

W E E K L Y N E W S L E T T E R

October 10, 2017

Thankfulness

Each one of us has so much to be thankful for. We have loving homes, Jesus, the Bible, healthy bodies and minds, food, clothes, toys, parents, brothers and sisters, and the list goes on. I pray each of you will remember how much you have been blessed by God.

We, at WCS, have so much to be thankful for. We have a great school building, loving teachers, friendships, an amazing playground, good buses and bus drivers, and the list goes on. The Woodstock Food Bank was so thankful, on Thursday afternoon, when they saw how much food we donated to people in Woodstock who are in need. I pray that each of you will use these blessings to learn and to let God use you in this community.

We, in Canada, have so much to be thankful for. The trees are changing colour, we have peace, beautiful weather, a good harvest, freedom, diversity, and the list goes on. I pray that God will keep our great land strong and free.

At WCS, we will be hearing Michael Mitchell this week. His songs tell about how great this country of ours is. His visit will be exciting and entertaining. Come out on Thursday afternoon at 12:30, if you can, to share in song, how great and varied our country is.

Natalie Van Andel



Wednesday - Lydia W., Gr.1B

Saturday - Daniel K., Gr.3

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Learning Place: Individual Education Plans (IEPs) were sent home last week. Please return one signed copy to school this week. Thanks. Keep reading at home with your child; it's making a big difference! Book bags (grades 1-3) are due back to Mrs. Bulthuis every Tuesday.

Interim Reports will be coming home at the end of this week. At WCS, teachers prepare these brief progress reports halfway through first term to share with parents how students are adjusting to routines and engaging in learning activities. First term reports will be shared at the end of November, at which time parent-teacher or student-led conferences will be scheduled for all families.

Prayer Group: Prayer is a vital ministry at Woodstock Christian School. Please consider joining our prayer team. Our next meeting time is October 18th at 8:30 am. If you would like more information please contact Dawn Streutker admissions@woodstockchristian.ca.

Lost & Found: Be sure to check the table and rack near the office for Lost and Found items. There are many sweatshirts and jackets as well as some lunch boxes and containers. Items left on Friday will go to the thrift store.

Michael Mitchell is coming to WCS! Wear RED & WHITE for Thursday's concert.

"One of the most renowned and recognized school performers in Canada, Michael Mitchell, is an award-winning singer, songwriter and storyteller. He is on a never-ending mission to stir up some patriotic spirit in the hearts and minds of all Canadians through lively songs and humorous stories of our history, geography and some of the wacky oddities that identify us as Canadians."

Michael Mitchell
CANADA IS FOR KIDS



is coming to Woodstock Christian School.
Please join us!
Thursday October 12th @ 12:30 pm

Soccer: Thank you to parents who came to the tournament to cheer and encourage us on Monday October 2nd. Both teams had a great winning streak to start the day but were challenged in quarter and semi-finals. A special thank you to Coach Andre (Coach A) for leading the girls' team this year and Coach 'H' for leading the boys team. Thanks to parents your support. Students who have not returned purple socks and jerseys should return washed items as soon as possible.



Senior Girls Volleyball: Congrats on winning our game last week against Holy Family - the girls really pulled together and showed great team work. This week Tuesday game at WCS against Notre Dame and Thursday away game at St. Jude (Ingersoll) - please pick up your daughter from both games around 5:15.

Senior Boys Volleyball: Last Wednesday we had our first game and despite getting beat, played really well in our first two games. This Wednesday we have a home game and listed players can be picked up at 5:00 p.m. Players need to ensure they have WCS gym uniform for the game including their purple gym shirt. Next Monday the same players will have a game in Ingersoll against St. Jude's. If you can drive, please let me know. We will be back at WCS on Monday at 5:30 p.m. G. Hiemstra

Terry Fox Run: We raised \$2301 for the Terry Fox Foundation. They will use it for cancer research and helping those affected by cancer. Thank you to everyone who took the time to collect money for this important cause.

Cross Country Team: Please note the change of date. October 12 not 11. We will be participating at the Christian Schools meet with 6 other schools in our district at Stratford Christian school this Thursday. This is the rain date. Remember to wear your WCS purple shirt.

Spirit Wear will be available for purchase during the month of October! Watch for samples in the lobby! Order forms will be emailed and on the counter in the office.

Leadership Team assignments have been made and start-up meetings are being held to determine meeting times, explain tasks, and establish learning targets. Bus safety patrollers have parent consent forms that will need to be signed and returned. We are

excited to have our students leading and learning with their teams!

