

May 3, 2021

PRAYER

[Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV - The Armor of God](#)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth ... the breastplate of righteousness... with your feet fitted ... the shield of faith ... the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit...

Vs18: And **pray** in the Spirit on all occasions with **all kinds of prayers** and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always **keep on praying** for all the Lord's people.



Take a look at verse 18 again. Did you catch it? First, you've been commanded to put on the various pieces of armour (makes me think about all the instructions and training this year about how to put on and take off PPE...) The armour is physical and concrete. You put it on and you can take it off. It's a conscious decision to protect and defend. Take a stand! Stand firm.

But not without prayer. Paul directs us three times in one verse to pray. Pray in the Spirit with all kinds of prayers and keep on praying. The whole process and the fight need to be bathed in, surrounded by prayer, infused with prayer.

Many of us leave home in the morning forgetting that we are in a spiritual battle. It's no wonder we can become overwhelmed or overcome by the trials and temptations we face. When you understand the idea of putting on the armor of God, it changes how you start your day; it strengthens your resolve to focus on and serve Jesus whole-heartedly no matter what comes your way.

Pray in the morning as a way to mindfully put on all of the armor of God. By doing so, you will be inviting the Holy Spirit to empower you, to help, to comfort, and be your strength.

(Sources: NIV, [thelife.com/armor-of-god](http://thelife.com/armor-of-god) )

Carol Verbeek, Principal



<b>Monday</b>	Clark E., Gr. 5
<b>Wednesday</b>	Caralie E., Gr. 3
<b>Thursday</b>	Arianna P., Gr. 8
<b>Friday</b>	Vienna R., SK
<b>Saturday</b>	Megan S., Gr. 7

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Celebration of Learning (CoL) - delayed to May 7th.** The WCS CoL 2021 release is coming! We have prepared a WCS Celebration of Learning website for our WCS family audience and are putting the finishing touches on it. At the end of this week, you will receive an email with an overview of the learning, instructions for navigating the site, and a link to the site, which you can browse at your convenience from home. Be sure to have your child share her or his learning with you. Ask questions about the project and the learning! See what's being celebrated in other classrooms. We are excited to share our learning with you on Friday, May 7th. Watch for it!



**Prayer Corner:** We thank God for His many blessings! We are praying for our families: for moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, teens, kids, and babies. 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). Please continue to pray for our WCS and our larger community as we navigate this challenging time. We will be hosting Prayer Group on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm on zoom. Please click [here](#) for the zoom link password: prayer

**WCS Community Membership Meeting:** The spring meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, May 6th at 8pm. The WCS Board of Directors invites you to join our WCS members and parents to hear reports and updates, to vote for new Board directors, to approve the proposed budget, and to celebrate some of our staff. 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, thank-you** for your enthusiastic and good use of our WCS Library. It is very encouraging to see all the interest and all the reading going on. (I also very much appreciate the notes of what you are liking!) Please remember to get the books back as there are other students waiting for certain titles. I am sending an overdue e-notice out to our student body today. I am aware that some of the books might be in your child's (ren's) classroom. If you could just respond where the books might be, that would be really helpful to me! And if you could look at home for the books, that would be great. Please return along with the materials exchange. Thank-you for all of your support and keep enjoying YOUR WCS library!

**Senior Battle of the Books 2021:** This week our senior team will have two prep periods for the Battle on Tuesday, May 11th. The practice prep periods are as follows: Monday, May 3 @ 2:30 pm and Thurs May 6 @ 2:30 pm. Battlers will find the Google Meet invite in the email sent on May 2. We will spend 30 mins practicing how to answer battle questions. Thank you, Mrs. Racicot

**Long Weekend:** Note that there will be no classes for WCS students on Friday May 21st or Monday May 24th (Victoria Day). Enjoy the long weekend!

**Construction on Juliana:** We have received notice from the City of Woodstock that major reconstructive road work will begin on Juliana Drive in early to mid-May. This will definitely affect access to both of our driveways and to the intersection at Norwich Ave and Juliana. Watch for signage as construction begins.

**London Christian High virtual workshops** for students in grades 5, 6, and 7 will take place in mid-May. We are excited to partner with fellow educators at LCH who have prepared virtual workshops in tech studies, visual art, and construction technology. We will receive workshop packages this week and our middle school students will be engaged in these activities later this month.

**WCS Parent Survey:** Thanks, parents, for such strong participation in last week's survey about WCS Remote Learning for Spring 2021. We have received more than 80 responses across the two (JK-2 & gr3-8) surveys. Amazing! Thank you for your honest feedback and your encouragement and prayers. Monday learning package exchanges will continue for the duration of remote learning. We love Mondays because we get to see you in-person. The survey will close on Wednesday, May 5th.

