

March 22, 2021

Editorial Armour of God: The Shield of Faith [Ephesians 6:10-20 NIV The Armor of God](#)

Scripture often refers to God, the Almighty, as our shield ([Gen. 15:1](#); [Ps. 5:12](#); [Prov. 30:5](#)), and we must keep this in mind as we consider Paul's call for us to take up the shield of faith. Roman shields, depending on the type, could protect a good portion of the body especially in the Roman phalanx formation. Soldiers would stand shoulder to shoulder in files several ranks deep with interlocking shields and weapons ready. The shield protects as a defensive measure, but does a lot more than take blows from arrows and weapons. The typical Roman shield could also be offensive and push back against the enemy.



How do we see this in terms of faith?

God is our Commander in Chief giving us our war strategy. He is telling us how to conduct ourselves in battle. The shield of faith doesn't lose hope, it doesn't give up and it doesn't quit. The shield of faith believes God and takes Him at His Word—no matter what the situation looks like. This heavy shield can withstand the impact of fiery strikes. We hold onto our faith like a shield. We have to deliberately choose faith in all circumstances. Faith cannot only protect us from the blows of the devil, it can help us push back against him. Second, we can extinguish arrows that Satan sends our way. Not only can faith handle the impact of them, but it extinguish false ideas and doubt. Third, when we band with other Christians, in phalanx formation, it strengthens our faith. Although God won't shield us from tragedy or loss, he can provide us faith when we need it most.

(Reference: [take-up-the-armor-of-god](#) [crosswalk.com](#))

Carol Verbeek, Principal



Tuesday

Eden V., Gr. 8
Nicole W., Gr. 4

Saturday

Jocelyn S., Gr. 4

Sunday

Abigail V., Gr. 8
Miss Body., SK Teacher

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner- It's spring! We thank God for seasons and sunshine and a drying playground! 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. We pray for patience and wisdom as we navigate the home stretch of this school year. We keep praying for our community and our families. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca.

School Spirit- Last week's excitement around our Stay-Cation event was noticeable every day. Students arrived wearing shades, warm weather gear, toting suitcases (filled with backpack & lunch), wearing socks and sandals, and more. What terrific participation by staff and students alike! And then there were the Bazaar bottles which are on full display in our foyer. What creativity our students and parents displayed - everything from furry cats, to peacocks, to tanker transports, pigs, elephants, virus & vaccines, motor vehicles... Amazing! Mrs. Martin reminded us, in our Monday morning staff devotions, to "rejoice always". I rejoice that at WCS we can always find ways to express and celebrate being a school, being God's children, cohorted, but together. God is good.

School Health / COVID- With several Woodstock schools experiencing outbreaks, or having to close for a period of time to contain an outbreak, we need to be especially vigilant at WCS. 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. Please ensure you are familiar with the most recent screening has come through from Public Health. It is very stringent and if a student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID, household members must also stay home until testing indicates negative results or direction is given by your health care professional or by SW Public Health. Here's the link: [COVID-19 school screening](#) If you have questions, contact the SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre at 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

Blended Learning- If a student needs to be away from school because they or a sibling are symptomatic, unless they are very ill, they are expected to join the classroom for Blended Learning. Please inform the teacher and the WCS front office prior to 8am if your child will be absent so that teachers can prepare to connect with them. If your child is going to be absent for a period of time, also share that information with us so that we can prepare materials for pick up. Thank you for your support as we journey through this together.

Calendar Changes- WCS will pause for the newly scheduled SPRING BREAK week - Monday, April 12- Friday April 16th. Also note, **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. Students are doing some amazing work in their classrooms and we are excited to be able to share with you.

K is for Kindergarten starts this week! We are excited to have our future JK students join us on Thursday from 9-11am. We will be learning about Noah's animals and working on some fun crafts and activities.

From our Library: Research Help!! Don't forget what the WCS Library has to help you with. Please remember we subscribe to **Encyclopedia Britannica**. Our access can be used on any device, at any time: **Username: woodstockcs Password: student**
If your child is needing any extra help with resources for their research, feel free to email me at any time: m.dieleman@woodstockchristian.ca
I am also able to get them extra books that we may have on the topic.

London Christian High- LCH is hosting a virtual Parent Information Night on Wednesday, March 24 from 7-8pm. During this hour together, parents will hear about London Christian High's vision of Christian Education, our program, learning support, transportation, tuition, bursaries, and admissions process. We welcome anyone who would like to attend to register at this link: <https://events.londonchristianhigh.ca/parentnight/>

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.Weecreations.ca

SIGN UP NOW for the Springfest 2021 virtual fundraiser. Springfest starts today! Click on the following link to view our online catalog and see the great things that are for sale! charityauction.bid/WCSspringfest

VIRTUAL Springfest

WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ORDER ONLINE MARCH 22 - 27
PICK UP AT WCS APRIL 10

NEW THIS YEAR:
COVID-FRIENDLY
FAMILY ACTIVITY

ALL YOUR SPRINGFEST FAVOURITES

- BAZAAR BOTTLES
- WCS KITCHEN
- BAKED GOODS
- TREAT BAGS
- MARKETPLACE
- FLOWERS
- AUCTION

Student Support: Welcome to spring! This week the grade 3 literacy group will continue to edit and revise their legends. The grade 4 literacy will learn more about making inferences in our world mystery unit. The grade 5 math group will be wrapping up our decimal fraction's unit with a quiz on Tuesday and a test on Friday. Review sheets will be posted in Google Classroom. Have a wonderful week!
Tuesday: Math quiz (gr. 5)
Wednesday: Return book bags (gr. 1-4)
Friday: Spelling test (gr. 1)
Math test (gr. 5)

JK: Welcome to a new beautiful week! On Tuesday we will enjoy some pancakes with delicious maple syrup (that Noah made). Thanks for all the shoe boxes. We now have enough for our project. Show and share on Friday is free choice. Have a great week!