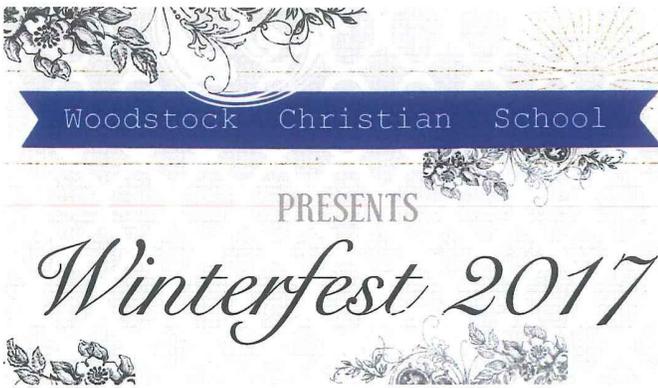
The Forward Drive 2017 is in full swing! Please take time this week to read through the Forward Drive booklet, view the video's online, and when you are in the school lobby take a look at the student art work on display! The focus this year is on Psalm 78:4b "We will tell the next generation the praise worthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done!" The call event is one week away. It is a chance for us to talk with all those that are connected to Woodstock Christian School! Please support the Forward Drive by speaking highly of Woodstock Christian School, asking family and friends if they have received a package and make a donation by using the enclosed envelope or going to the website. Questions? Contact Dawn Streutker forward@woodstockchristian.ca

Measures of Academic Progress: (MAP) It's week #2 of MAP testing. The MAP test is designed not only to compare students' scores to norms but also to measure individual student progress over time in language arts and math. Students will continue MAP this week (October 2-13). If you are interested in learning more about MAP here is a link to further information on their website. <https://www.nwea.org/assessments/map/>. During parent-teacher conferences, there will be opportunity to ask questions about the MAP testing and results as well. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak to staff.

Transportation: Parents: please review bus safety and bus rules with your children regularly. See the WCS Family Handbook for details and the Bus Rider Agreement students signed in September for a refresher. Please note that from time to time, we may have to cancel a run due to our driver shortage or bus repairs. Every effort will be given to provide advance notice.

Will Clinic - November 22, 2017: You'll Be Glad You Finally Addressed This Task:

YOU are invited! MARK your calendars! SAVE your seat! The Woodstock Christian School Foundation, with its partners the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services is hosting a WILL CLINIC: Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00 pm, 2017 at Woodstock Christian School (800 Juliana Drive, Woodstock). Learn how to have an effective Will and Estate Plan that is tax-smart, protects your family and provides an opportunity to bless charities that are important to you. White Coad LLP is providing a free will kit (value: \$400) to be awarded one of the Will Clinic participants. RSVP: Woodstock Christian School: 519-539-1492 or office@woodstockchristian.ca



Mark Your Calendars now for this annual event on Nov 17!!!

Plans are under way for our 22nd Annual fundraising auction! Last year was one of our best years ever and we expect this year's auction will be just as much fun! **The Silent Auction opens at 6pm with Silent Auction A ending at 7:30pm and Silent Auction B ending at 8:30pm. The Live Auction begins at 7 pm in the WCS Auditorium.**

To make this event a success, we need your help!! Please think about the goods or service that you would like to donate and try to approach a business contact to donate something as well. Your **personal contacts** greatly enhance the quality of the items that we receive. Approximately 200 local companies are already being contacted and we have canvassers following up with these companies. So if you have a company in mind to ask, please take a look at our **master list of companies** that have someone following up with them already so that these companies are not asked multiple times. This list is available in the school office or you can send Lisa Schaafsma an email (tlschaafsma@sympatico.ca) to check if the company is on the list.

Please drop off all donations to the school office by November 3rd in order to be included in the auction booklet. This booklet will be available before the event, so you can plan your bidding! Any late pledges or items will be added to our supplemental list available the night of the event.

Thank you for your commitment to the Winterfest Auction!

Junior Kindergarten: I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving weekend - we sure do have lots to be thankful for. We are looking at all things fall over the next few weeks. This week we will take a look at apples!

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Show and Share: a picture of something orange or yellow
- wear Red and White in support of Michael Mitchell performance

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new week. I hope you all enjoyed a beautiful weekend! Please wear red and white on Thursday for the Michael Mitchell Concert. Please bring in 3 or 4 interesting fall leaves sometimes this week. Thanks for all those who returned their reading trackers. Have a great week.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - wear red and white
- Michael Mitchell concert
- Show and share

Grade 1A: Welcome back from a beautiful Thanksgiving weekend. I pray that you are all feeling rested and ready for another fun and exciting week at school. This morning we will be kicking off our Integrated Canada Study. Watch for a letter with more details about how you can help support this short in-depth study at home. Are you coming to our Michael Mitchell Concert on Thursday? Please let the office know if you are planning to join us. This week our Intern Report cards come home. I will be emailing these to you, hopefully, no later than 5pm on Friday. If you have trouble opening it, please let me know.

Monday - Thanksgiving Monday (No School)

Tuesday - See VIP Folder
- Return Math Folder
- Library
- Sir John A. MacDonald

Wednesday - Joseph Brant

Thursday - Wear Red & White
- Michael Mitchell Concert 12:30
- Armand Bombardier

Friday - Spelling Test
- Interim Reports come home via email
- Roberta Bondar

Grade 1B/2B: Happy Thanksgiving to you all! I pray that you enjoyed your time spent with family and friends. We wish Lydia W. a wonderful birthday on Wednesday! We have a fun-filled week ahead. Check your emails for an update on what is happening this week.

