

October 19, 2020

Bus Safety Week

Have you thanked a bus driver lately? Each year, in the third week of October, the Ontario Bus Safety Week highlights the importance of school bus safety across the province. Our classic yellow school buses travel hundreds of kilometres every day, transporting their precious cargo to and from school daily, in all kinds of weather and traffic conditions. We thank God for our regular drivers, our spare drivers, and all those who work behind the scenes to ensure that our student transportation services are safe, efficient and reliable. School Bus Safety Week provides an opportunity to talk about the overall importance of safety in the buses, in the community, and especially near school bus stops and school zones. Whether you have kids travelling on a school bus or are a driver in a school zone, everyone benefits from increased vigilance, obeying posted speed limits and being careful around school buses.

Help us celebrate School Bus Driver Appreciation Day on October 21st by greeting and celebrating our drivers and acknowledging the important and complex job they do. Thank a driver this week!



Sunday

Mrs. Horinga., Grade 1/2B Teacher

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Corner: It is such a blessing to be part of a faith community and to be able to bring our joys and worries to God. This week we ask for your prayers for bus transportation, for drivers, and for safety on the road. We pray for Noah & Ellyse Markus and their family as they are grieving the loss of their grandfather. Continue to pray for the Vandenburg family, for Mr. Rob Vandenburg, for strength and healing as he has been diagnosed with and will begin treatment for cancer in his leg. Please also continue to pray for the Markus family as Brooks has been readmitted into the hospital. For all of our families and extended families who are experiencing difficult times, who continue to grieve losses and struggle with relationships and health, we are praying for you.

Thursday Oct 29 and Friday Oct 30: Please note the dates of the Annual Gathering hosted by Edvance Christian Schools Association for Christian school educators. The theme this year is "Opening Doors", featuring author David Brooks and educators Dr. Mary Ashun and Dr. Steve Sider. WCS staff will be joining virtually with other school staff from all over Ontario and east to Charlottetown and New York state to listen to keynote speakers, to attend worship sessions, workshops and to incorporate new information into their teaching practice.

Go Purple: Go Purple Day at WCS will be Tuesday, October 27th. October is Child Abuse Prevention month for the Children's Aid Society of Oxford County and their focus is "break the silence" of abusive situations. Staff and students are encouraged to wear purple next Tuesday. God has given us the ability to use words to help, console, discuss, protect and heal others. We need to recognize the importance of identifying situations that can use our support in speaking up and speaking out for justice and safety in relationships.

Bus Safety: This month, WCS is focusing on bus safety. Bus patrollers are receiving more detailed information about their responsibilities this week. Parents, please check in with your child(ren) from time to time to remind them about good and respectful bus behaviour. Remember that masks are required on our buses. Your mask protects you and it protects the children around you.

WCS Fall Membership Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 5th, 2020, at 800pm via Zoom. Included will be updates from committees, principal, the auditor's report and revised budget. The meeting information package will be sent prior to the meeting. For JKCS/WCS Society members, note that voting will take place electronically through a form - also to be released prior to the meeting. If you have questions about membership, please connect with our school office or with r.boersma@woodstockchristian.ca

Columbia Passes- We have a few Columbia Employee Store passes in the office. If you would like one, please email Joleen and she can send home in backpack mail. First come first serve. The passes expire November 4, 2020.

Database Information: Please fill in the database information google form with your family information, so we can make sure we have the most up to date information for all families. Please click [here](#) to fill in the form.

Absent students: Parents, when you know that your child is not able to attend school due to being ill or symptomatic, please notify the school office, the homeroom teacher and the Learning Place teacher so that they know to include your daughter or son in Blended Learning postings for the day.

TRANSPORTATION/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? 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



Winterfest Auction
November 13 - 16, 2020

Excitement is building as we approach our first online auction. Bids will start on November 12th at noon and close on November 16th at 9pm. Do you have your eye on a few items you're hoping to score for Christmas? Or maybe just for yourself? Our fundraising goal is \$50,000 so we're hoping to get the support from the WCS community and beyond. Be sure to share our site with your friends and family! If you know of a local business that would be interested in making a donation, email winterfest@woodstockchristian.ca. We will check to see if they are already on our list and if not, give you instructions for reaching out to them. Donation requests are far more successful when there is a personal connection so let us know if you'd like to help in some way.
charityauction.bid/WCSWinterfest2020

Student Support: Thanks to all who have already returned IEPs to school. If you have not already done so, please return one signed copy of your child's IEP to school this week. The second copy is for your personal records. Let me know if you have any questions or would like a meeting scheduled to review your child's plan. In the coming days, I will email home more details regarding the Student Support Services blended learning plan. Have a great week!

