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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 18, 2019

### Report Cards

For students and parents alike, even the words “report cards” can evoke feelings. A child's report card can bring feelings of joy, excitement, and pride; it can also cause concern, frustration, and uncertainty. In either case, the reporting period marks a new beginning to set goals as well as reflect on past work habits, achievements, and hardships. (“Talking to Your Child about Report Cards.” Family Education, 15 May 2019, [www.familyeducation.com](http://www.familyeducation.com))

This article continues in its advice to parents that when talking to your child, to focus on the positive aspects of the report card; a child's strengths. Then, one should be asking the right questions. For example, “Is the pace of a class too fast or too slow?” “Does your child ask questions when they don't understand?” “Are all of the assignments getting completed?” And lastly, create realistic and attainable goals for the next reporting period.

At Woodstock Christian School it is evident that parents, as a whole, are highly interested and engaged in their child's learning. We, as educators, look forward to discussing your child and how, together, we can make a plan for future academic success and personal growth.

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**THANK YOU!** A shout out to the organizers of Winterfest for another terrific evening of fun and fundraising for Woodstock Christian School. All your hard work and the work of your various teams is appreciated - from organizing, seeking donations, to tagging, spotting, registering, feeding, more organizing, and cleaning up. We are thrilled with the turnout and the results! You are a blessing to WCS. Thank you!

**REMIND:** Today a REMIND 'WCS. We are testing the REMIND system' message was sent to all of our Remind groups. If you did not receive it, that means you are not successfully signed up. Please refer to sign up procedures sent in September. Thanks.

**Lost & Found:** We are accumulating a large number of clothing items in our lost & found area. Please check the L&F cart near the library to see if any items belong to your family. Items not picked up will be donated to a local thrift store.

**Junior Kindergarten Service Learning:** As part of our International service learning project, our JK class is partnering with Mrs. Dieleman as she heads to the Dominican Republic in January. We will be listening to Mrs. Dieleman's stories about what she will be doing there with the women in the Paradiso Vocational Centre. We will be praying for Mrs. Dieleman and gathering materials for the sewing centre where she will be teaching the women of that community. The organization that Mrs. Dieleman will be working with is called the Samaritan Foundation. This foundation seeks to provide hope and homes to the poorest in the Dominican Republic. Go to <https://www.thesamaritanfoundationdr.com/> to find out more about their projects. Mrs. Dieleman has provided a list of sewing supply needs: Fabrics (cottons or cotton blends most desired), sewing machine needles (multi packs are best), ribbons ( colours most preferred are pinks, red, purple, yellow, green - any size), various elastic sizes for waistbands, thread ( any colour welcome but basic colours such as white (off) gray, black preferred, zippers ( any size and colour needed). Please look for a box in the front foyer and start filling it for Mrs. Dieleman's trip. Any question? Contact Mrs. Westerveld.

**Monthly Mingle:** Please join us on Wednesday, November 20 for our monthly mingle at 9 am. Please bring your children that are not yet in school and they will have a chance to mingle with other kids that could be their future classmates. We will have balls, colouring and the parachute that the kids can play with. Refreshments and goodies will be provided.

**Senior Girls Volleyball:** We have our rescheduled playoff game today (Monday) after school at WCS against St. Jude from London. If we win we will play against St. Bernadette in London, girls will be let out around 3 and we will drive them to the London for the game. Pick up time will be 5:15/5:30. If we win Tuesday's game watch for an e-mail regarding playoff games that will take place on Monday November 25 after school into the evening. Also an e-mail was sent out about the Bluewater Christian School tournament on Friday. Girls are asked to be at the school for 7:40 on Friday so we can transport them to the tournament.

**Senior Volleyball - Boys:** There is no practice after school today. This Wednesday, November 20, we have a home playoff game versus Holy Family, London. Players can be picked up approximately at 5:10 p.m. when the match is over. If we win this playoff game then we play again on Wednesday, November 27 at either 5:45 or 7:00 at Mother Teresa in London, with potentially a later final game, but let's not get ahead of ourselves about that. We will also be playing this week Friday at North London Optimist Centre for an all day Christian School tournament. I have posted the schedule for Friday's tournament here. I am still working on rides and time of departure for Friday's tournament and will be in touch.

