

March 8, 2021

Have you ever created a time capsule, or were part of an event that opened a time capsule? If you could create a time capsule for March 2021 and have it opened 50 years later, what would those in the future mostly see? A mask, perhaps? Whoever signed up to be a student or teacher during a pandemic? Life can be difficult at times, but it doesn't take much to dig into other events that would have been challenging for various reasons. What was life like for the Israelites being enslaved in Egypt? What a conundrum for Joseph as he found himself in a pit or thrown into jail years later for a crime he didn't commit! What was life like for David running away from a king who wanted nothing more than to kill him? What about life as an Israelite wandering in the desert for 40 years? I am sure the characters involved in these situations were looking forward to the future, to a time when their present difficult situation would be over.

It has been about a year now since the Government of Ontario announced that there would be no in-class sessions for students for the remainder of the school year of 2020. And it has been about a month since the announcement to postpone Spring Break until April. Everyone is trying to make the best of the situation we find ourselves in. It is for this reason that the grade 7 class is calling next week Stay-cation Week and has planned that students come to school in destination t-shirt, or flip flops (with socks), or sunglasses, or sun hat, and a picture of a vacation spot. Let's enjoy the at-school-March-Break next week and participate in Stay-cation Week. And when there is opportunity in the future for a real vacation, my hope is that you will savour the moment of that vacation with your family.

G. Hiemstra



Monday

Claire E., Gr. 7
Emilie S., Gr 2

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Snow Tubing- Are you ready for some fun? Parents of students in grade 4 through 8 have received an information/permission letter about snow tubing. This event will be held on Tuesday March 9th - we hope to get ahead of the melting and rain! Please read and complete the permission form and return it ASAP if you haven't already. Students without signed permission forms will not be able to participate in the tubing. Students will need to bring lunch and drinks as food services at the venue are not available. Masks, gloves, and helmets are required for all. If you do not have a mask, there is some available free of charge at the hill. Teachers will be reviewing venue rules and school expectations, including COVID rules/requirements, with students on Monday. Any questions? Please reach out to principal@woodstockchristian.ca or the front office.

Second term learning reports + Monday March 15 Reports will be shared with families this 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. Please note that Monday, March 15th would have been the start of March break. Instead, we will have one break day and begin third term classes on Tuesday, March 16th.

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.

Welcome to two university students from faculties of education who are doing their practicums with us this winter/spring term. Mrs Amanda Pasma has joined the grade 7 class and Mrs Natalie Geerlinks has joined the grade 5&6 class for several weeks to complete placement requirements. Welcome Amanda and Natalie!

School Health- 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. If your child does not pass the morning screening, use the [Parent Decision Tool](#) to determine next steps. If you have questions, contact the SWPH COVID-19 Response Centre: 1-800-922-0096 x 9.

Mrs Verbeek will be graduating! As shared in the WCS e-News "A Closer Look", the board of directors has formed a principal search team to begin the search for a new leader for WCS. Mrs Verbeek has decided to retire from the principal position at WCS at the end of the 2021-2022 school year to explore other opportunities. Please pray for and encourage the search team through this process.

From the Library: Good job WCS students! Books are being read and books are coming back - mostly on time I would like to encourage you to keep reserving books on Web OPAC. Check out what is new on that site. Next week you will hear about a contest coming up in the later part of this month to continue promoting Web OPAC!

Early Arrival- We have been noticing the early arrival of students from time to time at WCS. Please note that there is no student supervision before 8:25am. Before that time, teachers are engaged in daily preparation, meetings, or staff devotions. Parents may drop off students between 8:25am and 8:40am, including days that a bus may not be running. We need students to be safe and supervised at all times.

Prayer Corner For health needs and concerns of extended and community families, we offer prayers for healing and comfort. Condolences to the Baan and A&C Duizer families - Levi, Madelyn, Wesley, Travis, and Natalie - who are grieving the loss of their grandmother. Keep on praying for one another.

Calendar Changes- The traditional March break for schools will be 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.

WCS March Break Stay-cation!: So, another change to our regular schedule has us going to school during the March Break! Let's chase those March Break blues away with a Woodstock Christian School **Stay-cation!** Classes are invited to participate in the March Break Stay-cation! Each day of the week students (and teachers) are asked to bring/wear the following items: sunglasses, a picture of a vacation, flip flops, sun hat/visor, and a destination t-shirt. Teachers will tally the number of students participating each day. The winning class receives a Popsicle Party!
Thank you, WCS School Life Leadership Team

You don't want to miss this!

THE ultimate AMAZING
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Take your family on a road trip filled with challenges and events!
Pit stops and games for the whole family!
Travel as a couple OR fill your vehicle full!
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

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.

Bazaar Bottles- There is only 7 days left to make a bazaar bottle! Please have them in by next week Monday March 15. Click on the following link for instructions on how to make your own bazaar bottle.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5acCLO3kXJU> **Top 3 bottles will receive a grand prize!**

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: Hi parents! Look for Student Support Achievement Reports coming home on Friday with report cards. If you have any questions about your child's progress or program, please let me know. There will be no Barton programming or Learning Place on Tuesday as Mrs. deVries and I will be joining the grade 4-8 students for the tubing activity. Have a wonderful week!

