

March 29, 2021

It is a common response in our community of Christians to say to someone, "I'll pray for you" to a person's trial or difficulty. Some of us who do this may have a different response from our current culture when we offer to pray. We may feel "shamed" into silence because prayer is insinuated to be wasteful, insignificant, or not really doing anything. You may be told, or it is suggested that prayer is a meaningless promise.

As Christians, we believe in the power of prayer and know it is our first responsive action. We have unshakable confidence in its power and effectiveness.

"There is nothing trite, nothing minimal about "I'll pray for you." To say, "I'll pray for you" is to say, "I will speak with the Author and Creator of all things. He's my Father and invites me to come to Him any time. I will speak to Him about those things. I will plead His promises. I will speak to the one Being in all the universe Who has all knowledge and all power and Who is perfectly good, and I will ask Him to help, to intercede, to grant joy and peace and meaning."

*Reflections from the writings and quotes of [Tim Challies](#).*

*Rachel Sikma*



Wednesday

Aron N., G. 5  
Lauren S., Gr. 5

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Corner-** Have you noticed the fields and grassy areas greening? And the buds on the trees fattening? We thank God for seasons, rain and sunshine and for all He provides! This is Holy Week, the week that we read about and reflect on Jesus and the events that led to the crucifixion and then the resurrection. We continue to pray for our families, for strength and wellness for body and mind. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through [j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca).

**Good Friday & Easter Monday-** Please note that there will be no classes for students on Friday April 2nd or Monday April 5th as we commemorate and celebrate Easter. Thanks to Mrs. VanAndel, the grades 5A and 6 students, and student teacher, Mrs. N. Geerlinks for hosting and sharing the school chapel for this week.

**School Health / COVID-** Thank you, parents for completing the daily screening and keeping your child (and siblings) home if/when they exhibit symptoms. We appreciate your efforts to keep WCS students, staff, and families well. The most recent [COVID-19 school screening](#) from Public Health is very stringent due to an abundance of caution around the threat of the variants. If you have questions, contact the SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre at 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

**Calendar Changes-** WCS will pause for the newly scheduled SPRING BREAK week - Monday, April 12- Friday April 16th. Also note, **April 23** will be an in-class at-school day.

**Kindergarten & WCS 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.

**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.

**WCS Community Membership Meeting-** The spring meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6th. The WCS Board of Directors will provide an update re the details of the membership meeting. We encourage our families to be members of WCS. To find out more about membership, connect with [office@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:office@woodstockchristian.ca) or [r.boersma@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:r.boersma@woodstockchristian.ca)

**THANK YOU!** After a week of buying and bidding, Springfest has raised \$17,500! Thank you to the farming families in our community for helping to sponsor this event. Thank you to our generous purchasers and donors- including the staff who held a staff room challenge. We look forward to seeing you at our drive-thru pick-up on April 10 from 10am-3pm. You can start sending payment through e-transfer to the email [finance@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:finance@woodstockchristian.ca) with the password **Springfest**, or if you prefer to pay at pick up, that is good too.

**Student Support:** It has been so exciting over the past few weeks listening to the students become more confident and proficient readers! The miracle of learning to read never ceases to amaze me. Take some time this week to listen to your child read to you and delight in his/her progress. Remember to return book bags on Wednesdays so I can update them with new sight words and books. Have a blessed Easter weekend. The Lord has risen!

**Wednesday:** Return book bags (gr. 1-4)

**Thursday:** Spelling test (gr. 1)

**JK:** Welcome to a new week! We are having a great time watching and learning about turtles. Keep those bugs coming. This week our focus is in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Have a wonderful time celebrating the love of Jesus this weekend.

**Wednesday** Library

**Friday** Good Friday no school

**SK:** Welcome to a new week. Will March go out like a lion or a lamb? We will find out Wednesday.

What is happening in SK?

**Letters:** oi, ue Sight words: run, two

**Math:** 3D creations Bible: Jelly Beans For Jesus

**Wednesday:** Library

**Friday:** Good Friday- no classes

**Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster):** Welcome to back to school for a new week and a new month. We are getting closer and closer to completing our Parable Plays and cannot wait to share them with you at our Celebration of Learning this year. Be sure to check Seesaw for some important reminders.

**Monday** See VIP Folder

**Tuesday** Return VIP Folder

**Thursday** Spelling Test Week 20

**Friday** Good Friday (No School)

**Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga):** This week we will begin a series of spelling lists that will focus on vowel pairs to make the long vowel sounds. Check Seesaw for some tools that we will be using. We have been focusing on the stories of the Passion week and will continue to learn about all the events that are part of the beautiful Easter story. Our parable plays for Celebration of Learning are coming along really well. This week we will talk about props and rehearsals!

**Monday** Library Day  
**Thursday** Easter Chapel  
 Spelling test  
**Friday** Good Friday - no school

**Grade 3:** This week we will continue to work on our display boards. There will be no spelling test this week due to the short week. Have a great Easter weekend!

**Thursday:** Math Test: fraction unit  
**Next Friday:** Spelling Test: List 23

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a new week. In Science we are designing an instrument to make to show our learning. This month's AR test is due on Wednesday. We are studying non-fiction books using the literature circle approach.

**Tuesday** Phys. Ed. (outdoors) no boots  
**Wednesday** AR book test due  
**Thursday** Mem. Work - Psalm 24:7-8  
 Spelling Test - Lesson 27  
 Music (bring recorders)

**Grade 5:** Welcome to the last week of March already! I hope you and your family are doing well. This week we start a short health unit about growth and development (puberty), further details will be sent to you today. Please continue to have your child check Google Classroom. Blessings on your week!

**Grade5/6:** Welcome to a new week of learning grades 5 and 6. This week we are remembering Jesus' suffering and death on the cross and also his victory over death! We serve a risen Saviour!

**Tuesday** Math test grade 6 rescheduled from last week  
 French  
**Wednesday** Phys. Ed. with Mrs. Geerlinks  
**Thursday** Good Friday and Easter chapel  
 French  
 Music  
 Spelling test  
 memory work - Ephesians 6: 13-15  
 VIP program  
**Friday** Good Friday - no school  
**next Thurs.** March book report is due

### **Grade 7:**

**Tuesday** Grand Friends poetry  
**Wednesday** Language Arts -Good Copy of *The Giver* Book Cover and paragraph explanation due, ukulele for music  
**Thursday** Math quiz (G7.13-18) BMW Romans 6:8-9, March Classic Novel Report  
 Happy Easter! Enjoy this weekend, celebrating our risen Lord!

**Grade 8:** Welcome a new week of school. This week we will be focusing on Holy Week during our morning devotions. There is a Bible Memory Work quiz on Wednesday and a Math Quiz on Thursday. Continue to check Google classroom for specific information regarding daily homework expectations.

**Monday** PBL: 401 - Why here?, Health, Music, Art  
**Tuesday** French  
**Wednesday** PBL: 401 - Why here?,  
 Library Exchange day  
**Thursday** Music, Health, French, Art, Math Quiz  
**Friday** No School - Good Friday

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **April**

- 1 K is for Kindergarten (2<sup>nd</sup> session)  
 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> session)
- 10 Springfest Pick Up Day
- 10-17 Amazing Race
- 13 Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- 21 Sub Sandwich Lunch
- 23 Normal School day- PD day cancelled.