Tuesday - Canada Unit begins!!
- Library

Wednesday - Show & Share: Ethan & Lydia W. {Lydia's Birthday!!}

Thursday - Michael Mitchell Concert!! You are invited to come!!

Friday - Interim reports are emailed home

Grade 2A: An exciting week awaits us here in grade 2 as we begin to learn about the symbols and celebrations that we can be proud of here in Canada. In the mornings all of grade 2 will be learning together about these things and in the afternoons the grade 1, 2, and 3 classes will be divided into inter-grade groups to do some more learning about things that will make our hearts glow for our country. As this will take up the majority of our day we will be doing some Daily 5 and math through out the week, but our main focus will be Canada!

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Phys. Ed

Thursday - Michael Mitchell Concert @12:30
- wear red and white

Friday - Spelling Test
- Interim Reports go home

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. We will have a wonderful 2 weeks of studying Canada. Remember to keep working on the Tree Project that is due Oct. 25th.

Wednesday - Library

Thursday - Cross Country Meet at Stratford Christian School
- Michael Mitchell concert

Friday - Mem. Work: Psalm 67:1-3
- Spelling Test: List 2
- Trip to Arboretum at 1:45 - 3:15

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 4! I pray you all had a relaxing long Thanksgiving weekend. Thanks for your generous donation of food for the Food Bank!

Tuesday - MAP testing
- Library
- Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Alexis
- Cross Country Run in Stratford
- MAP testing

Thursday - Anthony
- Bible test: Creation to Joshua
- Michael Mitchell concert 12:30

Friday - Cole
- Memory work
- Roger's last visit
- Foster child
- Buddies

Grade 5: Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you had a great long weekend. Can you believe this is the 6th week of school already? Interim Reports come home this Friday which will allow you to get a sense of how your child is doing so far this year.

A few other reminders: Be sure to read through the September letter which I sent out by email last weekend. A hard-copy of that will come home today. I have also sent home each student's AR Reading Comprehension Quiz schedule for the 2017-2018 school year. The first novel had to have been read by October 4th. The next novel must be read

by November 8th. There several obligations due for Friday this week. Be sure to remind your child to do his/her homework throughout the week, not just on Thursday night. No memory work this week, but time should be spent practicing for the large section due next week. Luke 2:15-20 NIV. See below.

- Tuesday - P.E.: bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Thursday - P.E.: bring gym clothes
- Music: bring recorder
- Friday - Bible Quiz: study highlighted notes
- Math Quiz: Jump Math pages 17-32
- Spelling Test and Workbook Lesson 06

Grade 6: Parents, please initial the agenda when your child asks you to sign it. We are trying to establish habits and routines. This Thursday Michael Mitchell will be here so please dress in red and white. We will continue with Map testing this week. Thanks to those parents who volunteered to attend the class trip with us last Friday. We really appreciated your help.

- Thursday - Science Presentation due
- Math Quiz: Place value, standard and expanded form
- Friday - Spelling Quiz: Unit 5

Grade 7: Students should be practicing their bible memory work each night with a family member: Gen 15:6 NIV. Please wear red and white on Thursday for the Michael Mitchell concert. Friday interim reports come home with students.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week! I hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends, we have so much to be thankful for! I especially want to thank, Mrs. M. Sol, Mrs. K. Bakker, Mrs. T. Butler for their help on Friday afternoon sorting all of those delicious VanStraten baked goods. Also, to Mrs. T. Butler for coming along with us on our first Caressant Care visit. Grade 8 appreciates all that you do to support us!

- Tuesday - Gym (bring gym clothes)
- Music (bring instruments)
- Thursday - Gym (bring gym clothes)
- Music (bring instruments)
- Michael Mitchell Concert (12:30pm) Wear Red and White, Canada clothing!
- Spelling Quiz, Spelling Workbook due
- Friday - Science Quiz
- Interim Reports will be sent home

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| October | 12 | Cross Country Meet |
| | 12 | Michael Mitchell Concert |
| | 13 | Interim Reports |
| | 17 | Board Meeting |
| | 18 | Prayer Group |
| | 19 | Pizza Day |
| 26, | 27 | Teacher's Convention** |
| | 31 | Sharing God's Word Chapel 8:30 |
| November | 1 | Staff Meeting
Prayer Group
Grade 8 Day at LDCSS |
| | 2 | Photo Retakes
Sub Day
Membership Meeting |
| | 10 | Remembrance Chapel |
| | 15 | Prayer Group |
| | 16 | Pizza Day |
| | 17 | P.D. Day*
Winterfest Auction |

SONG OF THE MONTH: Big Word

A huge cloud of witnesses is all around us, all around us
So let us throw off everything that stands in our way,
stands in our way
and let us throw off any sin that holds onto us so tightly
and let us keep on running, keep on running,
keep on running the race marked out
let us keep on running, keep on running, keep on running
the race marked out for us
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Title: Big Word
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Words & Music by: Hillsong Kids