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr. 1-3)

Friday: Spelling test (gr. 1)

JK: Welcome to a new beautiful Spring week. Please make sure that you send dry socks. Great job on all your February reading JK! On Tuesday, we welcome a new pet into our classroom! We are still in need of some shoeboxes. Thanks to Noah's mom for getting us so many. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Library

Friday - Show and Share - something you found outside.

SK: Welcome to the second week of March. Looks like spring is ready to greet us. Enjoy the sunshine and the presence of the Son. Please continue to bring in 3D packages.

What's happening in SK?

Happy birthday last Friday to Aleena.

Letters: y, x Sight words: where, funny

Wednesday: Library

All school devotions

Friday: Pizza lunch

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a brand-new week! This week be sure to watch for report cards on Friday, they will include the results of the most recent MAP test completed at the beginning of February. Happy birthday to Emilie who celebrates this week! We pray that God will continue to bless and keep you always.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Return VIP Folder

Friday - Spelling Test Week 17
- Report Cards Come Home

Next Monday - Break Day

Next Tuesday - Library

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): March is here and so is the change in weather. Please be sure your child has spare socks and is dressed in appropriate footwear and coverings for the messy playground this week (ideally rubber boots and splash pants). No guarantees we can keep them away from the water and mud!

Both grades 1 and 2 will be focusing on skip counting this week in math. In Bible, we continue to learn about the Parables that Jesus taught his followers.

Don't forget to keep checking Seesaw for updates on your child's learning and other special announcements.

Friday - Spelling test

Grade 3: We are finishing up our research this week for our legend study and will begin writing. Our multiplication drill work will continue, usually mixing up the 2's, 3's, and 4's. Bazaar bottles can be brought in anytime. Please watch for an emailed letter regarding sign-up for meeting with me virtually next week Tuesday or Wednesday.

Friday: Spelling test: List 21
Learning reports go home

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. It is Poetry Recitation this week. Students have chosen which day to recite their poem. Snow Tubing is scheduled for Tuesday. Helmets, gloves, and face coverings are mandatory. Students must bring backpacks with drinks and lunch/snacks.

Monday - Math Test - Unit 10 - Decimals
Tuesday - Snow Tubing
Thursday - Music (bring recorders)
Friday - Bible Test - Unit 7 - King Saul's Reign
 - Spelling Test - Lesson 23

Grade 5: Much learning happening this week, and a fun and different day tomorrow: tubing with the whole school! Look for an email (to be sent out today, from me). Please read through the information, especially what each child needs to bring to tomorrow's event. If you have not signed and sent in the permission form for tubing, please do so ASAP.

Please also continue to ensure your child is checking Google Classroom and doing their homework each evening. Have a great week!

Grade 5/6: Welcome to another week of learning grades 5 and 6. Tuesday, we are gone all day tubing at River Valley Golf and Tube in St. Mary's. Remember in order to tube, you need a helmet, face covering/mask, and gloves/mittens. Make sure you bring plenty of food and drinks. You will NOT be able to buy any food or drinks.

Tuesday Tubing - bring helmet, face mask, and gloves/mittens

Wednesday Grade 6 math test on decimals
Library remember your books
 Phys. Ed.

Thursday French with Mrs. Pasma
 Music

Friday Memory work - Acts 2:1-4
 Pizza lunch
 French with Mrs. Pasma
 Phys. Ed.
 Spelling tests
 Report cards come home

next Monday no school

Grade 7:

Monday Happy Birthday Claire! StudyBMW:
 Parables

Tuesday Snow Tubing at River Valley, St. Mary's
 (helmets and gloves mandatory)

Thursday Math Quiz PA7.16-21

Friday Pizza lunch. March novel should be half-read. BMW: Parables 2nd Term
 Reports go home.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school! We are looking forward to our Alternative to Electives, Snow Tubing Trip tomorrow. An email outlining expectations and protocols will be sent home today.

Monday - 401 PBL collaborative with Gr. 7
 - Music

Tuesday - Snow Tubing Trip

Wednesday - Math Quiz Lessons 90-96 (pgs. 18-30 in Workbook 2)
 - 401 PBL collaborative with Gr. 7
 - Motivational Speech (rough draft due

start of day)

Thursday - Music, French, Phys. Ed/Health

Friday - 401 PBL collaborative with Gr. 7
 - Weekly Spelling Assignment due at end of day

Upcoming Events

March

10 Teacher PLC- 3:30pm
 11 Grades 4-8 go tubing
 12 Pizza Lunch
 Report Cards Go Home
 15 No classes
 22 Rock Your Socks
 22-27 Springfest Online
 24 Sub Lunch
 25 K is for Kindergarten (1st session)

April

1 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
 10 Springfest Pick Up Day
 10-15 Amazing Race
 13 Volunteer Appreciation Tea