Tuesday - pancake day
Wednesday - Sub Lunch
Friday - Free Choice show and share

SK: Welcome spring! I do hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather this weekend. Please continue to bring in packages for our 3D creation project. What's happening in SK:

Letters: qu, ou Sight words: jump, little
Math: 3D shapes Bible: Jelly Beans for Jesus
Wednesday: All School Devotions
Library
Sub lunch
Thursday: Ladies Bible Study (pm)
Sunday: Happy Birthday Miss Body

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to spring! And to a full week of school! We are in the middle of planning for our Celebration of Learning, and the results are looking great! Be sure to check out Seesaw for an update as well as some important reminders. Have you returned your report card envelope yet?

Monday - VIP Folders
-Springfest has begun!

- Tuesday** - Return VIP Folders
Wednesday - Sub Lunch
Friday - Spelling Test Week 19

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): Welcome to another week of learning. We are very busy writing parable plays for our Celebration of Learning project - check in with your child on how they are enjoying it. We continue with various number strategies in math, skip counting (2's, 5's, 10's) and counting backwards! Keep checking Seesaw for various activities to help your child with these concepts. They are also posting some of their weekly work. The weather is warming up, please be sure your child is still appropriately dressed for school (no rips in clothing, jackets/seaters for the cool mornings).

- Monday** - Wacky Sock Day
Wednesday - Sub Lunch
Friday - Spelling test

Grade 3: This week the Springfest Event begins. Students, ensure you let your parents know which bazaar bottle to purchase. We will be starting our display board this week that will display the process of our legend-like stories, and will be working through revisions of our story. Please ensure that class trip forms are signed and returned. Some students are in need of replacement headphones.

- Wednesday** -Class trip (students require signed permission forms)
Thursday -Math quiz: mass, capacity (measurement)
Friday -Spelling Test: List 22

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. We are looking forward to the field trip on Wednesday to the Aylmer Wildlife Management Area. Be sure to return the permission form. Remember to keep reading your AR book for this month.

- Tuesday** - Phys. Ed.
Wednesday - Field Trip (8:45 -11:45)
 - Math Test - Unit 11 - Patterns and Algebra (study quizzes and review sheets)
Thursday - Music (bring recorders)
Friday - Memory Work - Psalm 24:3-6
 - Spelling Test - Lesson 26
 - Phys. Ed.
Next Monday - Music (bring recorders)

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week of school and the first week of spring! Thanks again for the birthday card and gift cards, I felt very appreciated on Friday. This week, students will begin a new science unit about Forces and Structures; I'm very excited to introduce it. In math, we're continuing our decimals unit, with a focus on adding decimals. A reminder that students need to bring home their necessary homework and studying materials each night and

keep an eye on our homework board (google classroom).

Grade5/6: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 5 and 6! What a beautiful spring weekend we had! This week we will be preparing for the Good Friday and Easter chapel we are leading next week.

- Monday** -Wacky Sock Day - Down Syndrome Awareness Day
 -Music
Tuesday -French
Wednesday -Sub lunch
 -Math test grade 5
 -Phys. Ed. with Mrs. Geerlinks
 -Library - remember your books
Thursday -French
 -Music
 -VIP program with Woodstock Police
Friday -Math test grade 6
 -Spelling test
 -Memory work - Ephesians 6:13, 14
 -French
 -Phys. Ed. with Mrs. Geerlinks

Grade 7: Students are engaged in PBL 401 - Why here? (Project Based Learning). Project work is being completed in small groups with grade 8 via Google. Students are learning cooperative gameplay in Gym class. Mrs. Pasma is halfway through her teaching practicum in our class.

- Monday** -Welcome to Wacky Sock Day!
 - ukulele (music), BMW 1Cor 13:4-6 (English)
Wednesday -ukulele (music), sub lunch
Thursday -Math Quiz PA7.22-28 (from last week)
Friday -*The Giver* comprehension quiz,
 -French
 - 1Cor 13:4,5,6, BMW

Grade 8: Welcome to our first full week of Spring. This week we will be busy with the PBL: 401 - Why Here? with our groups. We will continue learning about Systems in Action in Science as well as Canadian History.

- Monday** - Wacky Sock Day, Phys. Ed., Music, PBL: 401 - Why Here?, Art
Tuesday - French
Wednesday - PBL: 401 - Why Here?, Bible Memory Work due, Burger Lunch
Thursday - Music, Phys. Ed., French, Art
Friday - PBL: 401 - Why Here?, French

Upcoming Events

March

- 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