WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Pentecost

Over the weekend I came across some pictures of birthday celebrations of my own children. Last week one of my students reminded the grade 3 class that it will be her birthday on Tuesday, May 25th which is today. Happy birthday! Who doesn't like birthdays? Who doesn't like to celebrate with balloons, decorations, cake, candles, gifts, and loved ones?

The Christian Church just celebrated its birthday this past Sunday on the day that is called Pentecost. Pentecost wasn't a new celebration to the Jews living during the times of the Old and New Testament, as it was initially known as a Feast of Weeks to celebrate the "firstfruits" of the wheat harvest and followed 50 days after the Passover (or for Christians 50 days after Easter). Just like the wine and bread took a new significance when Jesus died on the cross, Pentecost took on a new significance. It became the birthday for the Church. The "firstfruits" of the Church were gathered and heard the Apostle Peter's preaching as the Holy Spirit came and filled the disciples as was promised by Jesus when he ascended. You can read that story in Acts 2.

Check out these seventeen ways that the Spirit helps us, especially the last point: http://www.westhillscc.com/uploads/1/2/9/6/12965109/17_ways_the_holy_spirit_helps_us.pdf and may we strive to be a Spirit filled people (students, teachers, parents, board, WCS members) filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Greg Hiemstra

Tuesday	Desiree W., Grade 3
Wednesday	Annelies D., Grade 5
Thursday	Collins P., SK
Saturday	Jace M., SK
	Keziah W., Gr. 1/2B

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Long Weekend: Welcome back to school @ WCS. I hope that you had a great long weekend and were able to enjoy the extra days of no classes. God blessed us with a taste of summer - such beautiful weather!

Teaching assignments for 2021-2022: The following are the teaching assignments for next school year, given WCS family enrolment commitments and current staff intentions as of May 2021. We will be saying 'farewell' to Miss Body as she leaves WCS for employment in another field.
JK - Linda Westerveld, SK - Erica Schuster, Gr1 - Marcia Horinga, Gr2 - Tony Schaafsma
Gr3 - Greg Hiemstra & Erica Schuster, Gr4 - Jannette Hickey, Gr5 - Axel Hiemstra,
Gr6 - Natalie VanAndel, Gr7 - Lesa Racicot, Gr8 - Rachel Sikma & Amanda Pasma (job share)
Director of Student Support - Tracy Bulthuis, Music - Elizabeth Martin, French 4-8 - Amanda Pasma

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Learning Packet Exchange: Monday is learning packet exchange day during remote learning @ WCS. Parents, you are welcome to come to WCS between 8am and 4pm to pick up and drop off the packets. If you aren't able to manage to come within those times, connect with the office and we can make arrangements for an alternate time. We love Mondays because we get to see you!

Prayer Corner: We are praying for our families as they continue to learn at home. Many families in our province/community are feeling stressed due to employment and financial concerns plus the impact of Covid and Covid restrictions. If you or those you know are struggling, there are resources in our community to support your wellbeing. Check out SWPH for Mental Health Support or Kids Help Phone: Get Support. Our Director of Student Support Services at WCS can also steer you towards supports, including Christian counselling support. We pray for families who are grieving the loss of relatives or friends. If you have specific prayer requests, be sure to pass those along to our prayer team through j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca. Please continue to pray for our WCS and our larger community as we navigate this challenging time.

Celebration of Learning (CoL): Did you have the opportunity to check out student learning at WCS? Use this Google Site to view some of the projects we are exhibiting in our virtual classrooms at Woodstock Christian School. Celebration of Learning WCS 2021

Chicken & Pizza Orders- Thank you for continuing to support WCS through chicken and pizza sales! For every box of chicken sold, the school makes $5 and over the past few years, your purchases have raised over $25,000 for our school! We are not asking you to collect orders necessarily, (though you may of course) but we are simply asking you to purchase through the school what you would normally purchase at the grocery store.
Attached to this email is the next chicken and pizza order form. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment by next Tuesday, June 1st, 2021. Orders without payment will not be placed. **Please note that the rotisserie chicken and turkey sausages are no longer available.**
Orders will be available for pick up on **Thursday, June 17th between 2:30 and 3:30**. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during these time frames. Please come to the exterior gym door (the one in the parking lot) where we will greet you and deliver your order to your car. Just a reminder that we cannot store your orders at school. Thank you for your support.
If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-532-4904 or thesols@yahoo.com.

