

November 9, 2020

Well, the weather here has begun to take a turn towards the cooler fall temperatures and I have been forced to break out the winter coats, although this past weekend was somewhat of the exception. The other week, my husband was driving to work and saw snow! I'm not one for the cold weather. I prefer to be warm and toasty, maybe drinking some hot chocolate by the fireplace. What about you? Do you like this cold, almost winter weather? We are also quickly approaching Remembrance Day here in Canada, Veterans Day in the United States. This is a time where we remember and thank the soldiers who sacrificed so much so that we could enjoy the many freedoms that we have today.

There are times where I find myself outside on cold and rainy/snowy days and just shiver and stand there because I think it is too cold to move. But then as I begin talking with my students about what is Remembrance Day and why it is important, I begin to re-evaluate my thinking. I have a warm winter coat to wear and an umbrella to keep off the rain. I have a place of shelter from the wind and other elements when my 30 minutes of outdoor supervision is over where I can go to get warm again. I have dry socks and clothes to change into when I need to. The soldiers who fought for the many freedoms that we have were considered to be extremely lucky if they had even one of these things during World War I or II. This is a reality that many of our children may not understand.

Each year, I read "A Bear In War" and "A Poppy is to Remember" to my students. The first is an amazing true story of a soldier, a medic, who fought during WWI told from the perspective of a teddy bear sent to him by his daughter. This story allows children to see that life is not always as they know it, that there were many people who gave up everything they had – even their lives – so that we could know this life today. I follow it up with the second book to get them thinking about why Remembrance Day is important. How will your family honour the sacrifices made, and the sacrifices that continue to be made this year?

Erica Schuster, Grade 1/2A Teacher



Friday

Katelyn M., Grade 8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

WCS Fall Membership Meeting took place on Thursday November 5th, 2020, at 8pm via Zoom. Thank you to all who attended and to the many in our community who are involved behind the scenes in committees, the board, as prayer team and more. Thanks for all that you do and the many ways you support WCS!

Veteran's Week & Remembrance Day

*...They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

[For the Fallen Poem by Laurence Binyon](#)

This week is Veteran's Week in Canada. Veterans Affairs Canada has an amazing website and students and families are encouraged to check it out. On November 11th, our Grade 8 class will be hosting a Remembrance Chapel.



Today is one week until the start of our Winterfest auction and this year's biggest fundraising event. 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, November 19th at 9pm to place your final bid. Items will be available for pick up the following 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. Let the bidding begin!

charityauction.bid/WCSWinterfest2020

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on December 2nd and 3rd from 4-6pm and 7-9pm. 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.

Decorate A Mask Day: WCS School Life is hosting Decorate a Mask Day on Tuesday, November 10. All students will be supplied with a mask to decorate. Students are being encouraged to bring decorating supplies to school for this event. Masks can be decorated in creative and artistic ways.

Grade 8 Day @ LCH (@ wcs): London Christian High is hosting their annual grade 8 day 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 high school 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.

Good health: Thank you, families, for being diligent in your daily screening of children before they come to school. Students and staff have been enjoying good health! We are firmly committed to following our protocols for COVID prevention. A local school has recently had a number of confirmed COVID cases. Our vigilance and care for each other and our families at WCS is very important. Ensure daily that your child has a mask on and an extra in their backpack. Face coverings must be worn properly - see the communication from Southwestern Public Health [Face Coverings SWPH](#). We are hearing more data about masks needing to filter out airborne particles, not just droplets. As the information changes, requirements at school may also change. Thank you for your good efforts in keeping WCS well.

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! We are able to assist in the process of becoming a licensed bus driver. 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. Our Winterfest fundraising team will be wrapping up their event with item pickups and deliveries occurring on November 20th.

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!

Days Away: A reminder from our Student & Family Handbook: For times when family holidays are arranged outside of scheduled school holidays...Note that teachers may provide general suggestions of work students can do while away, but will not provide detailed lesson plans. Due to the oral and interactive nature of classroom instruction, it is impossible to communicate in advance all the work and concepts that are covered in class. When class is in session, healthy students are strongly encouraged to attend. If families choose to be away, families must ensure that the student gets caught up upon return. Also note that the Blended Learning program is designed for sick and symptomatic students to access learning in the classroom while they must be at home.

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.

Student Support: Hi parents! Praying that your families enjoyed the gorgeous weekend weather! Grade 1 IEPs have been developed and will be sent home in the coming days. Please sign and return one copy; the second copy is for your personal records. Have a great week!

