

November 30, 2020

Advent - HOPE

Yesterday our churches celebrated the 1st Sunday of Advent - HOPE.

Isaiah 11:1-3 - A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a BRANCH will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord— and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

This branch (Jesus) will have an intimate relationship with the Lord and will desire to do His will. He will be greater than David. With righteousness he will judge the world. Jesus will be the obedient servant and will experience the judgement for our sins. He will bring peace too hard to imagine. He will bring joy to the world and heaven and nature will sing. Nature will be at peace, shalom.

God will transform the whole world by the shoot of the stump of Jesse. All our hopes and fears are met in this shoot. HE is our hope and glory.

Take this hope with you wherever you go!

Natalie VanAndel,



<b>Wednesday</b>	Alissa D., Grade 1/2B
<b>Thursday</b>	Annika J., Grade 5/6 Jaron M., Grade 7
<b>Friday</b>	Seth Y., Grade 3
<b>Saturday</b>	Isabella S., Grade 4 Mrs. Bulthuis., Learning Support

**Prayer Corner:** Thank you for your prayers for our community! We are celebrating the season of Advent and the promise and coming of Jesus into the world. For families that are experiencing pain or stress around illness, grief, uncertainty in employment, you are in our prayers.

**Prayer group:** We will be having prayer group on Wednesday at 9:15am. If you have any prayer requests please email them to [j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:j.mulder@woodstockchristian.ca). Everyone is welcome!

**December @ WCS:** We are almost in the final month of 2020. A memorable year, for sure! This week the season of Advent begins. Our all-school-devotions on Wednesday mornings will be focusing on Advent themes. In December, also, each class will be decorating their doors for a door decorating contest.

**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.

**Parent teacher conferences** will be held on December 2nd and 3rd from 4-6 pm and 7-9 pm. These conferences will be virtual rather than in-person with teachers in their classrooms and parents from the comfort of home. We are looking forward to discussing your child(ren)'s learning journey with you!

Parents will be receiving an email from the school office on Wednesday morning with a list of classes and teachers, including the links to the Zoom meetings. For ease of use, there will be one password which will work for all the classroom meeting links. A reminder that conference time slots are 15 minutes long, allowing 13 minutes for conversation and 2 minutes to transition in or out or to your next appointment. These conferences are intended to be conversations, not just about school, but also about how the child is doing at home, and how home and school can work together. Such a blessing to partner in student learning and to take time to discuss their growth!

**Friday December 4th** will be a PA day, with no classes for students.

**Uncle Daddy's Pizza-** Woodstock Christian School is once again partnering with Uncle Dad's Pizza. Fill up your freezer for the holidays as this is the perfect appetizer or supper for your family. WCS will receive 20% back from all orders. Please send in your forms and payment by December 2 if you would like some pizza. Pizza will be available for pick up on Friday December 11 (which is the same day as the Elmira chicken pick up, or if your order is not too large, we can send home on the bus with your child). The order form is attached to the parent link email.

**WCS Christmas Door Decorating:** School Life is hosting the 2020 WCS Christmas Door Decorating Contest. Each class is invited to decorate their classroom door with a bible Christmas theme. Be creative with props, paper, painting, and embellishments. Bring supplies from home and use supplies from the art cupboard. Doors are to be completely decorated for Friday, December 11. Decorated doors will be judged on creativity in announcing "Emmanuel, God with Us!"

**Student Support:** Hello parents! Mrs. deVries and I are looking forward to meeting with many of you this week at our Parent-Teacher conferences. We will be joining the Zoom meetings hosted by the classroom teachers unless you have spoken with Mrs. Mulder about scheduling a separate meeting with one of us. The students in grades 1-3 have been working on a SeeSaw LP reflection activity which will be shared with you before conferences. The grade 4 literacy group is finishing up a digital LP Portfolio using Book Creator. Please check out the link that I'll share with you early this week.

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

**Thursday:** Spelling test (gr. 1)

**Junior Kindergarten:** Welcome to a new week .I'm looking forward to meeting with you all this week to discuss and learn more about your child. It is Advent and we will begin celebrating the birth of Jesus. Please watch for new info coming home about our Christmas program. For show and share please bring in a Christmas bell.(any bell will do) Have a great week.

**Wednesday** - Library, Parent- Teacher talks

**Friday** - No school

**SK- Miss Body:** Welcome to the end of November and the start of December. As well, a new week of learning and fun. There will be a folder coming home Wednesday to assist in the Parent/Teacher conferences.