Construction on Juliana is about to begin. This will affect the street along our property and the intersection at Norwich Ave and Juliana. There will be access provided to WCS. Expect some detours, bumps and delays. Watch for signage as construction begins.

Student Support: I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful long weekend and are ready for another short school week! The grade 5s will be revisiting decimals and all daily work from this unit needs to be submitted on Google classroom or emailed to me. The grade 4 literacy group is starting a parts of speech unit this week, and the grade 3s will begin reading a book about loyalty, *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*. Thanks for helping your child(ren) review their sight words, spelling words, and stories every week. Your support at home is very much appreciated!

JK: Welcome to. Beautiful new week. It was good to see so many of you today. Tomorrow we will learn about nests. What material can you find around your house that would make a good nest? Keep working on your seesaw activities. Have a great week!

SK: Welcome to a new week of fun and learning. I hope you had a great long weekend.
What's happening in SK?
Since pick up is Tuesday many of our activities will be online, (as opposed to activity sheets accompanying).

Wednesday:	All School Devotions
Thursday:	Happy Birthday Collins
Sunday:	Happy Birthday Jace M

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome back from a wonderful long weekend. I hope and trust you all had a great rest and are ready for a brand-new week. Did you know that there are only 4 weeks left of school? Remember, as long as our package exchange program is happening, you are welcome to visit the chicks between 2-4pm. I will be setting a 5 -7 minute timer to limit the wait time if you're in the hallway.

Tuesday	- Package Exchange
	- Chick Visitation 2-4pm
Friday	- Spelling Test Week 27
Next Monday	- Package Exchange
	- Chick Visitation 2-4pm
	- Chick permission forms due

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): I hope you all really enjoyed a very long weekend. God truly blessed us with great weather. How are your caterpillars doing? It should be an exciting week of changes coming up! Please check Seesaw for more information about our week

Tuesday - package exchange
Friday - spelling test

Grade 3: I hope everyone had a great long weekend. Happy birthday, Desiree! May God bless you! This week we will continue our division unit and reading from our class novel "Charlotte's Web". We have a spelling test on Friday of the spelling pattern "le".

Friday: -Spelling test: list 29 words

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. We Have started a new novel study called "The Sign of the Beaver". Lots of interesting and creative ideas are being shared while we do the STEM activities. This week we will build a bridge and a waterproof container for "The Desert Island Challenge". The AR test is due next Monday.

Wednesday - French
Thursday - Music
Friday - Spelling Test - Lesson 34
- Math Test - Long Division
Next Monday - Music
- May AR book is due

Grade 5: I hope you had a great long weekend and enjoyed the sunshine! Thank you for all your hard work with our online learning. Please keep an eye on google classroom for this week's updates.

Grade5/6: Welcome to the last full week of May, grades 5 and 6! I hope you were able to enjoy your long weekend with such beautiful weather.

Wednesday -Music with Mrs. Martin
-French
Thursday -Music with Mrs. Martin
Friday -Spelling test
-French with Mrs. Sikma

Grade 7: The remote learning schedule for this week has been posted in Google Classroom. Student afternoon 'check-in' times are posted on this schedule. BMW is Col 3:2. Students will receive 2 class periods (this week) to complete an independent study on "Exploring A Structure." On Thursday students will have a history test on British North America. Students created study notes for this test last week in class. On Friday students will have a quiz on "Natural Resources". On Friday students will be given class time to write a May book report. Students should have their biography book read in preparation for Friday.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of Remote Learning. I hope you all had an excellent weekend and break from school! We have a lot planned for learning this week. Keep pace with assignments in Google Classroom, if you need help send me an email and we can connect on Zoom.

Tuesday - French (offline)
Wednesday - Phys. Ed., French (online)
Thursday - Music
Friday - Phys. Ed., French (online)

Upcoming Events

June 2	Staff meeting, prayer circle, burger lunch
June 9	(this will happen if in-person)Track & field day (raindate June 10)
June 11	PA Day (report writing for T3)
June 15	Tribute to gr8 assembly, Grad celebration
June 16	BoD meeting
June 18	Last day of classes, T3 reports go home.
June 19	Golf tournament fundraiser
June 21 -23	Wrap-up staff meeting