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**Relational Schools**

There is a new emphasis in education on social / emotional learning and understanding the connection to academic learning. WCS has invested significant time and funds in training our staff in Responsive Classroom methods so that more and more our classrooms feel like welcoming spaces where students know they belong and are an essential part of the community. Why? So that students can learn better. The keynote speaker at the Edvance Educators Conference was Dr. Robert Loe, who spoke on *the Imperative of Love*. The biblical framework for his research and his talk was Matthew 22:36-39 (NIV), where Jesus is asked, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" And Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 'This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' The command to love translates into the importance of building and maintaining strong healthy and happy relationships. Happiness is not found within us, noted Dr. Loe, but between us and among us. In Christian schools, we focus both on the vertical relationship, us and God, and in horizontal, us and others, as well. Consistently, research shows us that face-to-face relationships are key. Though we are hyper-connected across social media, digital matches are no substitute for face-to-face. As Christians, created in his image, we are to reflect the perfect relational nature of God. We are created for community. (for more information check relationalschools.org)

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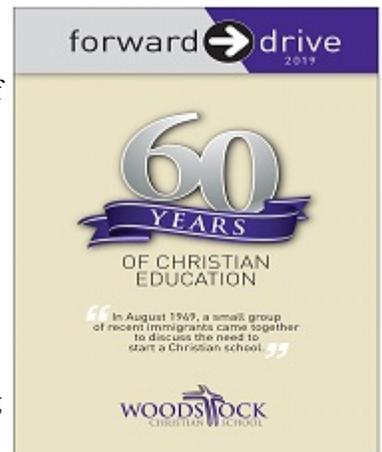


- Monday - Anthony C., Gr.6
- Wednesday - Erik C., Gr.1
- Travis D., Gr.3
- Noah M., Gr.5
- Ariya M., Gr.1
- Danika S., Gr.7
- Saturday - Alyssa H., Gr.8

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Prayer Link:** There are many needs in our community. We continue to pray for baby Eva and her family, for Abby and her family, for the L&T vandenHeuvel family and for all the needs of which we are aware. We praise God for creating bodies that want to heal and recover. We praise him that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God's blessings flow over each of us and we thank him for his presence and his power. We are grateful for community and for the support we can provide for each other.

**Forward Drive:** This year our forward drive booklet is looking back at the last 60 years and how we have been blessed abundantly as a school. It's amazing to see the sacrifices that were made 60 years ago and still today. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our last 60 years. Please talk with your family, friends and community about the Forward Drive. Let them know of the amazing things Woodstock Christian School has been up to and see if they will donate to the Forward Drive. Help us reach our goal of \$90,000. If you have not received the booklet and would like one, please email [office@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:office@woodstockchristian.ca), go to our website <https://woodstockchristian.ca/forward-drive-booklet.php> or call the school at 519-539-1492. Thank you so much for your support!



**Edvance Convention:** WCS staff were blessed by two days of conference time - listening to experts in many areas of Christian education, exploring new ideas and strategies, being reminded of best practices, and being filled by devoting together with many hundred of other educators. There were many notable speakers and authors with us for the two days, particularly, Dr. Robert Loe of the UK who spoke to us about the Relational Schools Project. If you have opportunity, ask some of our staff what they learned and how they were blessed by the convention time.

**Volleyball - Boys:** Today we are hosting a match vs Monsignor O'Neil. Players playing in today's match can be picked up at around 5:10 p.m. depending on their arrival time to our school. There will be no game or practice this Wednesday, but the team list will be posted. The team will have a practice next Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> after school until 4:50 p.m.

**Girls Volleyball:** We have our last regular season game on Tuesday here at WCS against Monsignor O'Neil. Girls can be picked up around 5. Your daughter received a November calendar with our practice times and playoff games. As we know more about location for these games we will e-mail you. We also continue to practice in preparation for the Christian School Tournament help Friday November 22.

**WCS Bake Sale:** Grade 7 is hosting a Bake Sale on Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will be given to the VanderHoek family for gas money as they travel from home to hospital and back. Thank you for your support! The Students of Grade 7.

**Scholastic:** New flyers will be coming home soon. With Christmas on our radar, books always make great gifts. If your order is a gift for your child and you don't want them to see it please email me at [v.body@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:v.body@woodstockchristian.ca) or send note to their homeroom teacher and we can make arrangements. Thank you.

