

November 16, 2020

Reimagining Hospitality

One of the things that I miss most in this pandemic world is hospitality. Not that people aren't hospitable, not at all, but that our homes and spaces are not open and available as usual for people to drop in, to share food and refreshment, to hang out in person. Perhaps you too lament the absence of the buzz of a gathering, of good conversation, coffee, cupcakes, and maybe croquettes. As we at Woodstock Christian School plan for fall and Christmas, though we would love to invite guests for our annual Christmas production/program, host grandfriends at our Christmas tea, gather at the Southwood Arena for our annual skate, or even as we think of Winterfest this week, we continue to limit our WCS contacts to essential workers and visitors. Regardless, we are celebrating! We celebrate God's goodness. We celebrate each other and being together in the best way we can. We celebrate God's gift of Jesus in the coming Advent season. We celebrate our community and the long and faithful commitment to Christian education. We shine the light of Jesus when and where we can.

Christian love is intended to shine brightly. Our current plight is a challenge for us to create opportunities for love and hospitality: to help a neighbour, host virtually, deliver when possible and encourage where necessary, to stay attuned to the needs of others.

Blessings for this week, WCS community! Stand firm. Do everything in love.

Carol Verbeek



Monday

Asher J., SK

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: Thank you for your prayers for our community! We have been blessed with a solid ten-week stretch of teaching and learning in-class at WCS. As staff, we pray continually for good health for our families and our community, that we may continue to be together. As we see infection rates climb in our area, continue to pray for our school, our region, our world as we navigate this situation. For families that are experiencing concerns around illness, grief, uncertainty in employment, we are praying for you.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on December 2nd and 3rd from 4-6 pm and 7-9 pm. Save the date! These will be remote conferences and teachers will provide links to meeting platforms. We are looking forward to discussing your child(ren)'s learning journey with you! Again this year we will have parents sign up online for the parent-teacher conferences. Please click [here](#) to sign up for your parent teacher conferences and enter in the event code n57nd.

Grade 8 Day @ LCH (@ WCS): London Christian High is hosting their annual grade 8 event on Wednesday, November 18th. This is a regular school day for our students and all of our 8th graders will be experiencing a virtual 'day in the life' of highschool from their own classroom that day. This informative day is valuable for all of our students to learn more about how secondary schools in Ontario work - the semester (quadmester) system, credits, course selection and more. We are excited to be able to partner with LCH for this day.

Bus Drivers: Woodstock Christian School has opportunities for full-time, part-time and spare drivers. Do you have a B license and are you looking for a way to work with students and serve the school? Are you interested in training as a bus driver? Do you know an experienced bus driver, or someone who is interested in training or joining our team of drivers at WCS? Send them our way! If interested, call the school at 519-539-1492 or email principal@woodstockchristian.ca

Friday Nov 20th: Students will have a P.A. day and WCS teachers will be writing first term progress reports on Nov 20th. Our Winterfest fundraising team will be wrapping up their event with item pickups and deliveries occurring on November 20th.

From the Library: Traditionally at this time of year, during the Parent Teacher Interview week, we have our annual Book Fair. This year, we will have one, COVID Style! This is the main fundraising effort for our library during the school year, and any sales that are made will directly benefit our library. This is a great way to **Shop Local** and support your children's library! All details will be unveiled in next week's Parent Link, so please check it out and support. We will have two main vendors selling at this sale. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at m.dieleman@woodstockchristian.ca

Scholastic: A great time of year to check out scholastic books online. Christmas, birthday, at home reading. They have something for every age and every interest. The school receives a percentage of total orders in scholastic dollars. This is spent on classroom learning materials and manipulatives. The school code is RC218619. Any questions contact me (Miss Body) at v.body@woodstockchristian.ca. Happy shopping and reading!

Dress Code: WCS has a dress code! Check the Student & Family handbook for details. It is required that student clothing is neat and in good repair. Though ripped clothing is currently considered fashionable, it is not acceptable to wear to school.

WCS Christmas Celebration program will be pre-recorded with each class participating. Classes are planning and preparing for their part in this celebration of Jesus' birth. We are excited to see this program come together! The program will be released on Wednesday, December 16th.

Bus or school cancellations: Now that we are experiencing winter-like weather, it's time to refresh our cancellation information. On FOG DAYS, when driving conditions are too dangerous for the buses to run, our morning run WCS school buses will be cancelled. On fog days, parents may drive their children into WCS when they feel that it is safe to do so and our buses will take them home in the afternoon. As our transportation service covers a large geographic area, there may be some parts of the county that experience very different conditions than other areas. Parents will use their discretion. Classrooms will be open on fog days and as much as possible, classes will begin at regular time (8:40 am). The buses will run as usual after school to bring students home. For days with poor weather or hazardous road conditions such as SNOW or ICE DAYS, school will be cancelled, and classes will not run for the day. You will be notified via the REMIND instant messaging system to receive updates. Cancellations and updates will also be posted on the school's web site at www.woodstockchristian.ca, our facebook page, and on HeartFM and HopeFM.