What is happening in SK?

**Letter:** 1 Sight words: review

**Theme:** Christmas

**Tuesday:** Class photo done by Mrs Bakker

**Wednesday:** Burger lunch

Library

Parent/teacher conferences

**Thursday:** Parent/teacher conferences

**Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster):** Welcome to a brand-new week! I look forward to meeting with you all this week as we talk about your child and how we can continue to help them grow and develop. Return yellow pages tomorrow! Report card envelopes also need to be returned as we will be using them again next term. Please check Seesaw for more detailed information about PTCs, as well as some information about this week.

**Monday** - See VIP Folder

**Tuesday** - Return VIP Folder

- Yellow Conference Form Due

- Class Picture

**Wednesday** - Burger Lunch Day

- PTC 4-6, 7-9 pm

**Thursday** - PTC 4-6, 7-9 pm.

**Friday** - PA Day (No School)

**Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga):** Wow can you believe we have already made it to the first week of December! Please remember to return your child's report card envelope signed as soon as possible. This week our phonics focus is on Long i. I was super excited to see so many students passed various ball words last week. Keep working hard. Please check SeeSaw for an announcement regarding Parent Teacher Conferences.

**Wednesday** - Parent Teacher Conferences  
- Burger lunch  
**Thursday** - Spelling test  
- Parent Teacher Conferences

**Grade 3:** Welcome to a short week this week, as there will not be school on Friday. For memory work, students will be memorizing a section from the Christmas story, Luke 2:8,9. In math, students are learning strategies to do mental math with two-digit subtraction and addition equations. In phys-ed students have been working with catching, throwing, and learning to control the ball.

**Grade 4:** Welcome to a new week. Looking forward to meeting the parents on Zoom to discuss the student's progress this term. Please return the report card envelope signed. This month students will read a chapter book and take the AR test before Christmas vacation. No memory work this week.

**Tuesday** - Phys. Ed. (indoors)  
- Class Picture day  
**Wednesday** - Portfolios coming home with student work to see at parent teacher conferences.  
-Burger Day  
**Thursday** - Bible Test - Unit 4 - Judges  
- Spelling Test - Lesson 10  
-Happy Birthday to Annika!!

**Grade 5:** Welcome to the first school week of December. I look forward to meeting with you on Wednesday or Thursday evening to discuss your child's learning journey thus far. Students in Gr. 5 are finishing up their digital portfolios and are getting excited to share them with you just before the parent-teacher-conference (I will send out an email with instructions). We're also working hard to put together our Christmas Concert video and Children of the Promise Fundraiser. Please have your child check Google Classroom each evening for homework reminders and materials. Blessings on your week!

**Grade5/6:** Welcome to the last day of November and the last month of the year, December!

**Monday** November book report is due  
Music with Mrs. Martin  
French  
**Tuesday** Portfolios are coming home  
**Wednesday** Phys. Ed. in the gym  
Library - remember your books  
Parent Teacher Conferences after school  
**Thursday** Spelling test - lesson 10  
Music with Mrs. Martin  
Math test grade 6 - measurement

**Friday** Parent Teacher Conferences after school  
No school

**Grade 7:** Students are busy preparing their presentations for the WCS Christmas program. Their historical research is providing deeper knowledge and understanding of Christs' birth. Students are excited to begin practicing basketball skills in the gym! On Monday and Wednesday, students need to bring ukuleles to school for music class.

**Grade 8:** Welcome to a new week of school! The students have been working hard on their script for the Christmas program. They are to have their lines memorized for recording on Wednesday. There is also a 'Burger' lunch on Wednesday for those who ordered. Tomorrow will be 'class photo' day at WCS, the grade 8 students have been asked to wear their Grad Wear to school for the class photo. Continue to check-in with Google classroom for assignments and homework. I am looking forward to connecting with all of you during our online Parent-Teacher conferences on Wednesday and Thursday evening. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so ASAP.

### Upcoming Events

#### **December**

2	Prayer Circle- 9:15am Burger Lunch Day
2/3	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-6, 7-9
4	PA Day (no classes)
9	Staff Meeting 7:30am Whole School Devotions
15	Board of Directors Meeting
16	Sub Sandwich Lunch Christmas Performance Staff PLC Session 3:30pm
18	Christmas Chapel hosted by JK/SK