. Thank you to all those who brought in their Bizarre Bottles. They look great! This week is Stay-cation week. Remember to have your vacation items at school all week.

This evening: Virtual Parent Teacher Conference (as per email last week)

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Friday: Spelling test: List 21 (postponed from last Friday)

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. Great job on reciting your poems last week. Congratulations to Cameron, Markus, Jocelyn, Callan, and Rebecca who placed in the top 5! It is Stay-Cation this week. Bring lots of vacation items to school each day. (t-shirts, sunglasses, hats, pictures, etc) Remember to read an AR book for this month. It's due March 31. Please return report card envelopes.

Tuesday - Library Exchange
- Phys. Ed.

Thursday - Music (bring recorders)

Friday - Spelling Test - Lesson 25
- Memory Work - Psalm 24:1-3
- Phys. Ed.

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week! Gr. 5 will soon be starting a new science unit, called "Forces and Structures: By Wisdom a House is Built"; we are looking forward to it. We've been working hard at preparing our PBL project for our celebration of learning which is happening in late April. We are excited to share this with you. Please continue to have your child check Google Classroom for homework updates.

Grade 5/6: Welcome to a new week of learning, grades 5 and 6. This week we are celebrating "Stay-cation" week. Dress up in sunglasses, flip-flops (with socks), destination t-shirts, and bring souvenirs from different places you have gone. Try to do or bring something every day. We will be keeping track of participation and hopefully we can win the popsicle party on Friday.

Wednesday -Phys. Ed. with Mrs. Geerlinks

Thursday -Music
-French

Friday -no memory work or spelling this week
-French

-Phys. Ed. with Mrs. Geerlinks

next Mon. -Rock your Socks Day - wear your most interesting socks.

Grade 7:

Monday -Happy Birthday Josiah! (March 15)

Tuesday -March Break Stay-cation ALL WEEK

Wednesday -ukulele (music)

Thursday -History Quiz (Treaty of Utrecht, Acadia)

Friday -Math Quiz (PA7.22-28), BMW (Parables)

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school! I hope you all had a nice long weekend. This week Grade 8 will continue with our 401 - Why here? PBL with the Grade 7s. We will also be hearing Motivational Speech Presentations and we will continue with our novel study of Wonder. There will be a Math Quiz on Friday. This week we are also celebrating our March Stay-cation with school life.

Students are to wear items they would wear on a vacation.

Tuesday - French, Speech Presentations

Wednesday - 401 - Why here? - PBL, Speech Presentations

Thursday - Music, French, Art, Phys. Ed., Speech Presentations

Friday - 401 - Why here? - PBL, French, Math Quiz

Upcoming Events

March

16-19 Stay-cation Week at WCS

17 Prayer Group 9:15am

22 Rock Your Socks

22-27 Springfest Online

24 Sub Lunch

25 K is for Kindergarten (1st session)

April

1 K is for Kindergarten (2nd session)

2 Good Friday/Easter Chapel by Gr. 5/6

2-5 Good Friday/Easter Monday (no classes)

7 Staff Meeting 7:30am

Prayer Circle 9:15am

Burger Lunch Day

8 K is for Kindergarten (3rd session)

10 Springfest Pick Up Day

10-15 Amazing Race

13 Volunteer Appreciation Tea