Junior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new wet week. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather. This week is bus safety week. We will be learning about bus rules. Please save and bring in plastic lids (size - cottage cheese containers). Show and share this week is something about you. Keep reading/listening to stories at home and filling in your pumpkins. Have a great week!

Wednesday - Sub Day, Library returns and new books

Friday - Show and share - something about me.

Tuesday - Photo retakes.

SK- Miss Body: Welcome to a new week. It looks like it will be a wet one. Come prepared to still go outside for breaks. We have started to collect items for our "Cozy Nights" gift basket which will be part of the online auction. Please consider donating an item (or 2) towards our basket. Thank you!

Letters: e, h Sight words: red, to

Themes: Fall and pumpkins

Wednesday: Library & Sub Lunch

Grade 1/2A (Mrs. Schuster): Welcome to a full week of school! This week looks to be a wet and rainy week so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately to be outside each day. Check your child's Seesaw for spelling lists, our weekly update as well as information about our Winterfest Auction basket. This week is Bus Safety week! If you are ordering school pictures, orders are due by Oct. 22.

Monday - See VIP Folder

Tuesday - Return VIP Folder

Wednesday - Sub Lunch Day

Thursday - Picture orders due

Friday - Spelling Test

Next Monday - Library Day

Next Wednesday - Memory Work Due

Grade 1/2B (Mrs. Horninga): This week our focus will be on the short e vowel sound. Students have a list of spelling words coming home to work on this week - please spend some time practicing each night. Grade 1's are also encouraged to practice their ball words each night. We are enjoying our Creation studies unit, which is teaching us about different kinds of families, and celebrating how God made our family.

It also looks like a cool and rainy week ahead, please be sure your child is properly prepared to be outdoors for recess in such weather.

Friday- Spelling Test - short e

Grade 3: This is our final week for map testing. We plan to finish our last test today, and then will play catch up with a few students this week. We enjoyed the snake visit last week. Our online Winterfest auction theme basket for grade 3 is camping/travelling. Please keep that basket in mind when you are out and about and come across some great items for the basket. Thanks in advance for your participation. Remember to check the weather forecast and dress accordingly as we plan to be outside for all kinds of weather including phys-ed classes on Mondays and Thursdays.

Friday: Spelling: List 6

Grade 4: Welcome to a new week. It was exciting to see, touch, and hold the snakes last week. Remember to wear rain clothing and boots on rainy days. We will do the Math MAP test this week. Times Tables are a focus in Math and practice at home is essential. See Google classroom for practice sheets.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed.

Wednesday - Sub Lunch

Thursday - Bible Test - Unit 3 - Creation through Joshua (see study sheet)

Friday - Mem. Work - Acts 1:8, Ephesians 6:19
- Spelling Test - Lesson 4
- Phys. Ed.

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week of school. I hope you had a great weekend! I'm excited for this week because I'll be introducing the class to our service learning project for this year: Lagosette Christian School in Haiti (the organization is: Children of the Promise). Students will first learn about the country of Haiti, and then learn about COTP and Lagosette Christian School.

I'm also excited for our annual Winterfest Auction planning! Our grade 5 class has chosen the theme of: **sports**. Please send in an item relating to sports during the next couple of weeks. (I.e. blue jays apparel or a soccer ball or a baseball, etc.) In order to not bring the same items as someone else, check out our homework (email) list each day to see what has been brought in.

Grade 5/6: Welcome to a new week of learning grade 5 and 6! Next week Tuesday, October 27, is picture retake day.

Monday -Music

-French

Tuesday -French with Mrs. Sikma

Wednesday -Library - return your books

-Gym

-Sub Lunch

Thursday -Music

Friday -Spelling test lesson 5

-Memory work - John 10:14,15

-Gym

-French

Grade 7: Grade 7 will finish their Terry Fox "Flags 40" challenge this week. It has been a great experience of fair play and strategy. On Tuesday, students will have a quiz on 'soccer skills'. On Thursday, students will write a test on their knowledge of the novel *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. Students should finish reading their October novel this week. They will receive class time to write their October book report beginning on October 26th. Please encourage your son/daughter to dress for rainy recess weather.

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week of school! This week there is Sub Lunch on Wednesday for those who have ordered. Please take some time to complete the sign-up for our BBQ Basket for the Online Winterfest Auction. Keep checking Google Classroom for homework updates.

Upcoming Events

October

- 7 Prayer Circle- 9:30am
 Burger Lunch Day
- 9 Thanksgiving Chapel- Hosted by Grade 3
- 12 Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
- 14 Staff PLC session at 3:30pm
- 16 Interim Reports
- 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 Whole School Devotions
 Sub Sandwich Lunch
- 27 Photo Retakes
- 29-30 Edvance Educators Conference- no classes

November

- 4 Staff meeting- 7:30am
 Prayer Circle- 9:30am
 Burger Lunch Day
- 5 Community/Membership meeting
- 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