**Bus Safety:** This month WCS is focusing on bus safety. Students did a great job with evacuation drills last week. Bus patrollers - remember to return your signed forms! Parents please check in with your chiid(ren) from time to time to remind them about good and respectful bus behaviour.

**Lost & Found:** Be sure to check the rack near the library for Lost and Found items. There are many sweatshirts and jackets as well as some lunch boxes and containers.

**Child Cognition Lab:** Thank you to parents of students in kindergarten and primary classes for being willing to participate in the University of Waterloo's child cognition study. The researchers will be at WCS to conduct the study on December 3rd and 4th.

**WCS Community Membership Meeting:** On November 7th, parents and members of WCS and the JKCS society will meet for our annual fall community membership meeting. Come on out to spend an evening with WCS families and to hear about the WCS Strategic Plan! You will also learn about what is happening at WCS at the committee and board level. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Coats for Kids:** I am excited to inform you that WCS will be a drop off spot for Coats for Kids (and adults). Please drop off clean, gently used or new coats at the school. You can also drop off hats, scarfs, mitts, snow pants and boots. There is a drop off box under the coat hangers across from Mrs Verbeeks office. Please have items dropped off by November 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Body at [v.body@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:v.body@woodstockchristian.ca).



Coming November 15

We are 3 weeks away!!!! Please mark your calendars, line up your babysitter, invite your family, friends and neighbours, and plan to attend the event you don't want to miss! There will be an exciting live auction, hundreds of great items, and delicious treats! Check out the Facebook Event "Winterfest Auction 2019" for pictures of some of the items already donated.

Thank you for your commitment to the Winterfest Auction!

**Student Support - Mrs. Bulthuis:** It is good to be back at school after the convention! Hope you all had a great weekend. The grades 5 and 7 Dynaread groups are off to a great start this year, with students progressing rapidly through the lessons. Reading assessments will be completed at the end of the term to monitor progress. Continue to encourage your children to read for a few minutes every day as students will only get better at reading by reading!

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

**J.K. - Mrs. Westerveld:** Welcome to a new beautiful week. The convention was excellent and we are looking forward to applying what we have learned. This week we will have a bake sale for Abby and her family. Please bring in money and buy a treat. Its is Collin's turn to bring in his display for Fearfully and Wonderfully made. Our show and share this week is free choice. Please bring in boxes, tubes and cans for our building projects this week. Our auction basket is "Discovery toys". Have a great week.

Tuesday - Bring in boxes, tubes and cans  
- Collins: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Wednesday - Library

- Bake sale for Abby

Friday - Show and share Free Choice

**S.K.1 - Miss Body:** Welcome to a new week filled with the smell and chill of fall. Don't forget to bring in items for our Cozy Nights basket to support Winterfest. Thank you parents that were able to join us at Clovermead on Friday; we had a great time. Connecting question: What did you like most at Clovermead? Letters: h, m. Words: the, red.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Chapel

Friday - Please remember with Halloween candy that we are a nut free school.

**S.K.2 - Mrs. Poort:** Wow the trees are filled with beautiful colours. We continue to practice kicking in gym class and we have been playing soccer. Our Winterfest Auction basket is children's books. Letter this week: o, u, l. Sight word: a, am.

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Show and Share a leaf

**Grade 1 - Mrs. VanderPloeg:** Welcome to a new week! A November calendar will be coming home soon. Happy Birthday to Erik & Ariya who celebrate on Wednesday - May God bless you both in the year ahead!! Check your email for an update about the week.

Monday - Phys. Ed

Tuesday - Library

Wednesday - Happy Birthday to Erik & Ariya!!

- Sharing God's Word Chapel @ 8:30

- Memory Work due

- Show&Share: Stephen & Jenna

Thursday - Phys. Ed

Friday - Spelling Test

- Flashlight Friday!!

**Grade 2 - Mrs. Horinga:** Thank you to all the parents and students for making my birthday a special day and for the beautiful gifts. This week our spelling pattern is short u words. In Bible we are learning about the new rules that God taught his people during his ministry on earth. Please remember to bring in things to fill our class Arts and Crafts basket. A November calendar will be coming home this week.