The Winterfest Auction starts TODAY!!! We would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers who did a pivot from last year's plan and got our auction up and running online. We hope you will take the time to register and browse our items up for bids. You'll have until Thursday, at 9pm to place your final bid. Items will be available on Friday and Saturday at the school or by delivery if you choose to make a donation. Thanks for sharing our social media posts and the auction website. If you are interested in helping out on Friday or Saturday, please let the office know as we are looking for a few more helpers. Let the bidding begin!
charityauction.bid/WCSWinterfest2020

Student Support: This week I will be completing the end of term assessments in order to prepare for report writing and help set goals for next term. It is very exciting to see the progress the students are making! Thank you for your support at home. EVERY student in grades 1, 2, and 3 has been reading at home and returning their book bags. Way to go! :)

Wednesday: Return book bags (gr. 1, 2, 3)

Thursday: Spelling test (gr. 1)

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new short week. This week is auction week. It opens today. Have a look at the catalogue. It looks like the weather has turned. Please send appropriate clothing for outdoor play. Check on Seesaw to make sure that you can access the home activities. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Friday - No school

SK- Miss Body: Welcome to a new week of learning. It will be a 2 day week for SK's. I hope you all kept safe with Sunday's wind storm. Don't forget to register for Winterfest on line auction. There are alot of great items. Something for everyone. I have already started my favorites.

What's happening in SK:

Letters: review and g Sight words: review

Colour words: red, yellow, green and blue (review)

Please practice Green and Red poem at home.

Monday: Happy birthday Asher.

Wednesday: Sub lunch

Library

All school devotions

Friday: PA Day ** NO CLASSES.

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a new week of school! The weather continues to vary from day-to-day, be sure your son/daughter dresses accordingly as we have been doing our Phys. Ed. classes outside. There is no school this Friday as Teachers will be writing first term reports. The Winterfest Auction is open for bidding, please make sure you spread the word and register as a bidder to support Woodstock Christian School. Continue to check-in with Google classroom for ongoing classroom tasks and assignments.

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): This week our spelling/phonics focus is on the short vowel u. It is a short week so we will have our spelling test on *Thursday* this week. Next week we begin looking at long vowel patterns.

In creation studies we are wrapping up our studies about our families and will be spending this week focusing on our Second Step curriculum and learning how to be good learners. In math grade 2 is wrapping up a unit on measurement and will move into unit of geometry. Grade 1 continue to learn about numbers and counting strategies up to 10.

Wednesday - Sub lunch

Thursday - Spelling test

Friday - PD day - no school

Monday - Library

Grade 3: Welcome to a short week of school! Since there are only four days, we will be having our spelling test and memory work due next week. In math, students are learning about regrouping or borrowing. This can be a tricky skill to learn so please ask your child how they are understanding it. Library day is this Wednesday, so please return any borrowed books.

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. Bring a picture of your pet for French class. Keep practicing the times tables. We have started typing up bird projects and have been practicing drawing birds. This week we will finish our novel study called "Lost and Found".

Mon. - Music Test

Tues. - Phys. Ed.

Wed. - Sub Lunch

Thurs. - Mem. Work - Psalm 135:13-18

- Spelling Test - Lesson 8

- Math Test - Unit 4 Geometry (Polygons)

You can put a picture of your pet on google docs and Mrs. Sikma will print it at school

Grade 5: Welcome to another week! I hope you had a great weekend. Aren't we blessed to have had no Covid cases in our school? It is November and we are still going - I thank God for each new day of school. I'm excited for this week because students will be working on three different projects: 1) their digital portfolio which they'll show you on Parent-Teacher-Conference evening, 2) our Christmas Concert, and 3) our Service-Learning Fundraiser project. Students have shown quite a bit of enthusiasm, and we look forward to presenting these projects to you in December. No school on Friday due to the P.A. Day (teachers writing report cards). Have a great week!

Grade5/6: Welcome to a new week of learning grades 5 and 6! Keep reading your book for the November book report. It is due on November 30. Check out the Winterfest Auction items this week! There are many amazing items for sale!

Monday	Music with Mrs. Martin French
Tuesday	Bible test on unit 3 French with Mrs. Sikma
Wednesday	Sub lunch Library - remember your books Gym - dress appropriately
Thursday	Memory work - 1 Corinthians 11: 23, 24 Music with Mrs. Martin
Friday	No school - PA Day for teachers

Grade 7: Students will have a math test on Tuesday covering NS7-43 to 54. The Bible quiz on Wednesday will focus on Genesis 44 and the test that Joseph put his brothers through, including the grace that is shown to them. The Volleyball quiz on Thursday will be general knowledge about the game. Please dress according to the weather, pack hats and mitts for recess times.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school! The weather continues to vary from day-to-day, be sure your son/daughter dresses accordingly as we have been doing our Phys. Ed. classes outside. There is no school this Friday as Teachers will be writing first term reports. The Winterfest Auction is open for bidding, please make sure you spread the word and register as a bidder to support Woodstock Christian School. Continue to check-in with Google classroom for ongoing classroom tasks and assignments.

Upcoming Events

November

13-16	Winterfest Auction Event- online
17	Board of Directors meeting
18	Sub sandwich lunch
20	Professional activity Day (no classes) Winterfest auction and delivery
25	Whole School Devotions
27	1 st Term Learning Reports

December

2	Prayer Circle- 9:15am Burger Lunch Day
2/3	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-6, 7-9