**Dress Up Your Teacher Day:** On Thursday, November 21, School Life is hosting "Dress Up Your Teacher Day". On this day students are invited to bring interesting, fun and funky clothes and accessories to school to dress up their teacher. Thank you for your participation, the School Life Leadership Team.



**THANK YOU!!!**

What a wonderful night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising! God has blessed us with an amazing supportive community! We are excited to say the event raised over \$55,000 for our school!!! What a wonderful positive impact this will have in the lives of our students! We feel so blessed and thank God for a wonderful night!

We would like to thank all those who made this event a success: all who came to the event and purchased items and those who made general donations, all the donors, the canvassers, those who contributed to the classroom gift baskets and put them together, the auctioneers, floor help, the kitchen help, set up and clean up help, Lucille, those on the committee, and everyone who upheld this event in prayer.

Your support made this 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Winterfest auction an enjoyable and tremendously successful event! If you missed it, please plan on coming to next year's event! **See you at next year's Winterfest!**

**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. Parents may drive their children into WCS when they feel that it is safe to do so. 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 and as much as possible, classes will begin at regular time (8:25 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. If you have not already, please sign up for the REMIND instant messaging system to receive updates. Cancel-lations and updates will be posted on the school's web site at [www.woodstockchristian.ca](http://www.woodstockchristian.ca) and on HeartFM and HopeFM.

**Book Fair 2019:** Our Fall Book Fair time is upon us once again. Book Fair 2019 dates are: November 26 and 28, 2019 from 3:30 to 9:30 PM. It will be held during ALL Parent Teacher Conference Times. We hope you are able to support it as all proceeds help to support our school library. This year's Book Fair will feature two vendors. Ann Schieckoff, will be our Christian book provider and Cindy Armstrong will be our Usborne Book provider. Some of you have asked about Scholastic. Scholastic no longer runs sales in multi vendor sales. Please keep in mind that WCS also offers the book sales monthly with the book clubs from Scholastic, so be sure to order from there if you are wanting something from Scholastic. (Please contact Miss Body if you

wish to know more about that.) If you would like to volunteer and help out in any way, please feel free to contact me at [m.dieleman@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:m.dieleman@woodstockchristian.ca). Thank-you! Mrs. Dieleman

**Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm and 7-9 pm. Thank-you parents for the prompt and efficient way in which you signed up for PTCs this year! Research shows that students learn more, have higher grades, and have better school attendance when parents are involved in their child's education. By attending conferences, you also send a positive message to your child that school is important. These conferences are intended to be two-way conversations. If you have questions or observations, the conference is a good time to share those with the teacher. Some of these will be student-led conferences - your child's teacher will communicate with you in regards to whether your child should attend. Book vendors will be available for some of the time. We are looking forward to discussing your child(ren)'s learning journey with you!

**PA Day:** Please note that there will be no classes at WCS on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be conferencing with parents on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, so Friday is designated as a PA day.



WCS fifth through eighth grade actors will be presenting these two Christmas dramas which will take place on:

**December 11<sup>th</sup> (Matinee),  
December 12<sup>th</sup> (Evening) &  
December 13<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Tea Matinee).**

Rehearsals are taking place now and excitement is building!  
Plan to join us for one of the showings.

**Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis:** It's amazing how quickly time is passing by and that we are already wrapping up the first term! Anecdotal progress reports have been written for all students receiving regular withdrawal support, and these will be sent home with report cards this Friday. I am looking forward to connecting with many of you at the upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences next week. If you were unable to book a conference time with me, please feel free to email me with questions or concerns ([t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:t.bulthuis@woodstockchristian.ca)).

Wednesday - Return book bags (gr. 1-3)  
Friday - Spelling test (gr. 1, 2, 4, 7)

**J.K. - Mrs. Westerveld:** Welcome to a new week. Happy Birthday to Asher who celebrated turning 4 on the weekend. Blessings to you, Asher, in the year ahead. Our show and share this week is animals getting ready for winter. Dress a

teacher is our special event this week. I will send an email about that. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Pizza day  
- Library  
Friday - Show and share

**S.K.1 - Miss Body:** Welcome to a 3 day week filled with fun and learning. What a great time on Friday at the auction. Thank you for the wonderful donations towards our Cozy Nights baskets. It was a hit! Please watch for an email to be sent this week about our upcoming Christmas performances. Letter and words: Review.