Tuesday - gym

Wednesday - Sharing God's Word chapel 8:30

- Library

- Bake sale for VanderHoek's bring in money

Thursday - gym

Friday - spelling test

Nov.10 - Primary choir sings at Ingersoll CRC

**Grade 3 - Mr. G. Hiemstra:** Welcome back to a full week, grade 3! On Sunday, November 10, primary choir is invited to Ingersoll CRC to be a part of their service. For the WinterFest, an auction held at WCS in the evening on November 15, grade 3 will be collecting basket items for the theme of Travelling and Camping. Items can be brought in anytime for our grade's basket which will be auctioned off on the evening of November 15. Watch for an emailed letter regarding a Swim to Survive program.

Friday - Spelling test  
- math quiz  
Sun. Nov.10 - church visit

**Grade 4A - Mrs. VanAndel:** Welcome to a full week of learning grade 4! I hope you all enjoyed your extra long weekend. Bring your items for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox by Tuesday.

Tuesday - bring your gym clothes  
Wednesday - Missions Chapel at 8:30  
- library: bring your books  
Thursday - Bring your gym clothes  
Friday - Memory work: Psalm 135:13,14  
- Spelling test  
- buddies

**Grade 4B - Mrs. Hickey:** Welcome to a new week. We are preparing for the Sharing God's Word chapel and hope you can join us on Wednesday. A reminder that the Samaritan's Purse shoebox items are sent to school by Tuesday. Our class needs to bring in baby boy items for the Winterfest auction basket. Keep practicing the times tables at home.

Tuesday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)  
Wednesday - Sharing God's Word chapel  
- Bake Sale for Abby  
- Library  
Thursday - Phys. Ed. (gym strip)  
Friday - Spelling Test: Lesson 5  
- Mem. Work: Psalm 135: 13-14

**Grade 5 - Mr. A. Hiemstra:** Welcome to the last week of October and the beginning of November already! I hope you enjoyed the long weekend with your kids. The annual Winterfest Auction at WCS is coming soon! The grade 5 gift basket's theme this year is: Games (games of all kinds: board games, card games, sports games, etc.) We are hoping that our gift basket will sell for a lot of money at the auction in support the school. Could you send in 1 game by next Friday? Please don't feel the need to spend a ton of money on this. Or perhaps you have a game that is unused/unopened at home already? We are hoping to have all the gifts collected by the end of next week. Thanks!

Monday - PhysEd: bring gym clothes  
Wednesday - Music: bring recorder  
Thursday - Music: bring recorder  
Friday - PhysEd: bring gym clothes  
- Memory Work: Jeremiah 31:33-34  
- Spelling: lesson 09. Spelling quiz based on lesson 09  
- Science quiz: physical fitness (see highlighted notes)  
- If possible: bring in a game for the gift basket by today

**Grade 6 - Mrs. Dam:** Welcome back after an extra-long weekend! We have finished our fantasy stories and have sent them off to the publisher. I am excited to see the final copies! Look for them at the auction. We are continuing with multiplication and division in math. We are continuing our novel study "My Side of the Mountain". The non-fiction reading response activity (flap book) is due Nov. 11. Students are reminded to bring in white board markers for their personal use.

Thursday - Bible Quiz based on highlighted notes; especially the main covenants made between God and His people in the Old Testament.  
- Memory Work: James 2:14-17.

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

**Grade 8 - Mr. Schaafsma:** I hope you all had a great extended weekend! Last week our class completed the Fantasy Story Project we have worked on with the Grade 6 class. The books have been ordered and will be published in time for the Winterfest Auction. The books will be auctioned off for our Classroom Basket. Please plan on attending the auction on Friday November 15 for your chance to purchase a copy of your child's work. We will be heading to Caressant Care on Friday and we are in need of one parent to walk with us, please let me know if you are able to join us. Students are to check Google Classroom for homework assignments and due dates.

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

October	30	Chapel 8:30
November	6	Staff Meeting Prayer Group 8:30 Sub Lunch
	7	Photo Retake Day Community Membership Meeting
	11	Remembrance Chapel
	13	Grade 8 Day at LCH
	15	P.A. Day* WinterFest Auction
	19	Board Meeting
	20	Prayer Group 8:30 Pizza Lunch
	22	Volleyball Tournament Report Cards