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

Friday: Spelling test (gr 1)

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new and beautifully warm week. In JK, we are loving this weather and lots of opportunity for outdoor play and learning! This week we will focus on what peace means as we also explore Remembrance Day. We will decorate and wear our decorated masks at school on Tuesday. Thanks to all the great donations for our LEGO auction basket. I will post a photo on SeeSaw when the last item arrives. Have a great week.

Tuesday -Wacky masks

Wednesday - Remembrance Day, Library

Friday - Show and share something red

SK- Miss Body: Welcome to a beautiful new week of learning. The Lord continues to bless us with gorgeous weather. Thank you to everyone that contributed to our Cozy Nights baskets. I separated the items to make an adult and kids basket. Don't forget to register on line so you can bid on your favourite item. What's happening in SK?

Letters and sight words- review

Colours review of red and blue.

Themes: Remembrance and squirrels

Tuesday: Wacky Masks- we will be decorating masks in class

Wednesday: Remembrance Day chapel

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a brand new week. I hope and trust you were able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful sunshine that God blessed us with over the weekend. We are entering another full week of learning. A yellow paper is coming home in your child's VIP folder today – please help them to neatly complete this page and return it by Friday. Check Seesaw this afternoon for this week's assigned activities as well as an update on what's happening in the classroom.

Monday – See VIP Folder

- Library

Tuesday – Return VIP Folder

- Decorate a mask day

Wednesday – Remembrance Day Chapel

Friday – Yellow Family Tree Page Due

- Spelling Test Week 4 – Short o sound

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horinga): This week our phonics/spelling focus is on the short o sounds. In Bible we are continuing to learn about the divided kingdom of Israel. In creation studies we will be putting together our family tree projects this week. Check SeeSaw for a few other updates for this week. Thank you for all the generous donations for the Arts and Crafts basket it looks AMAZING! Look for ours and other class baskets as part of the online Winterfest Auction.

Monday - Library

Tuesday - Decorate a mask day (check Seesaw for more details)

Wednesday - Remembrance Day - bring in donation for poppy

Friday - Spelling test on short o words

Grade 3: Thank you to those who brought in items for our auction theme basket. This week we remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Today we will be decorating a mask and will wear it tomorrow. We will have a math quiz on Wednesday of two and three digit numbers with and without regrouping.

Wednesday: Remembrance Day

Math Quiz

Friday: Spelling test: List 8

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. We are well on our way with researching for the bird project. Remember that the Times Table sheets are available in Google Classroom. Tomorrow is the last day to bring in items for the "Sweets and Treats" auction basket.

Monday - Library exchange

Tuesday - Wacky Mask Day

- Phys. Ed.

Wed. - Remembrance Day

Fri. - Mem. Work - Psalm 135:13-16

- Spelling Test - Lesson 7

- Phys. Ed

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week of school! I'm excited for this week of learning ahead. Several projects are underway now: 1) Service Learning Project: Supporting Children of the Promise (Haiti). 2) Student Portfolio Project (students are creating a digital portfolio for parents, to showcase what they've learned during the first term. 3) Christmas Program Skit. I'm excited to see what students come up with. This week, we also begin practicing our keyboarding skills (20min per day). All other updates and homework will be posted on Google Classroom throughout the week. Blessings to you and have a great week!

Grade5/6: Welcome to a new week of learning grades 5 and 6! Tomorrow is decorating a mask day. Please take anything to school that you would like to use to decorate your mask. (Each child will receive a mask from the school). Thanks for all the awesome games for the "Game Basket". There are many fantastic games in it. I hope it does well at the Winterfest auction.

Monday	Music with Mrs. Martin French
Tuesday	French with Mrs. Sikma Decorate a Mask Day
Wednesday	Remembrance Day chapel at 8:40 Gym - volleyball
Thursday	Music with Mrs. Martin Math test for grade 6 on Multiplication and division
Friday	Science quiz on Biodiversity Spelling test - lesson 8 Memory work - Luke 16: 12,13 Gym - volleyball French

Grade 7: On Wednesday students are having a unit test in Geography. Thank you for your contributions to the "Fishing Fun" Winterfest basket. Please help your child to remember his/her ukulele for Monday and Wednesday music classes.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week! We are looking forward to sharing our Remembrance Day Chapel on Wednesday. Thank-you for all of the donations toward our BBQ Basket for Winterfest, it looks fantastic! Continue to check-in with your son our daughter's Google Classroom to keep pace with assignments and tasks.

Upcoming Events

November

11	Remembrance Chapel hosted by Grade 8 Staff PLC Session 3:30pm
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