Tuesday - All school devotions  
- Library  
Wednesday - Pizza lunch  
Friday - First Term reports go home

**S.K.2 - Mrs. Poort:** Welcome to another beautiful week. This week Jonathan is our classroom helper. Show and Share on Wednesday is to bring in something that is special to you. In math this week we are talking about order -1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>. In Bible we are looking at Jacob's Life. Sight Words - big, away. Sounds - 'ai', 'j'.

- Tuesday - library
- Wednesday - Pizza Lunch
- Show and Share
- Friday - Learning Reports come home

**Grade 1 - Mrs. VanderPloeg:** Welcome to a new week! If you have empty toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls, please send them in throughout this week. Check your emails for an update about what is happening in Grade 1!

- Monday - Phys. Ed
- Tuesday - Library
- Wednesday - Show&Share: Erik, Dries & Damen
- Pizza Lunch
- Thursday - Phys. Ed
- Friday - Spelling Test
- Report Cards go home

**Grade 2 - Mrs. Horinga:** We started a yummy sequence writing assignment today - ask your child about it! We have been learning that the most important thing about reading to understand what we are reading, we are currently learning about main ideas. In math we have worked through sorting and are moving on to do some graphing.

- Wednesday - pizza lunch
- Friday - Mrs. Dieleman guest teacher as Mrs. Horinga is away
- Spelling test long i
- Books and Blankets: bring a blanket and stuffy i
- Report cards go home

**Grade 3 - Mr. G. Hiemstra:** Thank you for all those who contributed to the basket items for the Winter Fest. On Friday we have Swim to Survive, and so students will again need to bring their swim suit and towel.

- Friday - Spelling test & Swim to Survive (bring swim suit and towel)
- Students receive report card

**Grade 4A - Mrs. VanAndel:** Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! Thank you to all the parents who donated to our auction basket!

- Tuesday - bring gym clothes
- Bible test on Judges
- Wednesday - pizza lunch
- Library: remember your books
- Thursday - bring your gym clothes
- Canada map and capitals test
- Friday - spelling test
- memory work: Ruth 1:16
- buddies

- report cards go home

**Grade 4B - Mrs. Hickey:** Welcome to a new week. The baby boy basket looked fantastic. Thank you for your contributions. A reminder that the Paper bag book report is due Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Check with your child how far they are in reading the book.

- Tuesday - Bible Test: Judges
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Wednesday - Library
- Pizza Lunch
- Thursday - Map of Canada and Capitals Quiz
- Phys. Ed. (gym strip)
- Friday - Mem. Work: Ruth 1:16
- Spelling Test: List 9

**Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra:** Welcome to a new week of school! I hope you had a good weekend. Thank you again for your efforts in supporting the annual Winterfest Auction fundraiser! It was a big success! This week students will continue practising their keyboarding skills, and plan out their large PBL project which we'll be working on off and on throughout the next few months!

- Monday - PhysEd: bring gym clothes
- Wednesday - Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - Music: bring recorder
- Friday - Memory Work: Hebrews 12:1-2a New International Version (NIV)
- Spelling Workbook Lesson 12 due
- Spelling test based on lesson 12
- Math quiz based on Jump Math pages 55-64
- PhysEd: bring gym clothes

**Grade 6 - Mrs. Dam:** An email will be coming with this weeks news.

- Thursday - Memory Work Quiz: Isaiah 28:16 New International Version (NIV)

**Grade 7 - Mrs. Racicot:** Please refer daily to Google Classroom for grade 7 homework, assignments and tests.

**Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma:** Welcome to a new week! Thanks to those of you who came to Winterfest on Friday, it was good to connect with you and support WCS. Please check the Google classroom for any homework assignments and due dates.

#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| November | 19 | Board Meeting                         |
|          | 20 | Prayer Group 8:30<br>Pizza Lunch      |
|          | 22 | Volleyball Tournament<br>Report Cards |
|          | 26 | Parent-Teacher Conferences            |
|          | 27 | Benefit Concert                       |

28 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
29 P.A. Day\*  
December 4 Staff Meeting 7:15  
Prayer Group 8:30  
Sub Lunch  
11 Christmas Drama Matinee  
12 Christmas Drama Evening 6:30 Performance  
13 Christmas Tea & Drama  
17 Board Meeting  
18 Prayer Group 8:30  
Pizza Lunch  
20 Christmas Chapel  
Skating