**MAP testing** for the spring term will take place only if we return to in-person instruction.

**Government Funding:** The Ontario government has announced additional payments of the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit **Support for Learners** funding that will give parents funds for the expenses of learning at home during COVID. Eligible parents will receive a one-time per child payment of \$400 for children aged 0 to Grade 12,

or \$500 for children or youth aged 0 to 21 with special needs. These funds will be dispersed starting April 26, 2021. Parents who did not apply for or receive the funding can apply for the new funding starting May 3 with a deadline of May 17. [Get the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit](#)

**Student Support:** Hi parents! Students continue to be keen and eager to join the Learning Place groups. Thanks again for making sure they connect with me at the right times. Continue to practice sight words and read every day with your child. Let me know if you need new books, and I'll send them home in the Learning Packets. Have a wonderful week!

**JK:** Welcome to a new week. Please continue returning written work when you pick up your new packages. (baggies too, please). This week Wednesday we welcome author Carolyn Morris (Railway Bunch Books) who will read to us and bring her chicks and ducklings. Siblings are invited to join us at 9:30. This week we will also be doing some planting. Have a great week!  
Wednesday - Guest at 9:30

**SK:** Welcome to a new week. Praying you all had a wonderful weekend.

**Language:** We will be continuing to review sight words and letter sounds. We have moved to sounding out small words and reading short sentences.

**Math:** length Bible: Jesus' Ministry Theme: April (even though it's May) showers

**Monday:** Package pick and drop off

**Wednesday:** All School Devotions

**Thursday:** Community Membership meeting  
No Bible study

**Friday:** Release of Celebration of Learning Site

**Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster):** Welcome to a brand-new month! I am super excited to see the growth and changes that are happening inside of our eggs this week! Please be sure to check Seesaw for some reminders and a closer look at what is happening in our learning this week.

**Monday** - Package Exchange

**Thursday** - JKCSS Membership Meeting

**Friday** - Spelling Test (week 24)

**Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga):** Welcome to Week #3 of Remote Learning. This week we will be wrapping up our health unit and beginning a Bible unit on Prayer, and a Science unit on Life cycles. Check Seesaw for this week's update.

**Monday** - package pickup

**Thursday** - Membership Meeting via Zoom

**Friday** - Celebration of Learning is being released  
- Spelling test

**Grade 3:** The Celebration of Learning web site will be unveiled on Friday. Thanks for all your work with the reader's theatre last week. This week with spelling we will be focusing on the letter "g" and the rule for soft and hard sounds.

**Friday:** Spelling Test: List 26

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a new week. We will begin practicing track and field events this week, weather permitting. Choose a new chapter book to read for the month of May. We are starting a Health unit on Smoking this week. In Math we will learn about capacity so your child will be gathering "stuff" from your kitchen! Remember to send in the spelling test result. Happy Mother's Day to our awesome moms this Sunday!

**Monday** - Music

**Wednesday** - French

**Thursday** - Music

**Friday** - Spelling Test - Lesson 32

- Celebration of Learning

**Next Mon.** - Music

**Grade 5:** Welcome to the 3rd week of remote learning! I hope your family is a good routine. I pray that students will continue to maintain their focus in order to learn and grow. I'm very excited for the Celebration of Learning website link to be sent out to parents. Grade 5 has worked very hard on their story projects and I think you'll be impressed with their work. Please look through it and discuss the project with them. Please also continue to check-in with your child regarding homework. Have a great week!

**Grade 5/6:** Welcome to May and another week of learning together! This coming weekend we will celebrate our mothers! God has blessed each of you with loving and God-fearing moms. Remember to let your mom know you love her!

**Monday** -Gym

-Battle of the books practice at 2:30 on Zoom (7 students)

**Tuesday** -French with Mrs. Sikma

**Wednesday** -Music with Mrs. Martin

-French in class

**Thursday** -Science test on Space

-Music with Mrs. Martin

-Battle of the books practice at 2:30 on Zoom

**Friday** -Bible test on Pentecost

-Spelling test

-Memory work - Psalm 139:1-4

-French with Mrs. Sikma

-Gym

**Grade 7:** Happy Birthday to our newest teenager, Megan (May 8)! May you feel God's love and care as you seek to live in His will! On Tuesday, students will have a bible quiz on the "culture of Jesus' time". On Wednesday, students will have a quiz on the "Map of Canada". On Friday, students will have a math test on NS7.86-94. Students have begun writing 'persuasive speeches'. Final copy is due on Friday.

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a new week of Remote Learning. Good work keeping pace with your assignments and tasks! I look forward to checking in with each of you this week. We will be working on a group Bible assignment/presentation as well as your projects from our novel study of Wonder throughout this week. We will also begin a Phys. Ed. Unit to help prepare us for WCS Track and Field on Thursday and Friday.

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

### Upcoming Events

#### **May**

- 3 Map Testing Begins
- 6 WCS Community Membership Meeting
- 12 Whole School Devotions  
Staff meeting (grad focus)
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting  
Track and Field Day
- 20 Ascension/Pentecost Chapel by Grades 1/2B
- 21 Professional activity day (no classes)
- 24 Victoria Day (no classes)